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TOGETHER PROTECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE INTERNALLY DISPLACED

67th session of UNHCR's Executive Committee

SIDE EVENT

Room XI,
Palais des Nations,
Geneve

SUMMARY

The need to focus global attention on protection and solutions for internally displaced persons has never been more pressing as it is today. There has been an upward trend in internal displacement due to armed conflict and violence since 2011, and the current-day figure now stands at 40.8 million IDPs. A key actor in the global effort to prevent, address and find solutions for internal displacement is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons. With the current Special Rapporteur Chaloka Beyani concluding his six-year term on 31 October 2016, the 67th session of UNHCR's Executive Committee is a welcome and timely opportunity to pay tribute to the achievements of and remaining challenges for the mandate. It is also an important moment to reflect more broadly on the phenomenon of internal displacement today and to take stock of our collective and complementary efforts to support local and national actors to prevent, respond to and resolve internal displacement. What are the current-day challenges and immediate priorities for the future?

CHAIR:

Mr. Volker Türk
UNHCR Assistant High
Commissioner for Protection

GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Ambassador Heidi Grau
Head of the Human Security
Division of the Swiss Federal
Department of Foreign Affairs

H.E. Dr. Aisha Laraba Abdullahi
African Union Commissioner
for Political Affairs

Commissioner James L. Cavallaro
President of the Inter-American
Commission on Human Rights

Dr. Chaloka Beyani
United Nations Special Rapporteur
on the Human Rights of Internally
Displaced Persons