

Side event of the 68<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee

## ***Africa shares: Innovators in exile***

Moderated by UNHCR's Assistant High Commissioner for Operations,  
Mr. George Okoth-Obbo

**Speakers:**

Ambassador for Renewable Energy of Burkina Faso,  
Her Royal Highness Princess Abze Djigma  
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Filippo Grandi  
Ambassador of Ethiopia to the United Nations in Geneva,  
His Excellency Mr. Negash Kibret Batora  
Manager, Transition States Coordination Office, African Development Bank,  
Mr. Yero Baldeh  
Instant Network Programme Manager, Vodafone Foundation, Mr. Oisin Walton



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Even in the most challenging circumstances, the resourcefulness of communities in exile is expressed through the creativity, knowledge and skills that they bring to their host societies. The estimated 20 million displaced and stateless people, including over 5 million refugees, across sub-Saharan Africa have played an active role in spreading innovation across the continent. This *Africa shares* side event brings together experts from different sectors working to provide refugees with the tools to transition from crisis to development. Beyond discussing several innovative approaches to refugee assistance in Africa (also on display at the *Africa shares* marketplace on the first floor of Building E from 14-16 March), the panellists will provide insight into how African innovation can be leveraged to benefit both displaced people and the communities that host them.

**Tuesday, 14 March 2017**

**13:15 – 14:45**

**Palais des Nations – Room XI**

- Sandwiches will be provided before the start of the event -

