

International Conference on the Reception and Integration of Resettled Refugees

Stockholm, Sweden 25-27 April 2001

Provisional Agenda - At A Glance

Mission Statement

The *International Conference on the Reception and Integration of Resettled Refugees* is designed to provide an international forum for the exchange of ideas and means of supporting refugee resettlement among the traditional and emerging resettlement countries. Planned as the mid-point catalyst in an on-going process of *exchanging "best practices"* in the integration of resettled refugees among the resettlement countries, goals for the Conference include:

- ◆ Drafting commonly endorsed principles for the "successful" reception and integration of resettled refugees that are applicable regardless of the level of funding available to resource resettlement programmes;
- ◆ Facilitating both formal and informal links and exchanges between the various resettlement countries;
- ◆ Gathering resources for the development of a reception and integration handbook; and
- ◆ Strengthening the reception and integration programmes of traditional and emerging resettlement countries.

DAY 1

Wednesday 25 April 2001

PLENARIES

- 08:45-09:30 Official Opening and Remarks
- 09:30-10:00 Guest Speaker: "Resettlement As a Tool of International Protection and Durable Solution and the Challenge of Integration" – *Mr. Goran Rosenberg*
- 10:00-11:00 Global Overview of Refugee Resettlement and Integration Models and Methods
- 11:30-12:00 "The Refugee Experience" – A Refugee Panel Response to Integration Models

LUNCHEON

- 13:00-14:30 With Brief Remarks by *Ms. Lena Hall Eriksson*, Director General, Swedish Migration Board

TRACKS

Track 1: Preparing Refugees and the Receiving Communities

15:00-16:00 Track Plenary

16:00-17:30 Session: Setting Realistic Expectations for Reception and Integration of Resettled Refugees

Track 2: Common Needs of Resettled Refugees

15:00-16:00 Track Plenary

16:00-17:30 Panel: Refugee and Specialist Views on Common Needs of Resettled Refugees

Track 3: Special Needs of Resettled Refugees

15:00-16:00 Track Plenary

16:00-17:30 Panel: Special Needs of Refugees

DINNER AND SOCIAL EVENT – Hosted by the Swedish National Integration Office

DAY 2

Thursday 26 April 2001

Track 1: Preparing Refugees and the Receiving Communities

09:00-10:30 Breakout Sessions:

- ◆ Economics and Integration
- ◆ Resettlement as a Tool of International Protection and Durable Solution

Track 2: Common Needs of Resettled Refugees

09:00-10:30 Breakout Sessions:

- ◆ Cultural Retention and Adaptation in the Reception and Integration of Refugees
- ◆ Support Networks in the Reception and Integration of Resettled Refugees
- ◆ Language and Communication Issues Relating to the Integration of Refugees
- ◆ Refugee Children and Youth

Track 3: Special Needs of Resettled Refugees

09:00-10:30 Breakout Sessions:

- ◆ Survivors of Torture and Trauma Among Resettled Refugees
- ◆ At Risk Women
- ◆ Special Challenges in the Integration of Refugees from Countries with Oral Traditions and Underemployed Refugees

11:00-12:30 Breakout Sessions:

- ◆ The Role of the Media in Preparing Receiving Communities
- ◆ Building Hospitable Communities

11:00-12:30 Breakout Sessions:

- ◆ Employment and Education for Refugee Self-Sufficiency
- ◆ Refugee Health and Integration
- ◆ Secure and Affordable Housing for Refugee Integration

11:00-12:30 Breakout Sessions:

- ◆ The Needs of Elderly Refugees
- ◆ Models for Facilitating Integration in the Resettlement of Unaccompanied Minors
- ◆ Special Health Needs Affecting the Integration of Resettled Refugees

LUNCH

12:30-14:00

Track 1: Preparing Refugees and the Receiving Communities

14:30-17:00 Summary Sessions on Objectives of the Conference:

- ◆ Group 1
- ◆ Group 2
- ◆ Group 3
- ◆ Group 4

Track 2: Common Needs of Resettled Refugees

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DINNER AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT COMMEMORATING THE 1951 CONVENTION RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES – Hosted by *Mr Gary Troeller*, Regional Representative for the Nordic and Baltic Countries, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Day 3
Friday 27 April 2001

PLENARY

09:00-10:00 Summary of Track 1,2 and 3 Discussions

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Group A: <i>Capacity</i>	Group B: <i>Placement</i>	Group C: <i>Orientation</i>
10:30-12:00 Building Capacity With Refugee Involvement for the Reception and Integration of Resettled Refugees	10:30-12:00 Placement Strategies to Enhance Effective Integration of Resettled Refugees	10:30-12:00 Effective Orientation as a Critical Component in the Integration of Resettled Refugees

REPORT ON DISCUSSIONS

13:30-15:00 Focus Group Questions (8 Focus Groups led by Group leaders, rapporteurs and conference executive committee members)

PLENARY

15:00-17:00 Summary of Conference Conclusions and Recommendations

17:00-17:30 Next Steps and Closing Remarks

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