

Room 3 Partnership

(Arabic-English-French-Spanish)

This interactive session on major trends and developments in UNHCR partnerships will ask participants where should UNHCR and partners stay the course and where should we take steps to improve and enhance our partnerships in order to put people first: the refugees and other persons of concern whom we serve together, and the people with whom we work as colleagues and in partnership?

The panel will introduce the following topics for discussion and then delve into break out groups for further discussion, then return with recommendations:

- the new draft Partnership Handbook (the first since 2003) and FAQs on UNHCR contributions to partner personnel costs;
- survey of trends in partnership, and harmonization and simplification of partnerships;
- promoting complementary capacities and the localization concept of "as international as necessary, as local as possible" in partnerships; and
- together ensuing sound stewardship and the fight against fraud, misconduct and exploitation.

There will be also an introduction and demonstration of the new common UN Partner Portal, jointly developed by UNHCR/WFP/UNICEF that has evolved from UNHCR's Portal initiative.

Documents to review in advance of the session to ensure full participation will be available on-line in advance of the session.

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Panellists	Fatima SHERIF-NOR, Head, Implementing and Partnership Management Service, UNHCR Silvia Chiarucci, Acting Chief, Programme Implementation, Field Results Group, UNICEF
Speaker	Handbook Cecilia ROSELLI, Norwegian Refugee Council, Switzerland
Speaker	Harmonisation and simplification Jeremy REMPEL, International Council of Voluntary Agencies, Switzerland Caroline NICHOLS, Interaction, United States of America
Speaker	Promoting complementary capacities and localization Mamadou NDIAYE, Agence de développement économique et social, Chad
Speaker	Together ensuing sound stewardship and the fight against fraud and exploitation and other misconduct Ashok GLADSTON, Organisation for Eelam Refugee Rehabilitation, India Colette Fearon, OXFAM International