

High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges

Theme: Protection at sea

10-11 December 2014, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Wednesday, 10 December 2014

10:00-13:00 Plenary session (Room XVII)

The plenary session from 10:00-13:00 will be streamed live on UN TV

Opening

- Film
- Remarks by Mr. António Guterres, UN High Commissioner for Refugees
- Panel discussion "Boat people in the twenty-first century"
Moderator: Volker Türk, Director of International Protection, UNHCR
 - Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
 - Amb. William Swing, Director General, International Organization for Migration
 - Mr. Koji Sekimizu, Secretary-General, International Maritime Organization
 - Mr. Peter Sutherland, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on International Migration and Development
 - Ms. Kathleen Newland, Director of the Migrants, Migration, and Development Program, Migration Policy Institute

Discussion in plenary

Interpretation: A, E, F, R, S, C

13:15-15:00 Lunch

Regional roundtable (Room XVII)

Protection at sea in the Mediterranean

Film

- Moderator: Mr. Peter Sutherland, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on International Migration and Development
- Admiral Giuseppe De Giorgi, Chief of the Italian Navy and Commander of the Mare Nostrum Operation
 - Mr. Laurent Muschel, Director of Migration and Asylum, Directorate General Home Affairs European Commission
 - H.E. Mr. Mohamed Dayri, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Libya
 - Mr. Syver Grepstad, Norwegian Seafarer
 - Mr. Vincent Cochetel, Director of the Europe Bureau, UNHCR

Sandwiches provided for participants outside the room

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15:00-18:00 Breakout sessions

Session 1 (Room XXV)

Saving lives: search, rescue and disembarkation

Co-Chairs:

- The Hon. Anne C. Richard, Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration, USA
- Mr. Alexander Aleinikoff, Deputy High Commissioner, UNHCR

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Session 2 (Room XXIII)

Providing safer options: comprehensive approaches to address the drivers of dangerous sea journeys

Co-Chairs:

- Ms. Jamila Rajaa, Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Yemen
- Mr. Volker Türk, Director of International Protection, UNHCR

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Session 3 (Room XXII)

Making it work: international cooperation to share burdens and responsibilities

Co-Chairs:

- Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Former Secretary General of ASEAN
- Ms. Janet Lim, Assistant High Commissioner (Operations), UNHCR

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18:15-19:30 Reception

Courtesy of the Government of the Swiss Confederation

Venue: Palais des Nations, Building E, 3rd floor Mezzanine

Thursday, 11 December 2014

09:00-10:45

Regional roundtable (Room XXIII)

Protection at sea in the Gulf of Aden

Co-Moderators:

Mr. George Okoth-Obbo, Director of the Africa Bureau, UNHCR; and Mr. Amin Awad, Director of the Bureau for the Middle East and North Africa and Regional Refugee Coordinator for the Syria and Iraq Situation, UNHCR

- Mr. Amir Salem Alaydarous, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Yemen
- Mr. Hussein Suleiman Ahmed, Technical Advisor to Ministry of Interior Affairs, Local Government and Rural Development, Puntland State of Somalia
- Mr. Chris Horwood, Coordinator Regional Mixed Migration Secretariat, Nairobi
- Dr. Lorenza M. Rossi, IOM/UNHCR Special Adviser, Sana'a Declaration follow-up

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09:00-10:45

Regional roundtable (Room XXV)

Protection at sea in the Caribbean

Moderator: Ms. Marta Juarez, Director of the Americas Bureau, UNHCR

- Commodore Roderick Bowe, Commander of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force
- Ms. Joan Thomas Edwards, Director International Organisations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jamaica
- Ms. Clara Gardiner, Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Border Control and Labour, Turks and Caicos Islands
- Mr. Wesley Howell, Deputy Chief Officer - Security & Public Safety, Ministry of Home Affairs, Cayman Islands

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11:00-13:00 Breakout sessions (resume)

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Regional roundtable (Room XXIII)

Disembarkation and temporary protection in the Asia and Pacific region

Moderator: Dr. Surin Pitsuwan Former Secretary General of ASEAN

- Mr. Hasan Kleib, Director General for Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia
- Mr. Anoop Sukumaran, Executive Director, Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network
- Ms. Daisy Dell, Director of the Asia Bureau, UNHCR

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15:00-18:00 Plenary session (Room XVII)

- Reports of the breakout sessions
- Continued discussion in plenary, focusing on suggestions and priorities for follow-up

Closing

Summing up by Mr. António Guterres, UN High Commissioner for Refugees

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