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**Background Paper
Americas Regional Session**

Wednesday 29 June 2011, 16:15 - 18:00, Room 4

Partnerships for local integration of displaced women: Past achievements and current challenges

Local integration, development of livelihood strategies and coping mechanisms, as well as access to basic services for persons of concern to UNHCR living in urban contexts, represent an increasingly complex protection and solution challenge. In the intricacies of the urban environment, displaced women face an even more pressing defy due to their specific vulnerabilities (single heads of household, lack of education and skills, primary responsibility for childcare, heightened risk of abuse, etc.). How did we intervene with our partners in order to protect them and find solutions for their specific needs? How can we ameliorate our response strategies and activities in order to better protect them?

This session aims at brainstorming on how UNHCR and its partners developed effective protection and solution responses that facilitated local integration for displaced women and girls and share best practices, as well as to look into how cooperation could be strengthened to achieve better results.

Discussion Panel

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| 16.15 – 16.20 | Opening Statement
Marta Juarez – Director, UNHCR Bureau for the Americas |
| 16.20 – 16.40 | Coping mechanisms and solutions for refugee and resettled women in the United Sates of America
Susan Krehbiel - Vice President for Protection and Programs
Refugee Council USA |
| 16.40 – 17.10 | Participatory process for the integration of displaced women
Luisa Cremonese – Snr. Coordinator, UNHCR Division of International Protection, Pillar II – Operation Support |
| 17.10 – 17.30 | Livelihoods in the urban context in Ecuador
María Rosa Cajas – Nacional Coordinador PPACI, Fundación Ambiente y Sociedad |
| 17.30 – 18.00 | Discussion – Q&As |