

Side event to the 2015 High Commissioner's Dialogue

Oral histories: First-hand insights

Moderated by Ms. Melissa Fleming, Head of Communications/
Spokesperson for the High Commissioner, UNHCR

Speakers:

**Mr. Valentino Achak Deng, Executive Director and Co-Founder of the
Valentino Achak Deng Foundation (protagonist of *What is the What*)**

**Dr. Elazar Barkan, Professor of International and Public Affairs and
Director of the Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University**

Ms. Karin Landgren, former Special Representative of the Secretary-General

Often lost in the search for solutions are the voices of those who face discrimination, marginalization, the denial of basic rights and displacement. Their views on what is needed to heal and rebuild the torn fabric of their communities are seldom sought and taken into account. Only snippets of their stories are heard. The panel for this side event will examine the role oral history interviews play in raising the voices of those most affected by the search for justice and solutions.



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9:00-10:00

Palais des Nations - Room XI

Tea and coffee will be available outside the meeting room.

