

Side event of the 68th session of the Executive Committee

Rethinking the refugee response in Kenya

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Speakers:

H.E. Mr. Andrew Kihurani, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative, Kenya
Dr. Apurva Sanghi, Lead Economist, Russian Federation (previously Kenya), World Bank
Mr. Michel Botzung, Manager, Fragile and Conflict Situations Team in Africa, International
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In Kenya and other refugee-hosting countries in the world, the establishment of camps has been the standard humanitarian response to mass arrivals. Such measures are often necessary for logistical and security reasons at the start of emergencies. However, over time, camps have a number of unintended consequences, such as aid dependency and tensions with local communities in underdeveloped areas of a country. Two ground-breaking studies by the World Bank Group reveal that the Kakuma refugee camp has contributed significantly to the local development of Turkana County. How can the findings of these studies help to rethink the emergency and longer term refugee response for the benefit of refugees and local communities?

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13:15 – 15:00

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Sandwiches and refreshments will be served.

