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**Background Paper  
*The struggle to reach durable solutions for IDPs***

*Thursday 30 June 2011, 08:30 - 10:00, Room 3*

Many IDPs find themselves in situations of protracted displacement where return is not a feasible option. There is a need to promote and facilitate different settlement options for IDPs to re-establish their lives, including local integration and settlement elsewhere in the country, as outlined in the *IASC Framework on Durable Solutions for Internally Displaced Persons*.

The session will discuss the progress, challenges and good practices in our efforts to promote, support and achieve durable solutions for IDPs, with a focus on local integration.

The expected outcomes of this session are:

- To raise awareness that settlement options are not necessarily durable solutions to displacement.
- To examine policies and practice, which support local integration when return is not necessarily an option.
- To promote the *Framework on Durable Solutions for Internally Displaced Persons* as an advocacy and monitoring tool in the search for durable solutions for IDPs.

***Panel Presentations and Plenary Discussion - Part I***

**Introduction**

Vladimir A. Hernandez, Community and Family Services International (CFSI)

**Setting the Scene - Local Integration as a Settlement Option in Support of Durable Solutions**

Kate Half, NRC IDMC

This presentation will focus on defining local integration as a settlement option which can contribute to IDPs finding a durable solution. It will identify a number of countries with legal instruments or policies in support of local integration, and will examine the importance of access to housing, land and property rights to facilitating local integration.

The presentation will conclude with key recommendation from the January 2011 expert seminar on protracted displacement which focused on local integration in support of durable solutions for IDPs

**Legal Instruments, Policies and Institutional Challenges in the Promotion and Support of Local Integration for IDPs**

Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs, Dr. Chaloka Beyani

## **The Challenges of Integrating Durable Solutions to Forced Displacement into Peace Processes and Agreements, and Human Rights Processes**

Josep Zapater, UNHCR on development.

Durable solutions for forcibly displaced persons often hinge on the result of wider processes such as development plans and programmes, peace processes, and in some cases transitional justice. While the impact of these processes on durable solutions may be very high, humanitarian and protection actors often have little leverage to influence them. The presentation will explore the challenges and good practices of making wider processes and programmes sensitive to the durable solutions needs of forcibly displaced persons.

### ***Panel Presentations and Plenary Discussion - Part II***

#### **Challenges and Good Practice of Working with IDPs, Host Communities and Authorities in Support of Local Integration**

Kathrine Starup, Danish Refugee Council (DRC)

In this presentation, DRC will share field examples from Georgia and the Balkan region of the challenges and good practices of working with the IDPs, host communities and local and central authorities to support local integration for IDPs

#### **Challenges and Lessons Learnt of Developing an IDP Policy in Kenya**

Lucy Kiama, Refugee Consortium Kenya (RCK)

The Refugee Consortium of Kenya is a member of the National Protection Working Group on Internal Displacement (PWGID) which was formed in 2009 to develop the Draft National IDP policy in Kenya. RCK will share the process, challenges and lessons learnt while developing the draft policy which include:

- The formation of the PWGID, recruitment of a consultant to guide the drafting of the policy, reviewing the draft in line with the Kenya's new constitution, presentation of the draft to the Minister of State for Special Programmes, supporting the ministry develop the cabinet memorandum for the cabinet. And drafting of the advocacy strategy for lobbying parliamentarians, religious leaders and community on the policy
- The main challenges of encountered while engaging with the Ministry, including involvement of the technocrats in drafting and information sharing within the ministry
- Lessons learnt: what worked well and what did not work during the process of developing the policy.

#### **Seeking Solutions to the IDP Situation in Yemen**

Mohammad Alazab, Al Amel Charitable Community for Social Welfare

Mr Alazab will present challenges and opportunities to support durable solutions for IDPs in Yemen.