

“Towards a global compact on refugees”

Thematic discussion two:

Measures to be taken at the onset of a large movement of refugees

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Thematic discussion three:

Meeting needs and supporting communities

Palais des Nations (rooms XVII and XXIV), Geneva, 17-18 October 2017

Organizational note

Speaking arrangements

- UNHCR seeks for the discussions to be informal and interactive. States and other partners who wish to submit formal statements and other written contributions are encouraged to contact UNHCR to have them posted online rather than delivering them during the sessions. Contributions are welcome both before and after the thematic discussions. Further guidance on submitting a written contribution is available from the following website: www.unhcr.org/writtencontributions.
- There will not be a formal list of speakers or rules of procedure for any of the sessions. Participants will be asked to limit their interventions to two minutes or less.

Participation and seating

- To help finalize seating and other arrangements, registration for the discussions will close on Tuesday, 10 October 2017. States are reminded to confirm their participation in writing through hqgovern@unhcr.org.
- Participants who are not accredited with the United Nations Office at Geneva and who do not possess a UNOG identification badge enabling access to the Palais des Nations must request a visitor’s badge by writing to hqgovern@unhcr.org.
- Inquiries relating to registration and UNOG identification badges for invited non-governmental organizations should be directed to partnership@unhcr.org.
- States and other partners are kindly reminded to limit the size of their respective delegations to two people. Participants will be allocated two seats in room XVII. Seating in room XXIV will be *a la carte*, with delegations allocated one seat each on a “first come, first served” basis.
- UNHCR has made arrangements for participants to follow the discussions in room XVII in English via the webcast on UN Web TV (webtv.un.org/).

Interpretation and documentation

- Interpretation will be provided in English and French for all of the sessions. In addition, interpretation will be provided in Arabic for the side event on “Protection at sea” on 17 October 2017 and in Spanish for the side event on “Refugee voices” on 18 October 2017.
- Documentation will be provided in English and French only and will be made available on the thematic discussions webpage (www.unhcr.org/thematicdiscussions).

Media during thematic discussions

- A webpage will be established so that delegations can submit questions for the panellists in room XVII during the panel discussions. Further details will be made available at the start of the discussions.
- No individual photographs or video recordings will be allowed in the conference room.
- Join the conversation online and follow the thematic discussions on social media:
 - * Use the lead hashtags - #RefugeeCompact, #WithRefugees
 - * Follow us on the Twitter and Instagram accounts: @Refugees

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