

HIGH COMMISSIONER'S DIALOGUE ON PROTECTION CHALLENGES: DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

7-8 December 2022 – International Conference Center Geneva (CICG)

INFORMATION NOTE

ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

Date, timing and venue

1. The [thirteenth High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges](#), which will focus on development cooperation for forcibly displaced and stateless people as well as host communities, will be held from 7 to 8 December 2022 at the [CICG](#) in Geneva, Switzerland.
2. The opening and closing plenary sessions will be webcast on the Dialogue webpage for those wishing to observe the discussions remotely.

Proceedings

3. The Dialogue will consist of a combination of plenary sessions and parallel spotlight sessions focused on advancing protection, inclusion, and solutions for forcibly displaced and stateless persons as well as other people of concern to UNHCR in host communities. It will begin with a plenary session on 7 December, from 10:00-13:00, and conclude in plenary on 8 December from 15:00-18:00.
4. The Dialogue will be opened by the High Commissioner and will start with a conversation followed by reflections from the situational roundtables on protection challenges, which took place in seven regions in the months leading up to the Dialogue. This will be followed by a discussion in plenary. A series of six spotlight sessions will take place from 15:00-18:00 on 7 December 2022 and from 10:00-13:00 on 8 December 2022. The closing plenary session in the afternoon of 8 December will include a summing up by the High Commissioner covering recommendations from the various sessions on the way forward. The closing plenary session will also include a series of announcements of initiatives related to development cooperation ahead of the 2023 Global Refugee Forum.
5. This year's Dialogue will also include a speakers' corner and two special thematic sessions to be held during the lunchbreaks. Sandwiches and refreshments will be served prior to the start of the lunchtime sessions.
6. A detailed schedule will be available shortly on the [Dialogue webpage](#). Please visit the webpage regularly for updates.

Conduct of the meeting

7. In order to encourage interactive exchanges, participants are requested **not** to read out prepared statements. There will not be a formal list of speakers for any of the sessions. Due to the limited time available and

in order to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to speak, participants will be asked to limit their interventions to **3 minutes or less**. This will also help ensure that the discussion is more focused and dynamic. Please note that time may be reduced according to the number of participants requesting the floor.

8. Please note that there will not be an opportunity for group statements during the plenary discussion, given the nature of the meeting and limited time available. Nevertheless, written group statements may be submitted to the conference secretariat hqgovern@unhcr.org for posting on the Dialogue webpage.

9. Plenary seating will be arranged in an informal manner which allows for the interspersing of delegations. Delegations will be allocated one seat at the desk and one seat behind for the plenary sessions. Seating for other sessions will be *a la carte*, with delegations allocated one seat each on a "first come, first served" basis and according to room capacity. A reserved place with microphone will be made available to any participants who are not able to obtain a seat at a desk.

Interpretation

10. For the opening and closing plenary sessions, interpretation will be provided in all six UN languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish). Captioning in English will also be provided. Interpretation in a mix of languages will be provided for the spotlight and other sessions, and will be indicated on the schedule.

Outcome

11. There will be no formal report of the proceedings. However, summaries of the spotlight sessions and the High Commissioner's summing up will be made available online after the meeting. Points raised, information shared, and conclusions drawn during the spotlight sessions will not be attributed to any specific speaker or delegation.

Reception

12. A reception hosted by UNHCR will be held from 18:00-19:30 on 7 December 2022 at the CICG.

REGISTRATION

13. In order to facilitate the necessary logistical arrangements, delegations are kindly asked to complete their registration by **30 November 2022**. To do so, a note verbale or letter of accreditation, providing the exact names and titles of all delegation members in order of precedence, must be sent to the UNHCR Dialogue

Secretariat: hqsecdpc@unhcr.org. Delegations are requested to indicate “participation” in the subject line.

14. For participants who do not have an identification badge issued by the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), registration must also be completed online through UNOG Indico system. An Indico registration form must be filled out for each individual participant using the following link: <https://indico.un.org/e/dialogue2022>. Please note that the same email address cannot be used for multiple participants. For the Indico registration site, a Firefox or Chrome browser should be used to ensure compatibility with the system.

15. Please note that a copy of the note verbale/letter of accreditation (as mentioned in paragraph 11 above), along with a digital passport-type photo with a white background, will need to be attached to the Indico registration form. Participants are advised to follow the instructions carefully when completing the Indico registration form, as the details provided will be used by UNOG to authorize the issuance of badges. We have been advised that failure to complete an Indico registration form correctly may result in delays with badge collection.

Non-governmental organizations

16. For assistance registering for the Dialogue, non-governmental organizations should contact UNHCR’s Partnership Section (partnership@unhcr.org).

Collection of UNOG ID badges

17. Upon completion of the Indico registration form, participants will be provided with a QR code. The QR code and the identity document used for registration in Indico should be presented to the UNOG Pass and Identification Unit. The UNOG Pass and Identification Unit is temporarily located at:

Villa Les Feuillantines
Avenue de la Paix, 13 – 1211, Geneva 10
Tel: +41 (0) 22 917 50 02
Email: identification.security-unog@un.org

18. Entry badges may be collected as of Friday, 2 December through Tuesday, 6 December (included). Operating hours are from Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

19. For any questions, participants should contact the Dialogue Secretariat hqsecdpc@unhcr.org. For disability-related assistance, please contact Ms. Nadine Liodenot at liodenot@unhcr.org.

Visas and accommodation

20. The UNHCR Secretariat is not responsible for visa arrangements. Participants who require a visa to enter Switzerland are responsible for obtaining one prior to departing for Geneva.

21. The Secretariat is not in a position to make accommodation arrangements. Should delegations require assistance with accommodation, general information is available from the Geneva Tourism Office: <https://www.geneve.com>.

Health advisory

22. While almost all COVID-19 protective measures have been lifted, including with respect to social distancing, measures may still be put in place before or during this year’s Dialogue to help mitigate the spread of the virus. All members of delegations are requested to refrain from entering the CICG in case of COVID-like symptoms. By entering the premises with a United Nations-issued identification badge, participants are confirming that they have not had COVID-19 symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test result in the last 5 days.

23. Participants attending the Dialogue are encouraged to bring proof of health insurance with international coverage for use in the event that medical care is required during their stay in Switzerland.

Getting to the venue

24. Instructions on how to reach the CICG are available here: <https://cicg.ch/en/participant/access-cicg-ccv/plans-itinerary>.

25. For reference, UNHCR is located near the CICG at 94, rue de Montbrillant.