

Side event of the 86th meeting of the Standing Committee

The East and Horn of Africa Drought Situation

“Along a dusty road: People displaced in the crossroads of climate change and conflict”

Moderated by Mr. Moulid Hujale, Writer/Editor, UNHCR

Speakers:

H.E. Ambassador Gamal M. Hassan, Director, Centre of Excellence for Climate Adaptation and Environment Protection, Intergovernmental Authority on Development

H.E. Mr. Erik Brøgger Rasmussen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Denmark

H. E. Ms. Yanit Abera, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Ethiopia

Mr. Abdikarim Idow, Executive Director, African Volunteers for Relief and Development, Somalia

Video: Voices of Somali refugees who fled to Kenya



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The devastating drought in the East and Horn of Africa is causing high numbers of displacement and exacerbating conflict. The side event will highlight the impact of the drought on displaced populations and will discuss how to strengthen resilience and accelerate lifesaving responses. It will also provide an opportunity to understand the protection concerns of the affected refugees and internally displaced people. UNHCR's 2023 Horn of Africa Drought Appeal can be accessed [here](#).

Thursday, 9 March 2023, 13:30-14:45

[International Conference Center Geneva \(CICG\)](#) Rooms E-F

Refreshments will be served outside of the room.

Interpretation in English and in French will be available.

