

Youth

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Message from the High Commissioner to the 2016 Annual Consultations with NGOs

Youth – the future is now

With the number of people forcibly displaced now exceeding 60 million for the first time in decades, and the scale, complexity and protracted nature of displacement presenting unparalleled challenges, there is currently an unprecedented spotlight on the harrowing situation of refugees and the internally displaced, and the impact on the communities and the states that host them.

While this has brought acute challenges, most notably in the threats to asylum that we are witnessing in some regions, it is also generating a recognition that new approaches are needed, based on the foundational principle which underpins the international refugee regime: that refugees are a matter of international concern, and that securing protection and solutions calls for international cooperation and solidarity.

NGOs are today important participants in global discussions on humanitarian aid, asylum and migration, conflict prevention and resolution, sustainable development, human rights and climate change. I have been consistently encouraged by the commitment of the NGO community to ensuring that the concerns, aspirations and rights of forcibly displaced and stateless people are at the centre of these debates, and view this as a compelling joint responsibility.

Following last year's NGO Consultations on the theme of solutions, there is also a new momentum towards earlier and more systematic engagement by development actors in displacement contexts, and for a much greater focus on connecting refugees and the internally displaced to local and national social and economic systems, and fostering opportunities. Again, NGOs – and in particular, local and national NGOs, and multi-mandated NGOs, have a key role to play in these efforts.

At the same time, it is a sobering reality that new crises are likely to continue to proliferate, calling for a rapid mobilisation of emergency resources, and we are unlikely to see a large-scale comprehensive resolution of major crises in the coming twelve months. Xenophobia, intolerance and pressure on asylum will undoubtedly continue, and take new forms.

I view NGO partners as key allies as we pursue these various tracks, at the advocacy, opinion-shaping, policy-making and operational levels. UNHCR has a long history of strong collaboration with NGOs, and in my own professional life at the policy and strategic levels, and in field operations, I have consistently adopted an approach based on transparency, openness and collegiality.



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During my first months as High Commissioner, I have tried as far as possible to meet a range of NGOs and other civil society actors during the missions I have undertaken to capitals and field operations, and always find these conversations insightful and valuable. I am committed to maintaining a structured dialogue with NGOs, and to finding practical ways of simplifying and reducing process, so that our collective attention is directed where it belongs: to bringing about tangible outcomes for affected people.

Traditional partnership roles are also being transformed by new actors from civil society, including foundations, academic institutions and businesses, whose presence in the humanitarian sphere is growing, and by new tools, especially social media. In this evolving context, the concept of equal, mutually accountable partnerships must become even more solidly rooted in UNHCR's culture and practice.

The overarching theme of this year's UNHCR-NGO Consultations, highlights UNHCR's commitment to engaging with young people. Adolescents and youth are often underserved groups in the situations and contexts in which we work. Too old for, or having already completed, primary education and often unable to attain secondary or tertiary education, with limited access to dedicated programming, they frequently slip between the gaps in responses for adults and children. Recognising this, UNHCR has committed staff and resources to identifying how it can work better with and for young people by reframing the discussion, from one solely focussed on vulnerabilities and challenges, to one that highlights and focusses on their capabilities and capacities.

UNHCR has already shown its commitment to partnership with and for young people by signing on to the Global Compact on Young People in Humanitarian Action at the High Level Special Session at the World Humanitarian Summit.

The Compact commits UNHCR to five key actions for youth:


- 1) increasing age and gender response programmes that contribute to the protection of young women, young men, girls and boys;
- 2) supporting systematic engagement of youth as partners in all phases of humanitarian action;
- 3) supporting local youth-led initiatives in humanitarian response;
- 4) increasing resources intended to address the needs and priorities of adolescents and youth; and
- 5) ensuring the generation and use of age and sex disaggregated data for adolescents and youth.

UNHCR has already begun to take many of these actions and is committed to doing more for young people. We are committed to supporting youth-led and youth-designed projects through the UNHCR

Youth Initiative Fund, and have also begun a process of systematic engagement with youth through the Global Refugee Youth Consultations Process.

During the next three days, together with the displaced and stateless young people that have joined us, we will discuss the work that we are doing with and for young women and men, boys and girls, and how we can partner together to achieve better outcomes for all. For this you can count on my personal involvement.

I believe that the complexity of the multiple crises we are facing may prove the galvanising force for the change we need. I am very much looking forward to this year's NGO Consultations, and to our discussions on how to improve the quality of our response to today's unprecedented humanitarian and protection challenges.



Filippo Grandi

The Partnership Section would like to thank the many colleagues who have contributed to the preparation of these consultations. We would especially like to thank the speakers and moderators of the sessions, including Musarait Kashmiri for her role as the Rapporteur of the Annual Consultations with NGOs and the Rapporteur of UNHCR's Executive Committee, Yanit Tefera Habtemariam, for attending.

Finally, we would like to thank Nick Sore and Rachael Reilly, the organisers of the Global Refugee Youth Consultations, for their excellent collaboration in making these special consultations on Youth happen and for facilitating the participation of over thirty young people from around the Globe.

Wednesday 15 June 2016

International Conference Center (CICG)

10h30 – 12h00 **Welcome coffee - Informal meetings (CICG lobby)**

Informal regional meetings will be organized in dedicated areas in the CICG lobby, with the exception of the Americas region that will meet in Room 5 (3rd floor). They aim at giving NGOs from each region the opportunity to meet with colleagues from the respective UNHCR Regional Bureau.

UNHCR colleagues from the Investigation Service (IGO) and Implementing Partnership Management Service (IPMS) will also be available for an informal meeting with NGOs.

12h00 – 13h00 **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

ROOM 5

Sexual & gender minority refugee youth: Empowerment and protection

(English-French-Spanish)

Sexual and gender minority (also called Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex-LGBTI) youth are among the world's most vulnerable refugees. After often very perilous departures from the country of origin, they often face new abuses and challenges in countries of asylum. They are often unable to access support systems that are available to other refugees, for fear of revealing their identity, and must therefore fend for themselves. Unlike other refugees, they are unable to call on their families or communities of origin for support.

Moderator Neil GRUNGRAS, Organization for Refugee, Asylum & Migration (ORAM), USA

Speakers Farah ABDI, Global Refugee Youth Consultations, Youth Advisory Committee Member, Malta
Betsy FISHER, International Refugee Assistance Project, USA

ROOM 6

People on the move – progress toward better international cooperation and the September 19 UNGA Summit on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants

(English-French-Spanish)

This food for thought discussion will highlight progress toward securing better international cooperation in addressing and responding to large movements of people - particularly in light of the UNGA High-Level Plenary Meeting on Refugees and Migrants in September. Speakers will focus on the experiences of youth in mass movements and how international cooperation can make meaningful differences in their lives. Regions highlighted will include Europe, Middle East, Africa and Central America.

- Moderator Ellen HANSEN, Senior Policy Advisor, Division of International Protection, UNHCR
- Speakers Anita BAY BUNDEGAARD, Save the Children Advocacy Office, Switzerland
Elizabeth FERRIS, Georgetown University, USA
Aime KALANGWA, Global Refugee Youth Consultations, Youth Advisory Committee Member, USA
Diego LORENTE, Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray Matias de Cordova

13h00 – 14h00 LUNCH (free) – DÉJEUNER (libre)

ROOM 2

OPENING PLENARY SESSION (Arabic-English-French-Russian-Spanish)

Johan CELS, Head, Governance and Partnership Service, UNHCR
Daniel ENDRES, Director, Division of External Relations, UNHCR
Nan BUZARD, Executive Director, International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)
Musarait KASHMIRI, Rapporteur to the Annual Consultations with NGOs

14h20 – 14h45 YOUTH VOICES

Outcome of the Global Refugee Youth Consultations (GRYC) process

The Global Refugee Youth Consultations organized jointly by UNHCR and the Women's Refugee Commission, aim to create structured spaces for young refugees to have a voice and engage in participatory dialogue with other youth and relevant stakeholders and improve the humanitarian sector's understanding of, and work with, refugee youth. The GRYC consist of a series of ten national consultations (Uganda, Chad, Zambia, Kenya, Jordan, Morocco, Pakistan, Malta, Turkey and Ecuador), and a global consultation that will take place immediately prior to the NGO Consultations. During the global consultation, selected refugee youth representatives from the national consultations will come together to discuss and consolidate findings from each of the national consultations, develop a set of *Core Actions for Refugee Youth* and present their recommendations to stakeholders.

Diego Fernando NARVAEZ, Youth Representative, Ecuador
Hourie TAFECH, Youth Representative, Malta

Outcome of the Consultations with Stateless Children and Youth

In July and August 2015 UNHCR spoke to more than 250 children, youth, their parents and guardians, civil society and governments in 7 countries: Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, Georgia, Italy, Jordan, Malaysia and Thailand, about the experience of being stateless. It was the first time such a comprehensive and geographically encompassing consultation of the views of stateless children and youth had ever been undertaken. It was also the first time that most of these young people had ever spoken to anyone about what it was like to be stateless. Zhirair Chichian - a stateless youth from Georgia - will share his experience of participating in the consultations and his experience as a young stateless person.

Zhirair CHICHIAN, Stateless Youth from Georgia

14h45 – 16h00 ADDRESS OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND PLENARY DISCUSSION

Filippo GRANDI, High Commissioner for Refugees

16h00 – 16h30 COFFEE BREAK – PAUSE CAFÉ

16h30 – 18h30 REGIONAL SESSIONS

ROOM 2

Bureau for Middle East and North Africa (MENA) (Arabic-English-French)

The regional session on MENA will aim to highlight the massive challenges that young refugees and displaced persons are facing across the region and will provide a forum to openly discuss responses with regard to protection and solutions of younger generations.

The regional session will provide a platform for young refugees to voice their opinions with a view to incorporate suggestions or concerns into future humanitarian programs and ultimately expand the role of youth in advocacy and awareness. The session will also build upon the conclusions of the Global Refugee Youth Consultations in Morocco (January 2016) and Jordan (February 2016).

The session will follow a *Town Hall* format with two separate panels: “A conversation with youth” during which the challenges, needs, and aspirations of youth from the region will be heard, followed by “A conversation with humanitarian workers,” during which a range of actors will subsequently share highlights of their response strategies and identify opportunities for wider youth engagement therein.

Moderator Shaden KHALLAF, Senior Policy Officer, Regional Bureau for MENA, UNHCR

“A conversation with youth”

Speakers Amer Abdulkarem ALI MOHAMMED, Youth Representative, Morocco
Nidal and Hikmat BATTMAN, Youth Representatives, Switzerland
Elham KHALIL, Youth Representative, Germany
Ahmad AL HAMMAD, Youth Representative, Switzerland
Abdalrahman LAKASH, Youth Representative, France

“A conversation with humanitarian workers”

Speakers Shoko SHIMOZAWA, Deputy Director, Regional Bureau for MENA, UNHCR
Abdelbasset BEN HASSEN, Institut Arabe des Droits de l'Homme, Tunisia
Bushra SABRA, Youth Representative, Jordan
Randa KHAYAT, Makhzoumi Foundation, Lebanon

ROOM 3

Bureau for Europe (English-French-Russian)

The session will be introduced with an overview by the Director of the main developments and key challenges affecting the region as a whole, followed by some time for feedback and discussion. The session will then focus on the impact of the refugee emergency in Europe on

young people, and the issues facing unaccompanied and separated children (UASCs) in particular.

Boys and an increasing number of girls are continuously opting for leaving their country of origins without parents or caregivers to go on a hazardous journey and make their way to Europe. The vast majority are Afghans, mainly boys between the age of 14 to 17, but there are also Syrians, Iraqis, or Eritreans. All refugees face great risks during the perilous journey to and through Europe, while UASCs face heightened risks of violence, exploitation and abuse, including sexual violence. Over-crowded and exposed reception conditions in many locations and detention of UASCs upon arrival, in some cases even with adults, exacerbate the dangers. Procedures for UASC are overwhelmed and not well-adapted to high numbers. Many countries are not able to assess children's needs, make referrals, appoint guardians, conduct age assessments, or collect information for family reunification in an appropriate time frame prolonging the children's exposure to the plethora of protection risks.

This session will provide an opportunity to discuss some lessons learned and best practices, as well as the current challenges that local, regional, governmental, as well as humanitarian actors face in providing the necessary protection to these boys and girls. The discussion will be further informed by the results of a recent profiling exercise of Afghan UASCs in Sweden, one of several planned by UNHCR in Europe.

Moderator Vincent COCHETEL, Director, Regional Bureau for Europe, UNHCR

Speakers Lora PAPPA, METAdrasi, Greece
Abdul Karim ALBRM, Youth Representative, Germany

ROOM 4

Bureau for Africa (English-French)

Presentation by the Director on current activities and regional initiatives with a particular focus on the emergencies that have beset the region. Particular attention will be paid to the Bureau's priorities for 2016 – 2017, especially as they relate to youth, followed by questions and answers.

Presentation of the Director and his Regional Deputies covering specific geographical regions:

Speakers Valentin TAPSOBA, Director, Regional Bureau for Africa, UNHCR
Ann ENCONTRE, Deputy Director, East and Horn of Africa
Millicent MUTULI, Deputy Director, West and Central Africa
Noriko YOSHIDA, Deputy Director, Southern Africa

The session will feature an informal conversation on the situation of young people of concern in sub-Saharan Africa, which will include an update on the Global Refugee Youth Consultations outcomes from the region, presented by the Youth and NGO that participated in the process.

Speakers Bahati KANYAMANZA and Joseph MUNYAMBANZA, COBURWAS, Uganda

A discussion will follow on the challenges youth face, both in Africa and on the perilous journey to find opportunities and a future elsewhere. We intend to highlight the role of youth leaders, educators, and other role models in providing alternatives and options to young refugees in Africa – both camp-based and in urban settings. Questions and answers will complete the session.

Moderator Henry OHANGA, Octopizzo Foundation, Kenya

Speakers Maria ALESİ, Youth Representative, Uganda
Aya ALKHDAIR, Youth Representative, USA

Elvis Elwabanga DUBOIS, Youth Representative, Uganda
Youth Representative from the South/West Africa (*name to be confirmed*)

ROOM 5

Bureau for Asia and the Pacific (English-French)

In line with this year's theme, the regional session for Asia and the Pacific will primarily focus on youth empowerment through education and livelihoods. It is especially relevant since the youth population constitutes a higher portion of the total number of persons of concern in the region. The more protracted the situation, the more important it is to give young people the opportunity to forge a future for themselves and their families.

The following questions may help guide the discussion.

- What are the opportunities that lie ahead for civil society and UNHCR to work together on youth empowerment in refugee hosting countries?
- How can civil society support advocacy with States to include persons of concern, including refugees and stateless persons in national education systems and help them access the labor market?
- What measures can be taken to strengthen partnerships with civil society, including development actors to ensure that persons of concern can access livelihoods opportunities? What good practices exist in the region?
- What skills trainings, recreational or cultural activities or other projects should/can be undertaken to ensure that youth participate in their communities, enhance peaceful co-existence, contribute to peacebuilding and raise awareness about important matters such as health, education and rights?

Moderator Fatemeh ASHRAFI, Association for Protection of Refugee Women and Children, Iran

Speakers Arif HAZARA, Youth Representative, Australia
Arslan MALIK, American Refugee Committee, Pakistan
Subin Lal MULMI, Forum for Women, Law and Development, Nepal

ROOM 6

Bureau for the Americas (English-French-Spanish)

Panel 1

[Protecting their future: Youth and children on the move in the northern triangle of Central America](#)

Recent years have seen a sharp escalation in the number of people fleeing persecution and violence in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, collectively known as the northern triangle of Central America (NTCA). Children and youth are particularly affected; they seek protection elsewhere in their own countries, seek asylum beyond their countries or attempt to join their family members abroad. This has resulted in a growing protection crisis that requires a comprehensive regional response, in particular for the most vulnerable groups such as survivors of SGBV and LGBTI persons. With a view to discuss such response and broader coordination mechanisms, NGOs from El Salvador, Mexico and Costa Rica will share their experiences and good practices in responding to specific protection risks affecting children and youth in the region.

Moderator Laura Elizabeth VALENCIA RESTREPO, Youth Representative Ecuador

Speakers Noah BULLOCK, Cristolsal, El Salvador
Ramón MARQUEZ, La 72, Mexico
Carlos ARINEZ, Casabierta, Costa Rica

Panel 2

The integration of refugee youth in the Americas

The impacts of forced displacement on refugee children and youth is diverse. Once in the country of asylum or country of resettlement, refugee youth often struggle to integrate into their new cultural context while maintaining their cultural identity. Assisting their integration requires a comprehensive approach that involves families, communities and different support services. The panel will present the experience of supporting refugee youth in their local integration processes in countries of asylum, focusing on examples from Ecuador. Additionally, the Canadian Private Sponsorship programme will be presented as model of civil society's engagement with youth development.

Moderator Diego Fernando NARVAEZ, Colombian Refugee in Ecuador

Speakers Jennifer BOND, Refugee Hub, Canada
Michelle MANKS, World University Service of Canada
Patricia GALARZA, Corporación Humor y Vida, Ecuador

19h00 - 20h30 RECEPTION – UNHCR Cafeteria,
UNHCR main building (94, rue de Montbrillant)

Thursday 16 June 2016

International Conference Center (ICC)

ROOM 2

Dialogue with Mr. Volker Türk

Assistant High Commissioner for Protection (English-French-Spanish)

08h00 – 08h45 As last year, the Assistant High Commissioner (AHC) for Protection, Mr. Volker Türk, will dialogue with NGOs and youth on current challenges and opportunities with regard to forced displacement. This session follows the live Twitter Q&A with the AHC for Protection on 27 May and aims at enhancing communication between NGO partners and UNHCR leadership.

Moderator Rez GARDI, Youth Representative, New Zealand

09h00 – 10h00 OPENING SESSION

ROOM 2

Youth: From vulnerability to resilience (English-French-Spanish)

This panel will look at the broad understanding of vulnerability and resilience of youth in humanitarian situations. The session will highlight how, despite the adversity and challenges they face, young people consistently demonstrate great resilience and responsibility in challenging situations, finding the ability to adapt and exercise agency. Panelists will provide examples of how, individually, and as members of groups, young people display unique talents, utilizing skills and resources which, if effectively nurtured and channeled, can assist them not only in their own transition to adulthood, but also to make considerable contributions to their communities and to humanitarian response. Two youth who have participated in the Global Refugee Youth Consultations will describe their journeys from vulnerability to resilience. The session will conclude with an interactive question and answer session.

Speakers Louise AUBIN, Deputy Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR
Sarah COSTA, Women's Refugee Commission, USA
Ibrahim Vurgun KAVLAK, Association for Solidarity with Asylum-Seekers and Migrants, Turkey
Jacqueline PHIRI, Youth Representative, Zambia

10h00 – 10h30 COFFEE BREAK – PAUSE CAFÉ

ROOM 2

Where we live: Safe asylum space for youth (English-French-Russian-Spanish)

The session aims to explore the main challenges that youth face in accessing fair and effective asylum procedures, and enjoying appropriate community-based protection and reception. The discussion will focus on challenges and solutions for youth both during and after the asylum process, including adequate care arrangements; age assessment practices; situations of unaccompanied and separated children; 'ageing out' of child protection systems; the need for legal documentation, youth-friendly translators, interpreters, and legal assistance; accessing and navigating youth-friendly protection procedures; particular risks associated with detention; and risks associated with deportation or refoulement.

Participants will have the opportunity to share and exchange positive initiatives and ways forward to address these protection gaps facing youth. Participants will learn from the voices and perspectives of youth themselves, and the panels will seek to identify, explore and highlight solutions to the unique protection challenges faced by youth.

Introduction

- Introduction Madeline GARLICK, Head, Protection and Policy Legal Advice, UNHCR
Grant MITCHELL International Detention Coalition, Australia
Najeeba WAZEFADOST, Global Refugee Youth Consultations, Youth Advisory Committee Member, Australia
Descartes Ronaldo JEAN BAPTISTE, Youth Representative, USA

Panel 1

[Community-based approaches to reception, care arrangements and alternatives to detention](#)

- Moderator Vanessa MARTINEZ, International Detention Coalition Americas
- Speakers Ramon MARQUEZ, La 72 Hogar Refugio para Personas Migrantes, Mexico
Dino SATRIA, Church World Service, Indonesia
Olga TSEITLINA, Memorial Human Rights Centre, Russia

The session will continue in the afternoon at 14h30.

ROOM 21

Youth addressing SGBV – challenges and opportunities (English-French-Spanish)

This session will place youth at the centre of the discussion and provide a platform to exchange innovative ways to prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). Refugee and internally displaced youth (15-24) face SGBV, including domestic violence, child marriage, and survival sex. How are youth taking action to prevent and respond to SGBV? How can UNHCR and NGO partners better involve and support youth in their work to prevent and respond to SGBV? How can we work together to integrate male survivors, persons with disabilities and sexual minorities into these efforts? How can we engage men and boys in SGBV prevention and response? Please join this interactive exchange on good practices, which will include a panel and thematic small group discussions.

Please note that this session does not allow for any formal interpretation. Interpreters will be at hand should you need any assistance.

Moderator Lucy KIAMA, HIAS, Kenya

Speakers Ozge BURAK, Women's Solidarity Foundation, Turkey
Rukiia HASSAN, Danish Refugee Council, Kenya
Victor OCHEN, African Youth Initiative Network, Uganda
Bushra Abbas SABRA ALMAHAMAH, Youth Representative Jordan

ROOM 3

Building resilience: programming strength for the future (English-French-Spanish)

In recent years, the humanitarian community has increased its attention to refugee resilience, the capacity of individuals, households and institutions to 'bounce back' and recover from crisis. Programming focused on educational opportunities, generating employment, facilitating life skills training, and addressing physical and mental health needs. This intends to build on the strengths of refugees and decrease dependence and fits within a larger paradigm shift from delivering services *for* refugees to active engagement *with* refugees in programming and promoting self-reliance.

Resilience is not an attribute of an individual, but the result of an interaction between people and their social and physical environment. Consequently, strengthening resilience is about creating facilitative environments that help people thrive. Youth and adolescents are important current and future contributors to the ability of communities to recover from crisis.

This session aims to explore how actors, including UNHCR, NGOs, and others can better understand resilience and integrate resilience based thinking in their programming. Issues that will be discussed include:

- What kind of programmes can build resilience in youth?
- What is the evidence for psychosocial, sports and recreational programmes?
- What are the limits of the resilience paradigm?
- In what circumstances are more specialized mental health interventions necessary?
- How can building resilience contribute to the success of recovery and development programming with youth and adolescents?

Moderator Matt STRENG, Mercy Corps

Speakers Maalini RAMALO, Development of Human Resources for Rural Areas Malaysia
Annie SOVICK, Center for Victims of Torture
Kaja TSHITENDE, Youth Representative, Zimbabwe
Pieter VENTEVOGEL, Senior Mental Health Officer, UNHCR
Mercy AKUOT, Youth Representative, Kenya
Arash BORDBAR, Youth Representative, Australia
Elvis Elwabanga DUBOIS, Youth Representative, Uganda
Sarah YAHYA, Youth Representative, Australia

ROOM 5

Statelessness (English-French-Russian-Spanish)

Stateless children and youth across the world face disadvantage in most areas of their lives. Be it difficulties accessing education, work or healthcare; restrictions on their freedom of movement; or the inability to own mobile phones or property, the disadvantages of statelessness are enormous. Having to cope with all of this from a very young age can have a significant toll on the wellbeing and happiness of stateless children and youth. NGOs, the UNHCR and other actors have a crucial role to play in helping to alleviate these burdens, in promoting and fulfilling the human rights of stateless youth and in ensuring as far as possible, that their statelessness is solved.

This Food for thought session will begin with an overview of the wider trends and challenges related to the protection of human rights of stateless children and youth, and opportunities to address their statelessness. Plenary discussion will then be modelled around questions from stateless children and youth from around the world, which will be put to UNHCR and NGO participants for reflection and discussion.

These will include:

- Questions about my past: *How did I become stateless and what is being done to protect other children from this problem?*
- Questions about my present: *Why am I disadvantaged and denied access to basic rights, and what is being done to protect me?*
- Questions about my future: *What hope do I have for my future and what steps are being taken to grant me an appropriate nationality?*

Moderator Sanoj RAJAN, Statelessness Network Asia Pacific, India

Speaker Jyothi KANICS, European Network on Statelessness, United Kingdom

ROOM 6

The state of partnership: town hall meeting on the new enhanced Framework for implementing with partners (English-French-Spanish)

UNHCR has long maintained strategic partnerships with NGOs to fulfill its mandate, including its work with refugee youth. Collaboration has grown significantly in terms of substance and resources. In 2015, the funds UNHCR allocated through joint partnerships surpassed US\$1.2 billion (almost 40% of UNHCR's total annual expenditure). The number of partners playing a significant role in the quest for durable solutions has reached a record high of 936 across the globe, including 586 national/local and 167 international NGOs. Of these, 90 were new and first time partners. UNHCR attaches particular importance to enhancing the capacity and engagement of national partners and first responders. UNHCR currently spends about 12% of its annual expenditure on partnerships with national NGOs and has set itself a goal to increase this to 25% by 2020.

Since 2012, UNHCR has made considerable progress working in consultation with NGO partners through field and network reference groups, to review and revise the framework of cooperation with a new standard partnership agreement, new policies and procedures on selection and retention of partners, joint monitoring of projects and regular partnership review, with the intention of enhancing partnerships and collaboration.

The panel will present the latest survey on partnership between UNHCR and NGOs, with a special emphasis on capacity strengthening and examples of field collaboration. The panel will present a brief update on the implementation of the Framework and on the proposed policy contributions to NGO partner personnel, as well as a presentation on issues of ethical conduct and anti-fraud in the context of partnerships. The session will then provide, in “town hall” format, a forum to share thoughts and practices and ask questions about how NGOs and UNHCR could enhance the engagement of national NGOs, and other opportunities to improve partnership.

Participants are strongly encouraged to read the background materials for this session and to bring constructive ideas on how some of the challenges in partnership can be addressed.

Moderator Mark HETFIELD, HIAS, USA

Speakers Henrik MALMQUIST, Head, Investigation Service, UNHCR
Fatima SHERIF-NOR, Head, Implementing Partnership Management Service, UNHCR

14h30 – 16h15 THEMATIC SESSIONS

ROOM 2

Where we live: Safe asylum space for youth (continued)

(English-French-Russian-Spanish)

Panel 2

[Child-friendly practices and challenges faced by youth both during and after RSD procedures](#)

Moderator Ann BOONRIDRERTHAIKUL, Asylum Access, Thailand

Speakers Jill ALPES, Africa and Middle East Refugee Assistance, United Kingdom
Brian BARBOUR, Japan Association for Refugees, Japan
Jorge RIOS, Sin Fronteras, Mexico

ROOM 21

Youth participation: Freeing and supporting potential (English-French-Spanish)

Youth participation is fundamental to freeing and supporting the potential of displaced young people to be change-makers in their communities. Youth participation approaches recognise the rights of young people to participate in decision-making that affects their lives. As experts in their own lives, they are best placed to identify their needs and should be supported to develop and advocate for solutions.

Meaningful youth participation is not just about opportunity; it is about engaging with young people as partners and equipping them with the knowledge, skills and resources to influence policy and practice. It is about valuing the perspectives of young people recognising and utilising their expertise, and building on their skills and insights.

How do we do this effectively in the humanitarian setting? What are some examples of good practice in youth participation and what are some of the barriers to achieving meaningful youth participation?

Hearing directly from young people and practitioners, this session will explore and examine barriers and facilitators to good practice in youth participation and identify what needs to be

done to more effectively partner with young people and build on their skills and insights in humanitarian situations.

Moderator Aya ALKHDAIR, Youth Representative, USA

Speakers: Arif HAZARA, Youth Representative, Australia
Patrick KARANGWA, Rwanda Youth Parliament
Nadine LIDDY, Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network (MYAN), Australia

ROOM 3

Youth and data – A game changer in urban settings (English-French-Spanish)

The session will explore the power of technology, notably social media, among refugee youth living in urban settings. Leaders in the area of data and youth, and youth themselves, will discuss how to harness big data and social media to make a change in people's lives through development and humanitarian action. Effectively collecting, analyzing and using data on youth, in particular in urban settings remain challenging. This session aims to provide some innovative ideas on how to bridge the gap between data and action for youth in urban settings.

Moderator Kimberly ROBERSON, Chief of the Field Information Coordination and Support Section, UNHCR

Speakers Elvis ELWABANGA DUBOIS, Youth Representative, Uganda
Rose FORAN, Internews, United Kingdom
Rebecca PETRAS, Translators without Borders, USA

In addition, a group of youth refugees will organize an inter-active exercise aimed at providing live examples on how data can be used effectively.

16h15 – 16h45 COFFEE BREAK – PAUSE CAFÉ

16h45 – 18h30 THEMATIC SESSIONS

ROOM 2

Youth as humanitarian actors – A joint response (English-French-Spanish)

In the challenging context of displacement, youth have shown time and time again their resilience and the enormous contribution they can make towards rebuilding their communities. They take initiative, self-organize, offer support to peers and vulnerable groups and often step up to support their families in times of crisis. Despite this proven capacity and potential, youth are often marginalized in the humanitarian response and their voices are rarely heard by the community and humanitarian agencies. The result is a generation of youth with untapped potential and a wealth of missed opportunities to engage, empower and enable young people to transform their futures and communities.

This session aims to explore the role and contribution of youth in humanitarian response from the perspective of young people from diverse backgrounds. With youth leading the discussion, we will explore the challenges they face in displacement, discuss some of the solutions they

have found and examine some of the ways in which youth can engage with humanitarian actors to strengthen protection in their communities.

Moderator Foni Joyce VUNI, Global Refugee Youth Consultations, Youth Advisory Committee Member, Kenya

Speakers Bahati KANYAMANZA, Youth Representative, COBURWAS Uganda
Mary Wai Wai LWIN, Norwegian Refugee Council, Myanmar
Peter MAHFOUZ, Caritas Lebanon

ROOM 3

Act your age: Exploring the challenges for youth in adult roles

(English-French-Russian-Spanish)

Displaced children and young people often take on additional social and economic roles and responsibilities to support themselves and their families.

With a panel made up of speakers who have taken adult responsibilities in their youth, or who work with young people, this session will look at the adult roles that youth are sometimes forced to assume, such as being the breadwinners for their family. The session will explore the programmatic responses to these issues and how we can better support these young people. The panelists will reflect on their experiences, and on challenges, benefits and protection risks that arise from youth taking adult roles.

The session will include youth-moderated discussion groups with social media engagement. The goal of the session will be to formulate concrete commitments to support refugee youth and give recommendations to direct humanitarian action supporting young people in adult roles.

Moderator Laura Elizabeth VALENCIA RESTREPO, Youth Representative, Ecuador

Speakers Zhirair CHICHIAN, Stateless Youth, Georgia
Kate OFWONO, Filmmaker and former Refugee from Uganda
Maher QUBBAJ, CARE Jordan

ROOM 4

Being well and well-being – The health of the community (English-French-Spanish)

The Global Refugee Youth Consultations have highlighted some young people's thoughts and concerns about managing their health and wellbeing – including their physical, psychological, and sexual and reproductive health (SRH). This session will illustrate the SRH needs of youth in refugee settings and explore the barriers they face to accessing services that effectively meet those needs. We will also discuss the current strategies being used to increase adolescent access to SRH services at the community and health facility levels and from the perspectives of geographical accessibility, availability, acceptability, affordability.

Objectives:

- Understand the unique SRH needs of refugee youth and the barriers to meeting those needs in crisis settings.
- Explore community-based approaches to decreasing refugee youth vulnerability, increasing access to health care services and building resilience.

- Examine the ways in which health systems can be strengthened to meet the SRH needs of adolescents in crisis, including improving provider attitudes toward adolescent SRH and restructuring health services to be more youth-friendly.

Moderators Allen Gidraf KAHINDO MAINA, Senior Public Health Officer, UNHCR
Yolanda BARBERA, International Rescue Committee, USA

Speakers Mercy AKUOT, Youth Representative, Kenya
Grace JOHNSON, Youth Representative, Kenya
Jessica KAKESA, International Rescue Committee, Democratic Republic of Congo
Martin KAWAI JIEL, Youth Representative, Kenya
Seema MANOHAR, Save the Children

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ROOM 2

Dialogue with Mr. George Okoth-Obbo

Assistant High Commissioner for Operations (English-French-Spanish)

08h00 – 08h45 As last year, the Assistant High Commissioner (AHC) for Operations, Mr. George Okoth-Obbo, will dialogue with NGOs and youth on current challenges and opportunities with regard to forced displacement. This session follows the live Twitter Q&A with the AHC Operations on 24 May and aims at enhancing communication between NGO partners and UNHCR leadership.

Moderator Joseph MUNYAMBANZA, Youth Representative, COBURWAS Uganda

09h00 – 10h00 OPENING SESSION

ROOM 2

From opportunities to solutions: youth responses (English-French-Spanish)

This panel will highlight the importance of ensuring that refugee, IDP and stateless youth are at the centre of identifying and taking action towards sustainable solutions for their communities. Panelists will provide examples of how programmes that support young people to develop their own partnerships with other young people, humanitarian and development actors, host communities and host government officials and agencies, and their own governments and communities upon return are essential to solutions. Before a question and answer session, two youth who have participated in the Global Refugee Youth Consultations will provide concrete examples of young people actively working with their communities to identify solutions to displacement.

Speakers Carol BATCHELOR, Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR
Simon MAROT, Youth Representative, Uganda
Matt STRENG, Mercy Corps
Sarah YAHYA, Youth Representative, Australia

10h00 – 10h30 COFFEE BREAK – PAUSE CAFÉ

10h30 – 12h45 THEMATIC SESSIONS

ROOM 2

Life-long learning: facilitating transitions from school to workplace

(English-French-Spanish)

What are the options for refugee youth for life-long learning? How can we facilitate the transition from school to work from different levels of education? How do we ensure that youth have access to secondary and tertiary education? What non-formal and community based options can be explored? What are young refugees already doing in this regard? The session will look at the various ways of school-to-work transitions, including innovative ways such as the use of blended and online learning, technological solutions and community based programmes.

Moderators Joseph MUNYAMBANZA, Youth Representative, COBURWAS Uganda
Foni Joyce VUNI, Global Refugee Youth Consultations, Youth Advisory Committee Member

Speakers Simon MAROT, Youth Representative Uganda
Norma Yessenia SALAZAR ORDONEZ, Youth Representative, Ecuador

ROOM 3

Youth employment and entrepreneurship (English-French-Spanish)

This session will explore challenges and opportunities in supporting refugee youth to become self-reliant through wage-employment and entrepreneurship. Supporting self-reliance for young refugees is critical as it can enable them to live active and productive lives by empowering them to build strong social, economic and cultural ties with their host communities, and by strengthening their capacity to claim their rights during displacement. More so, through supporting young refugees' self-reliance through wage-employment and entrepreneurship, young refugees may become better equipped to find their own solutions: Fundamentally, how a displaced person fares in the future, depends on the assets – understood broadly as encompassing belongings, wealth, health, skills, experience – maintained and developed while displaced. With these assets, young refugees may be better placed to become positive agents of change in their communities, including in areas of return or relocation, or in countries of asylum or resettlement. Moreover, young refugees can help addressing root causes to displacement in their countries and areas of origin.

While young refugees have the potential to become self-reliant and be positive agents of change, they face a number of specific challenges towards accessing wage-employment and entrepreneurship. To explore how to best support them towards self-reliance, the session will be building on the rich knowledge of participants in the room. In smaller groups facilitated by youth and NGO representatives, participants will be exploring challenges and opportunities, and developing concrete recommendations on the way forward. Participants will be inspired by brief presentations highlighting key learnings on supporting youth self-reliance through market-based approaches, including via digital work, private sector employment, entrepreneurship and more.

Moderator Paul NEWNHAM, World Vision International, USA

Speakers Ziad AYOUBI, Head of the Livelihoods Unit, UNHCR
Graham DOXEY, Knod Foundation, USA
Marina LOPEZ-ANSELME, RET International, Switzerland
Henry OHANGA, Octopizzo Foundation, Kenya

ROOM 4

Youth and integration: building bridges and communities (English-French-Spanish)

Integration is a concept that is context specific. It is generally agreed that it is a multi-dimensional, long-term, two-way process of mutual adaptation by newcomers and the host society. Youth have an important role to play in this process. However, too often the perspectives of youth are overlooked. To attain successful integration, we need to incorporate the perspectives of youth. This entails both recognizing the trauma of past experiences and the particular challenges youth may face in their host society, but also the strength and resilience youth bring, and the incredible potential they have to contribute to the social and economic future of their host countries.

With a panel made up exclusively of refugee and stateless youth speakers this session will explore how to best build on and support the resources, skills and capacities of youth, and then call on participants to identify and promote practical actions that they will do to support young people and youth integration.

Young panelists will speak from their own experiences about what successful integration looks like to them, and some the barriers and challenge they may have faced along the way. They will also be highlighting the unique qualities that youth bring, and discussing how other actors such as governments, NGO's and civil society can best support them.

In brief the session will provide a platform to:

- Discuss how best to build on and support the resources, skills and capacities of youth to promote integration of their communities.
- Identify good practice processes, policies and programs
- Provide recommendations to UNHCR, NGO/civil society and governments
- Identify and promote practical actions that support youth integration

Moderators Dor ACHIEK, Youth Representative, Australia
Ghestimani PASCHALIDIS, Settlement Services International, Australia

Speakers Esther CAJOU, Stateless Youth from the Dominican Republic
Frankelly MARTINEZ, Christian Aid, Dominican Republic
Sarah YAHYA, Youth Representative, Australia

13h15 – 14h15 **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

ROOM 4

Resettlement: questions and answers (English-French-Spanish)

The objective of this informal side event is to give participants an opportunity to ask the Resettlement Service questions on subjects including but not limited to processing, quotas, individual cases and policies. The session will be largely dedicated to Q & A and is intended to clarify any questions pertaining to general resettlement processes.

ROOM 5

Innovation: change makers (English-French-Spanish)

In this session, you will spend less time talking about challenges, and more helping to identify practical solutions. This is a dynamic, interactive session with an aim at producing a tangible outcome. You'll be asked to help solve some persistent challenges related to education and livelihood opportunities - using human-centered design and prototyping tools. Come prepared

to think, design, draw, interact, and problem-solve. This session, led by RET International and UNHCR Learn Lab, provides a crash course to the innovation design process.

Moderators Marina LOPEZ-ANSELME, RET International, Switzerland
Jacqueline STRECKER, Learn Lab Manager, UNHCR

ROOM 6 **World Humanitarian Summit follow-up** (English-French-Spanish)

ROOM 2 **CLOSING PLENARY SESSION**

14h30 – 15h30 **CLOSING PLENARY** (Arabic-English-French-Spanish)

**CONCLUDING REMARKS AND DISCUSSION WITH
THE DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER**

Kelly CLEMENTS, Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees
Daniel ENDRES, Director, Division of External Relations, UNHCR
Nan BUZARD, Executive Director, International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)

15h30 – 15h45 **BREAK – PAUSE**

15h45 – 16h30 **REPORT BACK ON THE NGO CONSULTATIONS**

Monika BRULHART, Chief, Partnership Section, UNHCR
Musarait KASHMIRI, Rapporteur to the Annual Consultations with NGOs
Yanit Tefera HABTEMARIAM, Rapporteur of the Executive Committee of
the High Commissioner's Programme (Ethiopia)
Maria ALESI, Youth Representative, Uganda
Arif HAZARA, Youth Representative, Australia

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