



# Preparatory Roundtable on Partnerships

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## Profiles of panelists

### Opening Statement

#### **Ms. Kelly T. Clements**

*Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*

Ms. Kelly T. Clements joined UNHCR as Deputy High Commissioner on 6 July 2015. Ms. Clements has been closely involved with refugee and displacement issues throughout her three-decade career. Before joining UNHCR, she was a member of the Senior Executive Service, serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) where she was responsible for humanitarian issues in Asia and the Middle East and global policy and budget. In 2014, she was Acting Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. From 1993 to 1996, Ms. Clements served at the U.S. Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland on a Foreign Service appointment. She was Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs in 1997-1998. Ms. Clements served as a Senior Emergency Officer for Europe, the Newly Independent States, and the Americas, and later as Balkans Assistance Coordinator; she was deployed to Albania in 1999. She worked for the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Bangladesh in 1992. Ms. Clements holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and a Master of Arts in Urban Affairs from Virginia Tech. She is a national of the United States of America.

### Moderators

#### **Ms. Malak El Hout**

*Makhzoumi Foundation, Lebanon*

Ms. Malak Saridar El Hout is a Lebanese Senior staff member at Makhzoumi Foundation with more than 24 years of experience in Education. Makhzoumi Foundation has been active in the response since the start of the Syria crisis 10 years ago (and was among the few NGO partners supporting Iraqi, Sudanese and refugees from other nationalities). The organisation actively participates in the Resilience and Refugee Response (3RP) - an innovative regional coordination mechanism that helped to inform the GCR - through Lebanon Crisis Response Plan (LCRP) coordination mechanisms, especially in child protection and health working groups. Furthermore, they are a founding member of

two local networks, which are the Lebanon Civil Society Network for Displacement together with the Issam Fares Institute (AUB) that focuses on influencing public narrative and policy dialogue using evidence and facts, and the Lebanon Humanitarian and Development Forum (LHDF) linked to the LCRP and that facilitates coordination between local NGOs and other stakeholders.

### **Ms. Anila Noor**

#### *New Women Connectors*

Ms. Anila Noor is a Pakistani-Kashmiri refugee, women human rights defender, a TEDx speaker and researcher based in the Netherlands. As an advisor and expert consultant, she works with different institutions on designing engagement projects related to inclusion and diversity. She is part of the European Commission Expert Group, a former fellow of Open Society Foundation, and a former member of the European Migrant Advisory Board (EMAB) and EMAB Urban Agenda, and she worked as a policy advisor on integration for the City of Amsterdam. She graduated from Erasmus University in the Netherlands. She holds Board positions on ENS and ASYLOS, is a co-founder of GIRWL and the European Coalition of Migrants & Refugee (EU-CAMER), is a member of Kaldor Centre of Emerging Scholars Network in Australia, and is a core team member of steering committee of Global Refugee-Led Network. Ms. Noor also initiated New Women Connectors, a movement striving for mainstreaming the unheard voices of migrant and refugee women. As a founder and refugee advocate, Noor highlights the issue of refugee representation gaps at the EU Institutions. She inspires to work to improve refugees' diplomatic skills and capacities to contribute towards making the international and European refugee system more effective, sustainable, and just, and therefore ensure that European refugee policy delivers tangible improvements in the lives of refugees across Europe.

### **Mr. Ahmad Mudasser Wahidi**

#### *Wah-Mantu*

Mr. Ahmad Mudasser Wahidi is an Afghan refugee born in Pakistan. After the completion of high school, he was unable to get admission in university for five years. During this time, he worked in different companies, shops, and restaurants until he learned about the DAFI scholarship and could attend the University of Peshawar. He also participated in a programme called DAFI+, which is an on-the-job training and completed an internship and training with Pakistani start-up companies. At the National Incubation Center (NIC) in Peshawar, Ahmad applied with his start-up idea "Wah-Mantu" and was selected for the pre-incubation training. More than 350 start-up ideas were proposed, and his group was selected. Ahmad also has a webpage called "Information for Afghan Refugees" through which he helps his community.

## **Speakers**

### **Dr. Awmaima Amrayaf**

#### *DLA Piper*

Dr. Awmaima Amrayaf is a Libyan academic and pro bono legal officer at DLA Piper. She is from a refugee background. She plays a key role in the implementation of DLA Piper strategy related to

displacement people manages their flagship programmes to empower refugees. She is also working closely with key NGO, including The Refugee Council, the IRC, UNHCR and IRAP to identify new opportunities to support displaced people.

### **Ms. Jojo Ferris**

#### *Olympic Refuge Foundation*

Ms. Jojo Ferris is Head of the Olympic Refuge Foundation and responsible for the Social Development through Sport unit of the International Olympic Committee. She managed the Australian Government's \$35 million Sport for Development program - the Pacific Sports Partnerships and was Continental Manager at the London Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG). She was also the Founding Manager of the Sports Training and Outreach Program (STOP HIV) with UNAIDS and ONOC in Fiji and the Pacific and has held various Board positions, including with Sportanddev, Documentary Australia Foundation, and her own Family Foundation. Ms. Jojo Ferris holds a Masters in International Health and was awarded Best Director, Documentary, from the Sydney Film School Diploma.

### **Ms. Veneranda Ingabire**

#### *Gouvernement of Rwanda*

Ms. Veneranda Ingabinre has been serving as the head of the MINEMA SPIU for the Government of Rwanda since 2016. She holds a Master of Science in Economics with 12 years of experience in project management. She ensures overall coordination of Ministry's projects and leads the process of project proposals initiation. She is in charge of refugee management and coordination activities in the Ministry in charge of Emergency Management (MINEMA).

### **Dr. Robert Limlim**

#### *Gouvernement of Uganda*

Dr. Robert Limlim is currently the Director of the Development Response to Displacement Impacts Project (DRDIP). He is also currently the Director of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) national secretariat responsible for support of the planning, coordination, monitoring and implementation of the national comprehensive refugee response. He was Director of the Second and Third Northern Uganda Social Action Fund (NUSAF3), covering 67 districts and eight regions of Northern and Eastern Uganda, approximately half the country. He is leading the Development Response to Displacement Impacts Project (DRDIP) since 2017, a regional program funded by the World Bank to address the impacts of hosting refugees in Uganda, Ethiopia, Djibouti and Kenya. In Uganda, DRDIP is a flagship government of Uganda Project being implemented in the 15 refugee hosting districts. Moreover, Dr. LimLlm has over 15 years of professional service in the United Nations, where he served as Deputy Representative in Rwanda and Nigeria Country Offices among others. He is an accomplished leader and manager with extensive experience of working with and for vulnerable populations including forcefully displaced populations.

## **Mr. Francesco Luciani**

*European Commission*

Mr. Francesco Luciani, Ph.D. in Political Science, is an official of the European Commission since 1998. He worked between 1998 and 2005 at the EU Delegations in Chad and in Ukraine, between 2005 and 2016 in Brussels at the Commission's Directorate General "Home Affairs", and then until 2019 as advisor to the European Commissioner Avramopoulos in charge of migration and security matters.

In 2019 he joined the Directorate General "International partnerships" where he currently leads the Unit responsible for the cooperation with countries in Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and the Pacific, in the areas of migration and forced displacement.

## **Ms. Betilde V. Muñoz-Pogossian**

*Organization of American States*

Ms. Betilde V. Muñoz-Pogossian is Director of the Department of Social Inclusion (DSI) of the Organization of American States (OAS). She has a Ph.D. in Political Science from Florida International University, and a Master's in International Relations from the University of South Florida. For over 15 years, she has led missions, projects and conducted research in areas such as democracy and elections and equity and social inclusion, among others. At the DSI, Muñoz-Pogossian is responsible for leading the work of the GS/OAS on the inclusion of populations in vulnerable situations, and in the promotion of the full exercise of their human rights. Part of her responsibility are leading the promotion of the human rights agenda of afro-descendants within the OAS, and in support of the member states. Some of her recent publications include the edited volume *Women, Politics and Democracy in Latin America* (2017), published by Palgrave MacMillan (NY), and *Equity and Social Inclusion: Overcoming Inequalities for more Inclusive Societies* (2017), published by the OAS.

## **Mr. Barthelemy Mwanza**

*Global Youth Advisory Council*

Mr. Barthelemy Mwanza is a Congolese refugee who has been living in Tongogara Refugee Camp in Zimbabwe since 2012. He is the co-chair of the UNHCR Global Youth Advisory Council (GYAC) and works as a protection monitor with UNHCR Harare. He is a journalism student and proficient in English, French, Swahili, and Lingala. As a GYAC delegate, Barthelemy has taken on a wide range of responsibilities, including engaging in consultations with communities, advocating with States, networking, and programming, for instance by identifying and supporting projects and programmes. Barthelemy has represented the voices of displaced youth at various UNHCR events, including the High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges, the Annual Consultations with NGOs, the United Nations Youth Climate Summit on 21 September 2019, and the Higher Education workshop organized in Rwanda by Kepler and the Refugee College Guidance Counsellors in November 2019. In addition to GYAC, he has been also involved in community-based responses as a Child Care Worker for *Terre des Hommes*, an international children's rights organization. Barthelemy was part of the refugee youth movement in Zimbabwe, which won the Youth Initiative Fund four consecutive

times. Beginning in April 2020, Barthelemy initiated the publication of the Regional Network of Children and Young People Trust (RNCYPT) blog, which focuses on youth activities. He has also played an active role in the launch of the Real Food System Program, a programme that raises awareness and promotes regenerative agriculture and healthy eating in his community.

### **Ms. Deepa Nambiar**

#### *Asylum Access*

As Director of Global Programs and Policy, Deepa builds partnerships with local civil society organizations including refugee-led organizations, to increase opportunities for funding, access, positioning, and knowledge exchange that advance their ability to advocate for refugee human rights and inclusion in their countries. Deepa's experience includes coalition-building, non-profit and program management, policy engagement, capacity strengthening, and research in areas ranging from refugee protection, statelessness and alternatives to immigration detention. Deepa was the founding Director of Asylum Access Malaysia, and subsequently worked at the International Detention Coalition (IDC) as the Asia Pacific Regional Coordinator. She is the former Chair of the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights (APPRN) Southeast Asia Working Group and worked in UNHCR Malaysia as a Protection Associate on the RSD team. Deepa has a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) from the University of London, and a Master of Laws (LL.M) from Columbia Law School, which she received as a Fulbright Scholar. She has been admitted to the Bar of England and Wales, and previously practiced as a corporate litigator.

### **Ms. Leila Pakkala**

#### *United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)*

Ms. Leila Pakkala is Senior Advisor, Strategic Partnerships, in the Office of the Executive Director of UNICEF. She supports the Executive Director by leading high-value transformational partnerships with key operational UN agencies, driving UNICEF's strategy of engagement with the world's most influential philanthropists and private sector leaders, and convening UNICEF global teams on innovative financing solutions that deliver results for children at scale. Ms. Pakkala brings more than 25 years of experience to her work, focusing on development and humanitarian programming, private sector engagement and organizational management. Between early 2014 and mid-2019, Ms. Pakkala was UNICEF's Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa. She was responsible for leadership, oversight and guidance to 21 UNICEF country offices, and the representation of the organization with governments, donors, civil society, and the private sector. Prior to this, Ms. Pakkala was UNICEF's Director of Private Fundraising and Partnerships. In this capacity, she was responsible for private sector operations that generate one-third of the organization's revenue from the general public, civil society, businesses, and private foundations. This included leading the strategic relationship with 36 UNICEF National Committees and guiding UNICEF country offices in private sector fundraising and partnerships activities. Ms. Pakkala has also served with UNICEF as Representative in Mozambique, as Deputy Representative in Somalia, as Senior Programme Officer with the Office of Emergency Programmes in New York, as Emergency Coordinator in FYR Macedonia, and as Programme Advisor in Uganda. Prior to UNICEF, she worked with the United Nations Development Programme in Ethiopia and with the private sector in Lesotho.

**Mr. Oisín Walton**

*Vodafone Foundation*

Mr. Oisín Walton has been leading the Instant Network programme at Vodafone Foundation since 2011. Instant Network Emergency Response has delivered communications to hundreds of aid agencies and millions of disaster victims or displaced people in over 20 emergencies worldwide leveraging technology and the expertise of a group of over 100 specially trained Vodafone employee volunteers in 19 countries. Instant Network Schools is a connected education programme, which uses technology to support quality education for refugee and host community children co-created and in partnership with the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR). Since 2013, the Instant Network Schools (INS) programme has supported more than 129,000 refugees and host communities in 56 schools in Kenya, Tanzania, DRC, Mozambique, Egypt, and South Sudan. Vodafone Foundation and UNHCR aim to together reach 500,000 students in up to 300 schools by 2025. Before joining Vodafone Foundation, Oisín spent seven years at NGO Télécoms Sans Frontières (TSF) as Head of Communications and Partnerships at TSF's HQ in France and then as Head of the Asia-Pacific in Thailand.

**Ms. Christina Wandeler**

*City of Zurich, on behalf of the Mayors Migration Council and the Mayors Mechanism*

Ms. Christina Wandeler has been working in the Foreign Affairs Section of the City of Zürich for about 10 years, which she has been heading since April 2021. The Foreign Affairs Section is part of the Urban Development Office in the Mayors Department of Zürich. Before, she worked for several years at the Swiss Federal Administration, first at the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and then at the State Secretariat for Research and Education (multilateral research cooperation). She holds a diploma in History, Sociology and Political Sciences from the Humboldt University in Berlin and is currently completing an Executive Master of Public Administration at the University of Bern.

**Mr. Jesse Wood**

*World Food Programme (WFP)*

Mr. Jesse Wood is Chief in the Emergencies and Transitions Unit (PROP) of WFP's Policy and Programme Department. The unit is responsible for establishing the normative frameworks and operational standards for people-centered programming in WFP. This includes protection and accountability to affected populations, conflict sensitivity, humanitarian principles and access, and HDP nexus programming. It also leads on issues of displacement and migration and is the responsible body in WFP for the UNHCR-WFP Programme Excellence and Targeting Hub. Jesse was most recently Deputy Head of Programme for WFP's operations in South Sudan and previously held positions in the Regional Bureau for East and Central Africa and HQ. Before joining WFP, Jesse worked for the Canadian Government on UN Reform, Multilateral Development Financing, and Indigenous Relations.