

Side event to the 72<sup>nd</sup> session of the Executive Committee

# Stepping up on Climate Action: Progress, Challenges and Opportunities

Wednesday 6 October 2021, 13:30-14:45

Moderated by Ms. Michelle Yonetani, Senior Policy Officer, UNHCR

Speakers include:

**Mr. Andrew Harper**, Special Advisor for Climate Action, UNHCR

**Mr. Ameen Jubran**, Nansen Refugee Award Recipient in 2021

**Mr. Nhial Tiitmamer**, Director, Environment and Natural Resources Program  
at the Sudd Institute and Lecturer, University of Juba

**Prof. Walter Kälin**, Envoy of the Chair of the Platform on Disaster Displacement

The climate emergency is the defining crisis of our time and displacement is one of its most devastating consequences. Climate shocks and stresses are already aggravating existing protection concerns and adding to the complexity of displacement situations and operational challenges across the diverse countries and communities where UNHCR is present. This event will provide an opportunity for ExCom members and observers to hear about work underway to operationalize UNHCR's first [Strategic Framework for Climate Action](#) (SFCA). It will speak to efforts to ensure UNHCR is informed, forward-looking and prepared to mitigate and adapt to the climate emergency's growing impacts on both people and nature. It will further highlight examples of both legal and policy-level guidance and engagement as well as experiences and reflections from working with communities on the ground and in collaboration with a wide range of partners.



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