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The University of Cyprus and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees co-organize a public discussion on

The situation of refugees and asylum-seekers in Cyprus

PROGRAMME:

Welcome address by Professor Tasos Christofides, Rector of the University of Cyprus

Presentations:

- Mr. Christos Malekkides, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance
- Mr. Stavros Christofi, Chief of the Asylum Service, Ministry of Interior
- Mrs. Katja Saha Savarimuthu, Representative of the UNHCR office in Cyprus
- Students with a refugee background of the University of Cyprus (2)

The event will be coordinated by the Associate Professor of the Department of Psychology and President of the University Field of Research, Charis Psaltis.

Wednesday, 17 April 2019

Time: 18:30

Amphitheatre B108

Building of Council -Senate

"Anastasios G. Leventis"

University Campus

(1, Panepistimiou Avenue, Aglantzia)

Information tel. 22894305

Registrations:

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The event will take place
in the English language



About UNHCR

UNHCR was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1950 to help millions of refugees in the aftermath of World War II. Since then, as refugee problems spread across the globe, UNHCR has assisted in solving refugee problems on every continent, earning two Nobel Peace Prizes in the process – in 1954 and 1981. We work to ensure that everybody has the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another country, having fled persecution or war at home. We help to build better futures for refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced and stateless people, many of whom have nobody left to turn to.

In Cyprus, UNHCR opened an office in 1974 at the request of the government and the United Nations Secretary-General to organise and coordinate humanitarian assistance for the displaced populations in both communities. Today, UNHCR's primary objective is to assist the Government to further develop and improve its asylum legislation, procedures and capacities for a refugee protection system fully in line with international standards. We seek to ensure respect for refugee rights and acceptable standards of treatment of asylum-seekers, particularly as regards access to asylum procedures, reception conditions and freedom of movement. We promote good practices in relation to policies and measures that support the effective integration of refugees into the social, economic and cultural fabric of Cypriot society. We advocate for Cyprus' accession to the UN Conventions for the prevention of statelessness and the protection of stateless persons.