

Side event of the thematic discussions

Refugee voices: Closing the refugee representation gap

Moderated by Ms. Ellen Hansen, Senior Policy Adviser to the Assistant High Commissioner (Protection), UNHCR

Speakers:

Mr. Simon Marot Touloung, Youth Delegate (South Sudan)
Ms. Laura Elizabeth Valencia Restrepo, Youth Delegate (Colombia)
Ms. Ameenah Sawwan, Network for Refugee Voices
Mr. Amaf Yousef, Network for Refugee Voices



The New York Declaration explicitly recognized the importance of meaningful refugee participation in defining and implementing the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework. As experts with personal and professional field experience, refugees must have opportunities to inform and shape global policy if their interests are to be adequately addressed, and if decision-making processes are to promote resilience and sustainability. This side event will bring together refugees from around the world to share experiences, reflect on existing models and approaches, and identify mechanisms for effective refugee self-representation in the pursuit of solutions to forced displacement.

Wednesday, 18 October 2017

13:30 – 15:00

Palais des Nations – Room XVII

- Interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish
Sandwiches and refreshments will be served outside of room XVII. -