

**“Regional Conference on Refugee Protection and International
Migration in Central Asia”**

**Almaty, Kazakhstan, 15-16 March 2011
Hotel InterContinental**

CONFERENCE **A**GENDA

Monday

14 MARCH 2011

18.00 – 20.00

Registration of participants (*Hotel InterContinental*)

Welcome cocktail

Tuesday

15 MARCH 2011

08.00 - 09.00

Registration of participants (*Hotel InterContinental*)

Morning Session **P**lenary (Ballroom)

Chair

Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Opening Session (Welcome Remarks)

9.00 - 9.15

Gulshara Abdykalikova, *Minister of Labour and Social Protection
of Population of the Republic of Kazakhstan*

Welcome message on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs

9.15 - 9.30

Erika Feller, *Assistant High Commissioner (Protection), UNHCR*

9.30 - 9.45

Laura Thompson, *Deputy Director General, IOM*

9.45 - 10.00

Goran Svilanovic, *Co-ordinator of Economic and Environmental
Activities, OSCE*

10.00 - 10.15

Miroslav Jenca, *Special Representative of the UN Secretary
General, Head of UNRCCA* (key note speech)

10.15 – 10.45

Coffee Break / Photo Opportunity

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Chair	UNHCR
10.45 - 12.15	Panel I: Protection Considerations within mixed migration flows – challenges and good practices
Plenary statements by:	Kyrgyz Republic
	Republic of Tajikistan
	Turkmenistan
	Commonwealth of Independent States
12.15 - 13.00	Plenary Discussion
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch Break

Afternoon Session

14.00 – 16.00	W orking Groups
W orking Group A	Managing borders, ensuring national security while ensuring protection
Room:	Astana 1
Co-chairs:	Turkmenistan and UNHCR
Rapporteurs:	UNHCR and IOM
Thematic input:	IOM
W orking Group B	Strengthening integration of refugees, stateless persons and minorities in host countries
Room:	Astana 2
Co-chairs:	UNHCR and ICRC
Rapporteurs:	UNHCR and IOM
Thematic input:	Kyrgyz Republic, UNHCR , Consortium of Initiatives

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Working Group C

Strengthening reintegration of returnees and returning migrants in countries of origin

Room: Ablai Khan 2
Co-chairs: Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and IFRC
Rapporteurs: UNHCR and IOM
Thematic input: Republic of Tajikistan

Working Group D

Preventing trafficking and protecting the victims – with specific attention to child trafficking

Room: Astana 3
Co-chairs: Republic of Turkey and OSCE
Rapporteurs: UNHCR and IOM
Thematic input: NGO Sana Sezim, IOM

Working Group E

Developing legal migration opportunities and gender-sensitive migration policies

Room: Ablai Khan 1
Co-chairs: Islamic Republic of Iran and IOM
Rapporteurs: UNHCR and IOM
Thematic input: Kyrgyz Republic

16.00 – 16.30 **Coffee Break**

16.30 - 18.00 **Plenary (Ballroom)**

Chair OSCE

Reports from Working Groups and Discussion

19.30 **Cocktail**

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Wednesday

16 MARCH 2011

Morning Session **P**lenary (Ballroom)

Chair

IOM

9.00 - 9.10

Introduction to second day by the Chair

9.10 - 10.10

Panel II: Protection Considerations within mixed migration flows – challenges and good practices

Plenary statements by:

Neighbouring countries (Russian Federation, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Republic of Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Turkey)

Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA)

10.10 -10.40

Plenary Discussion

10.40 - 11.00

Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.30

Working Groups

Working Group **F**

Reinforcing partnerships

Room:

Ablai Khan 1

Co-chairs:

Republic of Azerbaijan and OSCE

Rapporteurs:

UNHCR and IOM

Thematic input:

Republic of Kazakhstan, IOM

Working Group **G**

Developing information and awareness-raising strategies

Room:

Ablai Khan 2

Co-chairs:

Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and OHCHR

Rapporteurs:

UNHCR and IOM

Thematic input:

NGO Sana Sezim

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12.30 – 13.30

Lunch Break

Afternoon Session **P**lenary (Ballroom)

Chair

UNHCR and IOM

13.30 – 14.30

Reports from Working Groups and discussion

14.30 – 15.30

Adoption of Declaration, summary and closing

15.30 – 15.35

Address by Ambassador Norbert Jousten, European Union

15.35 – 15.45

Closing Remarks by the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan

15.45 – 16.00

Coffee Break

16.00

End of Conference

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