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REGIONAL SESSION

BACKGROUND PAPER

Africa Regional session

The Regional Bureau for Africa has been responsive to interest in updating its **emergency portals** that are available for research and use by the general public. In fact, we strongly encourage our implementing partners to submit and update information on their refugee / IDP operations relevant to each portal. There are currently 6 portals active in the African region:

- Central African Republic Situation
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Horn of Africa
- Liberia
- Sahel Emergency
- South Sudan Situation

You can access these portals for current information at <http://data.unhcr.org> , and clicking on the “I” icon to access the portal you’re interested in. If you would like your organization’s reports, analyses, updates, statistics, maps, etc., uploaded to the portal, we would be very happy to assist – please contact either Wendy Rappeport (rappepor@unhcr.org), Kabami Kalumiya (Kalumiya@unhcr.org) for the CAR Situation or Geraldine Boezio (boezio@unhcr.org) for the South Sudan Situation.

Specifically on the two Level 3 Emergencies in Africa, South Sudan and Central African Republic, UNHCR issues weekly External Regional Updates. If you would like to be on our mailing list, please contact the names above. Otherwise, you may access them through Reliefweb: <http://reliefweb.int/>

For more general information on each of UNHCR’s operations in Africa, UNHCR produces a **Fact Sheet** on each country. These include more basic information on populations, activities, general issues and statistics. You can find them on UNHCR’s global website, particularly the Africa page: <http://www.unhcr.org/pages/4a02d7fd6.html> . To access the most recent Fact Sheet for each country, you simply go to each specific country page, and on the far right, find the section entitled “Fact Sheet”.

For **Social Media**, UNHCR maintains a global Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/UNHCR> and a global Twitter account: @Refugees. The

Agency also maintains and updates a YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/user/unhcr> , Instagram and Tumblr accounts.

In respect of the **Annual Consultations**, UNHCR will, for the first time, make use of social media to allow an interactive discussion with those who are unable to be present in Geneva. The opening and closing plenary sessions will be available to view live via Livestream.com and Twitter users can join the event's conversation by following [@UNHCRIAU](#) and using the hashtag [#UNHCRNGOs](#). The hashtag #AFRICA can also be used to help identify tweets related to the Bureau for Africa session.