

1ST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Asylum Systems Quality Initiative in

Eastern Europe & South Caucuses (QIEE), Phase II

Radisson Blu Royal Viking Hotel, Stockholm, Sweden

15-16 December 2015

CONFERENCE AGENDA

DAY I-Tuesday, 15 December 2015

REGISTRATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS	8:45 – 09:00
WELCOMING SESSION: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Karolina Lindholm Billing, Deputy Regional Representative, UNHCR Regional Representation for Northern Europe, Stockholm, Sweden ▪ Ms Sofia Stridh, Head of Unit, Unit of International Strategies, International Affairs Department, Swedish Migration Agency (SMA) ▪ Mr. Christoph Bierwirth, UNHCR Representative, Armenia 	09:00 – 10:00
SESSION I: SITUATIONS OF MASS INFLUX: SYRIA <i>Facilitated by: Mr. Peter Stockholder</i> , Head of Regional Protection Support Unit (RPSU), UNHCR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Gabriela Wengert, Regional Research and Information Officer, MENA Bureau, UNHCR ▪ Q&A 	10:00—11:30
COFFEE BREAK	11:30 – 11:45
SESSION I: SITUATIONS OF MASS INFLUX (CONT.): AFGHANISTAN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Katinka Ridderbos, Sr. Research & Information Officer, DIP, RSD Unit, UNHCR, Geneva, Switzerland ▪ Q&A 	11:45—13:00
LUNCH	13:00 – 14:00
Session II: Access to Territory and Asylum Procedure in the Situation of Mass Influx <i>Facilitated by: Mr Peter Stockholder</i> , Head of RPSU, UNHCR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Anna Bengtsson, Expert & Project Leader, Pilot Project 7, Prague Process Targeted Initiative, SMA ▪ Mr. Alfons Graus, International Cooperation Projects and Return Unit, Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, (BAMF) Germany 	14:00 – 15:15
COFFEE BREAK	15:15 – 15:30
SESSION II: ACCESS TO TERRITORY AND ASYLUM PROCEDURE (CONT.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Maria Kovalakova, Training and Quality Officer, Centre for Training, Quality and Expertise, EASO • Q&A and Discussion with the participation of the Border Police from Sweden and participating countries 	15:30–17:45
CLOSING OF THE DAY	17:45 – 18:00
RECEPTION, <i>RADISSON BLU ROYAL VIKING HOTEL STOCKHOLM</i>	18:30 – 20:30

DAY II-Wednesday, 16 December 2015

SESSION III: EXPEDITED PROCEDURES IN SITUATIONS OF MASS INFLUX

9:00—11:00

Facilitated by: Mr. Dag Sigurdson, Representative, UNHCR Azerbaijan

- Mr. Reuben Liew, Refugee Status Determination Officer, RSD Unit, MENA Bureau, UNHCR
- Mr. Karl Engman, Expert and Project Leader, Swedish Migration Agency (SMA)
- Ms. Melanie Krecklow and Mr. Alfons Graus, International Cooperation Projects and Return Unit, Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF)
- Q&A

COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 11:15

SESSION IV: THE ROLE OF THE JUDICIARY IN THE ASYLUM PROCEDURE

11:15- 13:00

Facilitated by: Mr. Samuel Boutruche, Judicial Engagement Coordinator, Bureau for Europe, UNHCR

- Justice Mona Aldestam, Judge of Appeal, Administrative Court of Appeal in Stockholm
- Presentations & Discussion by representatives of the judiciary from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine

LUNCH

13:00 – 14:00

SESSION V: TRAINING AND QUALITY IN THE ASYLUM PROCEDURE

14:00—15:30

Facilitated by: Mr. Christoph Bierwirth, UNHCR Representative, Armenia

- Ms. Annegret Kohler, External Relations Officer, Executive Support and Mr. Zlatko Miletic, Eastern Partnership Project Coordinator, Frontex (via videolink)
- Ms. Anna Bengtsson, Expert & Project Leader, Pilot Project 7, Prague Process Targeted Initiative, SMA
- Ms. Maria Kovalakova, Training and Quality Officer, Centre for Training, Quality and Expertise, EASO
- Q&A

COFFEE BREAK

15:30 – 15:45

SESSION VI: PARTICIPATING COUNTRY PERSPECTIVES: QIEE, CURRENT CHALLENGES & WAY FORWARD

15:45—17:30

Facilitated by: Ms. Anna Gekht Davis, Regional Project Coordinator, RPSU, UNHCR

- **Access to Territory and Procedure:** Presentations and Discussion on current challenges by the of Participating States BG/Asylum Units from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine
- **Asylum Procedure:** Presentations and Discussion on current challenges by representatives of asylum departments from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine

CONCLUSIONS AND FINAL REMARKS

17:30--18:00

- Mr. Dag Sigurdson, UNHCR Representative, Azerbaijan. Summary of conclusions and achievements
- Ms. Kemlin Furley, Head, Policy & Field Support Unit, Bureau for Europe, UNHCR. Concluding remarks