

Side event of the 75th session of the Executive Committee

Protection in law and practice: Regional and global engagement on displacement in the context of climate change

Moderated by

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Opening by Mr. Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Speakers:

Ms. Ruven Menikdiwela, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR

Ms. Rita Amukhobu, Head, Humanitarian Affairs Division, African Union

Justice Natalia Ángel Cabo, Constitutional Court of Colombia

H.E. Mr. James Waweru, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations Office at Geneva

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



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There is an increasing recognition of the urgent need for strengthened international cooperation to help equip countries, communities and individuals to address the adverse impacts of climate change, including in contexts where they interact with violence and persecution or multiply vulnerabilities in situations of displacement. Following the second Global Refugee Forum and the multi-stakeholder pledge on climate action, this side event will highlight the recent work of States, UNHCR and other partners to advance international protection in the context of climate change and disaster, including notably through regional efforts in the Americas and Africa. It will further underscore the importance of providing protection based on existing applicable instruments and supporting the States particularly exposed to climate change impacts, including host countries, countries of origin and others.

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13:30 – 14:45

Palais des Nations, Building E, room XXVI

Refreshments will be served outside of the room prior to the event.

Interpretation in English, French and Spanish will be made available.

