

Exhibit at the 68th session of the Executive Committee

Launch of the exhibit

In the footsteps of a refugee

Protection and innovative cash technologies

Speakers to include:

Mr. Joe O'Carroll, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, IrisGuard
Ms. Rawan Habahbeh, Head of Cards and Payment Services, Cairo Amman Bank
Mr. Andrew Harper, Director, Division of Programme Support
and Management, UNHCR



Experience a refugee's journey from registration to cash assistance

You will be interviewed and registered as a refugee, and your irises will be scanned for verification. You will then be taken to a tent and introduced to your new home away from home. You will also be briefed on the assistance and support you will receive, as you were identified as in need of urgent support following a vulnerability assessment. At a cash point, you will withdraw cash using an iris scanner. By walking in the footsteps of a refugee, you will learn how assistance is inextricably linked to their protection.

This exhibit mirrors the programme in Jordan where UNHCR and its partners work with private sector service providers to support 32,000 vulnerable refugee families, using the latest technologies so that the registered refugees targeted through vulnerability assessments get the right amount of money at the right time. UNHCR employs iris scanning during the registration of refugees to verify and authenticate identities and instantly enrol them in digital banking. Refugees can access funds without a cash card, meeting their needs with dignity through actions that support the local economy.

In 2016, UNHCR delivered \$688 million to displaced people in over 60 countries. For the first time, cash exceeded in-kind assistance. For any questions, please contact UNHCR's Cash-based Interventions Section via sjoberg@unhcr.org.

Monday, 2 October 2017, beginning at 9:00
Palais des Nations – Salle des Pas Perdus

(Breakfast will be provided during the launch of the exhibit.)

The exhibit will run from Monday, 2 October through Friday, 6 October.

