



Preparatory Roundtable on the Launch of the Global Compact on Refugees Indicator Report

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Profiles of speakers

Opening Statement

Ms. Gillian Triggs

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Ms. Gillian Triggs is UNHCR's Assistant High Commissioner for Protection. She was appointed on 9 August 2019. Triggs is a highly renowned expert in international law who has held a number of eminent appointments in service to human rights and the refugee cause, including most recently as the President of the Australian Human Rights Commission and the Vice Chancellor's Fellow and Emeritus Professor at the University of Melbourne. Triggs oversees UNHCR's protection work for millions of refugees, internally displaced, stateless and other people of concern. An Australian national, she has previously held a number of leadership roles, including as President of the Asian Development Bank Administrative Tribunal, Chair of the UN Independent Expert Panel of Inquiry into Abuse of Office and Harassment in UNAIDS, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Challis Professor of International Law at the University of Sydney and as Director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law in London. Triggs has been closely associated with a number of not-for-profit organizations throughout her career, including most recently as Chair of Justice Connect, an organization that connects 10,000 lawyers to provide pro bono advice to asylum-seekers and others in need of legal support in Australia. She is also the author of many books and papers on public international law.

Moderator

Ms. Caroline Mary Verney Sergeant

World Bank

Ms. Caroline Sergeant is working as a senior consultant with the Forced Displacement team within the Fragility, Conflict and Violence Group of the World Bank. She serves as the Bank's focal point on the partnership with UNHCR and represented the Bank during the development of the Global Compact on Refugees. She is currently supporting the eligibility process for those hosting countries

that will access the IDA 19 Window for Host Communities and Refugees. She represents the World Bank on the Expert Group on Refugee and IDP Statistics. Caroline has over 30 years of experience of development policy and delivering development outcomes in multilateral (World Bank Board), bilateral (UK Department for International Development) and civil society organizations internationally and in Africa, and Asia. She has an academic background in politics, sociology and public health.

Panelists

Dr. Saja Al Zoubi

University of Glasgow

Dr. Al Zoubi is a development economist and Gender and Forced Migration and Middle East Politics lecturer. Saja has worked at the University of Oxford and is currently a visiting scholar at the University of Glasgow. Her research has focused broadly on issues of gender and rural development, including issues of women's empowerment, and its role in the development. Since the war broke out in Syria in 2011, her concern has been researching ways to improve the livelihoods and food security of affected households (IDPs and refugees), especially women-headed households. She examines the host country responses through policies and politics that reshape refugee livelihoods. Saja is a steering committee member of "Science in exile". In addition, she is a member of Global Young Academy (GYA) and TWAS Young Affiliates Network (TYAN) and a core member of Middle East Research Network on Internal Displacement (MERNID). Dr. Al Zoubi is the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships from international and regional universities and foundations.

Mr. Christian Ramiro Espinosa Andrade

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility, Ecuador

Mr. Christian Espinosa has been a diplomat with the Ecuadorian Foreign Service since 2004, with international missions in Bogotá, Washington D.C., and Madrid. He has held various positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility and has been responsible for refugee issues from 1999 to 2006 and from September 2021 to the present. Mr. Espinosa holds a Bachelor of Legal Sciences from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador, Quito; a Master of Laws in International Legal Studies (LLM) and a specialization in human rights from the American University, Washington College of Law, Washington D.C; and a specialization in social sciences with a mention in international relations from the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), Quito.

Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier

Federal Foreign Office, Germany

Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier is currently the Director for Humanitarian Assistance in the German Foreign Office. Prior to her current position, she was seconded to the Federal Chancellery from 2018 to 2021 as Head of Division of United Nations, Global Issues, Sub-Saharan Africa and Sahel. Ms. Fries-Gaier held the position as Head of Political Affairs at the Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva from 2017 to 2018. From 2013 to 2017, she was the Deputy Head of Division of the UN policy division responsible for Security Council Policies, General

Assembly Matters and Sanctions in the Department for International Order of the German Federal Foreign Office. From 2010 to 2013, she worked as a Counsellor in the political department of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations in New York. During Germany's time as a non-permanent member of the Security Council 2011/12, she was inter alia responsible for the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict. Ms. Fries-Gaier has also held positions in the Division for Human Resources, the Press Division and the Legal Department of the Federal Foreign Office and was appointed to the German Embassy in Beijing/China where she held the position of Senior Desk Officer for Chinese political affairs. She is married and has three children.

Dr. Johannes Jütting

PARIS21

Dr. Johannes Jütting is Executive Head of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21), a global data partnership that promotes the improved use and production of statistics throughout the developing world. He is a trained development economist with a PhD from Humboldt-University in Berlin with specific expertise in employment, social protection, health insurance, and gender. Prior to joining PARIS21, Johannes headed up Poverty Reduction Teams at the OECD Development Centre and at the Centre for Global Development Research (ZEF).

Ms. Maja Lazić

World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement

Ms. Maja Lazić is the Deputy Head of the Joint Data Center (JDC) on Forced Displacement. Prior to this, she was the Deputy Representative for the UNHCR Representation in Malaysia where she worked towards the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees and the SDG agendas in a national context. She brings over two decades of experience of working in conflict, post-conflict areas, and emergency settings in the Balkans, South East Asia, and Central Asia, predominantly with UNHCR but also with the UN Human Rights (OHCHR) and non-governmental organizations.

Mr. Jorge Moreira da Silva

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Mr. Jorge Moreira da Silva has been the Director of the Development Co-operation Directorate (DCD) at OECD since the 1st of November 2016. From 2013 to 2015, he was Portugal's Minister of Environment, Energy and Spatial Planning. Prior to this Ministerial position, he served as Senior Environmental Finance Advisor and Programme Manager on Climate Change Innovative Finance at UNDP's Bureau for Development Policy (2009-2012); Senior Advisor to the President of Portugal (2006-2009); Secretary of State for Science and Higher Education; and Secretary of State for Environment and Spatial Planning (2003-2005). He also served as First Vice-President of the Executive Board of Partido Social Democrata (PSD) (2010- 2016); Member of the Portuguese Parliament (1995-99; 2005-2006; 2015-16); and Member of the European Parliament (1999-2003). He graduated from the University of Porto with a degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering and holds a postgraduate degree in Senior Management from the AESE-IESE Business School, Navarra University, Spain.

Mr. James Muwonge
Uganda Bureau of Statistics

Mr. James Muwonge is the Director, Methodology and Statistical Coordination Services at the Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS). He oversees the planning function at the Bureau as well as ensuring that best practices in conducting surveys and censuses are enforced both within UBOS and in the National Statistical System. He also provides technical and professional support in survey design and implementation to both Government and Non-Governmental institutions and agencies. Prior to joining the Methodology and Statistical Coordination Services directorate, James was responsible for the design, coordination, and supervision of nationwide income and expenditure surveys and a host of other surveys and has extensive experience in conducting household and institution-based surveys. For almost 20 years, James has been instrumental in the design and implementation of the long-term census and survey programme at the Bureau. He has authored/co-authored papers in the areas of poverty, health, and nutrition. He holds a Bachelors of Statistics degree from Makerere University and a Master's degree in Economics of Development from the Institute of Social Studies at The Hague in the Netherlands.

Mr. Matthias Naab
United Nations Development Coordination Office, Cameroon

Mr. Matthias Naab (born in Ghana and a national of USA) has been the United Nations Resident Coordinator for Cameroon since the 1st of September 2020. Prior to this appointment, he served in the same position for four years in Comores, then as Country Director for UNDP Mozambique. Matthias previously worked in two other "Delivering as One" countries, serving as Governance Specialist for UNDP Tanzania (2007-2009) and Governance Advisor to UNDP Rwanda (2009-2013). In both capacities, he provided strategic technical guidance and policy advice for governance programmes and institutions. In Tanzania, he successfully managed the implementation of the Deepening Democracy in Tanzania Programme for both Zanzibar and the Mainland. Prior to joining UNDP, Matthias was the Resident Country Director for Liberia (2002/3) and then Nigeria (2003-2007) for the International Republican Institute (IRI) where he managed the implementation of USAID Governance Programmes in support of political parties, civil society, and the Independent National Electoral Commission-INEC. Mr. NAAB holds a doctorate degree in International Affairs and Public Policy from the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, where he also obtained a Master's degree in Public and International Affairs (MPIA).

Ms. Kate Phillips-Barrasso
InterAction

Ms. Kate Phillips-Barrasso is the Director of Humanitarian Policy at InterAction. She has deep expertise in leading the NGO community's efforts to secure policies for improved humanitarian response and in representing the experience and views of InterAction's members in both US and international humanitarian policy fora. In this capacity, Kate oversees InterAction's work on forced displacement, humanitarian financing, the impact of counter-terrorism measures on humanitarian action, and partnership between NGOs and UN humanitarian agencies, among other topic areas. She

also sits on the IASC Operational Policy and Advocacy Group. Prior to joining InterAction, Kate served as the Senior Director of Policy and Advocacy for the International Rescue Committee (IRC). At the IRC, she guided work to draw the attention of policy makers to global humanitarian needs, led advocacy efforts for policy change to better assist people forced to flee war and disaster, and oversaw the organization's relations with the US Congress, Executive Branch, and other NGOs. Kate also worked for several years as a Senior Policy Advisor with CARE, leading the organization's policy and advocacy efforts on a number of humanitarian and development issues. She holds a Master's in International Development Studies from the Elliott School of International Affairs and a Bachelor of Science from the University of California, Berkeley in Conservation of Natural Resources in Developing Countries.