

Side event of the 67th session of the Executive Committee

A regional approach to the Somalia situation

Moderated by the Deputy Director East and Horn of Africa, UNHCR,
Ms. Ann Encontre

Speakers:

**Deputy Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General and
Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia, Mr. Peter de Clercq**

**UNHCR Special Envoy for the Somalia situation,
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Director, Global Somali Diaspora, Mr. Abdi Barud

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UNHCR Representative in Kenya, Mr. Raouf Mazou



Ethiopia/Somali refugees near Dollo Ado. © UNHCR/J. Ose

There are 1.1 million internally displaced persons in Somalia, and nearly 1 million refugees hosted in the neighbouring countries of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda and Yemen. A regional approach was first outlined in 2014 in the “Addis Ababa commitment towards Somali refugees”, which was signed by host governments as well as the African Union, IGAD, UNECA, UNHCR and UNSOM. During this side event, panellists will discuss a regional approach to finding solutions for those displaced by the Somali conflict.

An update on progress achieved as part of the “Enhanced plan of action for the voluntary return and reintegration of Somali refugees from the Dadaab camps in Kenya” will also be provided.

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13:15 – 15:00

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A light lunch and refreshments will be served.

