

Welcome from the Australian Chair

The tripartite partnership of UNHCR, the Government of Australia (the 2011–12 ATCR-WGR Chair) and the Refugee Council of Australia (the NGO Focal Point), would like to welcome the resettlement community of states, NGOs and observers to the 2012 Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement.

As Australia's term as Chair of ATCR-WGR comes to a close, I'd like to draw your attention to some of the year's highlights.

The first WGR in October 2011 provided opportunities for frank and open discussions on a range of issues, including responses to emergency situations, priority situations and strategic use of resettlement.

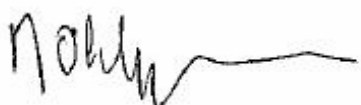
The focus of the February 2012 WGR meeting in Melbourne was on issues relating to settlement/integration and was attended by over 85 state and NGO delegates from 18 countries as well as UNHCR delegates. We appreciated our colleague's efforts to travel such long distances to attend, particularly in the current difficult economic climate.

A feature of this year's ATCR will be the inclusion of Refugee Representatives. This follows the highly successful involvement of former refugees in the WGR meeting in Melbourne and the active participation of former refugees in NGO and Government delegations at past ATCR gatherings. It is clear that people who have been through the refugee resettlement process themselves and are closely connected to communities of resettled refugees bring valuable insights about resettlement and settlement/integration issues to our tripartite discussions.

Finally, I would like to extend sincere thanks to Wei-Meng Lim-Kabaa and the UNHCR Resettlement Service team. It has been a pleasure to work with each of you and I look forward to future productive collaboration. Thanks also to Paul Power as the NGO Focal Point. Paul's role reflects the close cooperation and strong partnerships between the government and community sector in Australia. Paul has strongly represented the interests of NGOs locally and internationally and we value his input.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with UNHCR, resettlement countries and our NGO partners into the future and thank you again for your support which has made our year as Chair very rewarding.

Jim O'Callaghan



**Australian Government Chair
ATCR-WGR 2011-12**

ATCR Day One – Monday 9 July 2012

Time	Agenda Item	Presenters	Description of Agenda Item
08.30 – 12.00	States and UNHCR Meeting		
10.00 - 12.00	NGOs meeting		
12.30 - 13.00	NGOs register for ATCR		
13.00 - 13.15 (Interpretation)	<u>Agenda Item 1</u> Welcome and Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim O’Callaghan Australian Government Chair • Paul Power CEO, Refugee Council of Australia (Australia NGO Chair) 	
13.15 – 13.45	<u>Agenda Item 2</u> Keynote Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His Excellency António Guterres High Commissioner for Refugees • Dr Wendy Southern Deputy Secretary, Policy and Program Management Group, Department of Immigration and Citizenship, Government of Australia 	

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13.45 - 14.15 (Interpretation)	<u>Agenda Item 3</u> Introduction and Report Back on October 2011 (Geneva) and February 2012 (Melbourne) WGR meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wei-Meng Lim-Kabaa Deputy Director, Division of International Protection • Jim O'Callaghan Assistant Secretary, Humanitarian Branch, Government of Australia • Paul Power Chief Executive Officer, Refugee Council of Australia 	DVD Presentation – February WGR Highlights and the Argentinean and Romanian study tour of Australia.
14.15 - 15.00 (Interpretation)	<u>Agenda Item 4</u> Resettlement Overview and Operational Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wei-Meng Lim-Kabaa Deputy Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR 	a) Global Resettlement Needs 2013 and Priorities including operational resettlement updates - North Africa, Nepal and Eastern Sudan
15.00 - 15.30	Afternoon Tea		
15.30 - 16.30 (Interpretation)	<u>Agenda Item 5</u> Selected Priority Situations: Operational Updates – 1	<p>a) DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR Africa Bureau • Kelly Gauger US Government 	a) Refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

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		b) SOMALIA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR Africa Bureau • Kofi Amankwah Government of Norway • Debra Presse Government of Canada 	b) Refugees from Somalia Opportunities for tripartite panel discussion with NGOs, States and UNHCR. Each panellist to present for 5 minutes each and discussions to follow all panellists' presentations.
16.30 - 17.30 (Interpretation)	<u>Agenda Item 6</u> Selected Priority Situations: Operational Updates – 2	a) AFGHAN REFUGEES IN IRAN AND PAKISTAN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indrika Ratwatte Deputy Director, UNHCR Asia Bureau • Karl Leifland Chargé d'affaires of Sweden to Iran Government of Sweden • Jim O'Callaghan Government of Australia 	a) Afghan Refugees in Iran and Pakistan Afghans in Iran - Feedback and update on activities of the Iran Contact Group including next steps from Sweden (Chair of the Contact Group) and UNHCR Afghans in Pakistan – UNHCR to enunciate next steps on how this priority situation can be progressed.

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		<p>b) IRAQI REFUGEES IN THE MIDDLE EAST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR MENA & Europe Bureaux • Government of Netherlands • Government of Finland • Kate Dorsch <p>ICMC</p>	<p>b) <i>Iraqi Refugees in the Middle East, including the situation in Turkey</i></p> <p>Opportunities for tripartite panel discussion with NGOs, States and UNHCR. Each panellist to present for 5 minutes each and discussions to follow all panellists' presentations.</p>
18.00 - 20.00	Reception hosted by Australian Delegation for ATCR Delegates – Bit Restaurant ILO		

ATCR Day Two – Tuesday 10 July 2012

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09.00 - 09.45 (Interpretation)	<u>Agenda Item 7</u> Selected Priority Situations: Operational Updates – 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR Americas Bureau • Government of New Zealand • Oskar Ekblad Deputy Director Swedish Migration Board Government of Sweden (report back on mission) • Anastasia Brown US Conference of Catholic Bishops 	<p>Colombian refugees in the region (including report back on the Swedish Mission to Ecuador)</p> <p>Opportunities for tripartite panel discussion with NGOs, States and UNHCR. Each panellist to present for 5 minutes each and discussions to follow all panellists' presentations.</p>
09.45 - 11.00 (Interpretation)	<u>Agenda Item 8</u> Effective use of resettlement places Expanding resettlement places and ensuring they are fully utilised	<p>a) INCREASING RESETTLEMENT PLACES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johannes Van Der Klaauw Senior Resettlement Coordinator, UNHCR Resettlement Service • Johannes Van Gemund Resettlement Policy Officer, UNHCR Brussels 	<p>a) Increasing resettlement places</p> <p>We expect the new resettlement countries to share with the group the key drivers that led to the establishment of their program; UNHCR's role in this process; and whether there is a role for other resettlement countries and NGOs to influence emerging countries to continue/formalise ad-hoc programs.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miyuki Nakagawa Government of Japan • Government of Germany • Torsten Moritz CCME b) FULL UTILISATION OF RESETTLEMENT PLACES • Tracey Raw and Dave Atkinson Government of UK • Larry Bartlett US Government • Duncan Breen Human Rights First 	<p>b) How do we ensure that available resettlement places are fully utilised? / How do we ensure that resettlement departures meet the established targets?</p> <p>Resettlement countries' program priorities are guided by a number of considerations – both domestic as well as international protection. Would more targeted 'planning' of programs be useful to ensure that the limited number of resettlement places available globally are utilised most effectively? Would this be practicable?</p>
11.00 - 11.30	Morning Tea		

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11.30 - 12.15 (Interpretation)	<u>Agenda Item 9</u> Feedback from Standing Committee and NGO Consultations	<p>a) ISSUES OF PROTECTION / RESETTLEMENT – STANDING COMMITTEE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wei-Meng Lim-Kabaa Deputy Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR <p>b) ISSUES OF PROTECTION / RESETTLEMENT – NGO CONSULTATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naomi Steinberg Refugee Council USA 	<p>a) Key Issues of Protection/Resettlement from Standing Committee</p> <p>b) Key Issues of Protection/Resettlement from NGO Consultations</p>
12.15 - 12.45 (Interpretation)	<u>Agenda Item 10</u> The voice of resettled refugees 1 – Life before resettlement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iman Abdelmotalab Refugee representative - Norway • Rasha Alkaisee Refugee representative - Sweden 	Two refugee representatives share their experiences of the resettlement process.
12.45 - 13.45	Lunch		
13.45 - 14.45	<u>Agenda Item 11</u> Effective management of information from selection/identification (pre-arrival) to service	<p>Break-out Group A</p> <p>Location: SALLE III</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR Nairobi Hub 	Breakout Group A: Effective management of information from selection/identification (pre-arrival) to service providers (post-arrival)

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	<p>providers post-arrival (In Break-out Groups)</p> <p>Break-out Sessions to Nominate a Rapporteur, who will then report back to the plenary on discussions and required follow-up action for each Session (A-C).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paris Aristotle Forum of Australian Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma • Tonje Oyan Government of Norway • Michael Gray IOM • Mark Hetfield Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society <p><u>Break-out Group B</u></p> <p>Location: SALLE IV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wei-Meng Lim-Kabaa Deputy Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR • Barbara Strack US Government • Bahare Azari Swedish Migration Board Government of Sweden 	<p>The aim of this session is to discuss how the specific needs of refugees identified during the selection process flow through to the service provider who is responsible for case managing the resettled refugee after arrival to ensure that appropriate services can be planned before arrival. In particular, for vulnerable refugee groups who have specific needs</p> <p><u>Breakout Group B: UNHCR Anti-fraud efforts and Kenya Project (Biometrics)</u></p>

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		<p><u>Break-out Group C</u></p> <p>Location: SALLE VII</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johannes van der Klaauw Senior Resettlement Coordinator, UNHCR Resettlement Service • Amy Slaughter Refuge Point • Linda Besharaty ICMC 	<p><u>Breakout Group C: Refining BIDS - Protection of children</u></p> <p>At the October WGR, UNHCR committed to refining the BIDS process to ensure that child protection issues are adequately captured and reflected in operating procedures.</p>
14.45 - 15.45 (Interpretation)	Report back to the plenary	Break-out Group rapporteurs	
15.45 - 16.15	Afternoon Tea		

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16.15 - 16.45 (Interpretation)	<u>Agenda Item 12</u> Update on Emergency Transit Facilities (ETFs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johannes Van Der Klaauw Senior Resettlement Coordinator, UNHCR Resettlement Service • Radu Mircea Government of Romania • Government of the Philippines • Government of the Slovak Republic 	UNHCR to provide an update on the use of the ETFs. Countries hosting the ETFs to share their experiences.
16.45 - 17.30 (Interpretation)	<u>Agenda Item 13</u> Advancing Resettlement Cooperation	<p>a) REPORT BACK ON KEY OUTCOMES – SKILLS SHARE DAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jo De Backer IOM Brussels • Rachel Westerby ICMC Europe • Johannes Van Gemund Resettlement Policy Officer, UNHCR Brussels 	a) Report back on key outcomes of Skills Share Day in Brussels

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		<p>b) TWINNING ON RESETTLEMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johannes van der Klaauw Senior Resettlement Coordinator, UNHCR Resettlement Service • Government of Argentina <p>c) GOOD PRACTICE MODELS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pindie Stephen IOM • Yukiko Iriyama Senior Resettlement Officer, UNHCR Resettlement Service <p>d) UNHCR MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE PLEDGES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wei-Meng Lim-Kabaa Deputy Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR 	<p>b) Twinning on Resettlement</p> <p>c) Good Practice Models – Creation of a Resource Base</p> <p>d) UNHCR Ministerial Conference Pledges Information on States' follow-up to the Conference to be collected in advance by UNHCR</p>

ATCR Day Three – Wednesday 11 July 2012

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09.00 - 09.30 (Interpretation)	<p><u>Agenda Item 14</u></p> <p>The voice of resettled refugees 2 – Life after resettlement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ahmed Dini Refugee representative - Australia • Aden Batar Refugee representative - US • Fasil Agegnehu Refugee representative - Netherlands 	Two Refugee representatives share their experiences of the resettlement process.
09.30-10.30	<p><u>Agenda Item 15</u></p> <p>Integration issues (in breakout groups)</p> <p>Break-out Sessions to Nominate a Rapporteur, who will then report back to the plenary on discussions and required follow-up action for each Session (A-D).</p>	<p><u>Break-out Group A</u></p> <p>Location: SALLE III</p> <p>Chair and Rapporteur – TBA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larry Yungk Senior Resettlement Officer, UNHCR Washington • Andrew Hewett British Red Cross 	<p><u>Breakout group A: The Role of Family in Integration</u></p> <p>Role of a refugee's family in the context of Integration, including different resettlement countries' practices and approaches to Family Reunification.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="813 355 1209 467">• Linda Bartolomei Centre for Refugee Research, Sydney <li data-bbox="813 504 1232 667">Break-out Group B Location: SALLE IV Chair and Rapporteur – George Joseph <li data-bbox="813 687 1176 767">• Aden Batar Refugee representative US <li data-bbox="813 788 1140 868">• Kristine Bjerre Danish Refugee Council <li data-bbox="813 888 1196 968">• Dr Melika Sheikh-Eldin AMES <li data-bbox="813 1037 1135 1209">Break-out Group C Location: SALLE DES ASSEMBLEES Chair – Heather Hayden 	<p data-bbox="1305 491 2033 555"><u>Break out Group B: Participation of resettled refugees in the settlement process</u></p> <p data-bbox="1305 576 2018 699">Another 'take-out' from the February 2012 WGR was that involvement of resettled refugees during all stages of the settlement process (including planning and delivery) is a key element in successful settlement outcomes.</p> <p data-bbox="1305 1027 2047 1129"><u>Breakout group C: Partnerships with the business/private sector in settlement / Assisting resettled refugees into sustainable employment</u></p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Hilton Refugee Action UK • Ramesh Kumar AMES <p><u>Break-out Group D</u> Location: SALLE VII Chair – TBA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atli Vidar-Thorstensen Icelandic Red Cross • Rose Dekker and Wanda Yamamoto Canadian Council for Refugees • Annete Jensen (TBC) Municipality of Faaborg, Denmark • Jakob Dam Glynstrup Government of Denmark 	<p>A key outcome from the February 2012 WGR was about creating/enhancing partnerships with the business/private sector and how these can be used effectively to establish employment pathways for resettled refugees.</p> <p><u>Breakout group D: Preparing receiving communities for resettlement</u></p> <p>Preparing the community which will be receiving resettled refugees can be a challenge for new resettlement states or for states which are diversifying their resettlement programs. A discussion about different approaches used in different contexts.</p>
10.30 - 11.00	Morning Tea		
11.00 - 11.45	Report back to the plenary	Break-out Group rapporteurs	

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11.45 - 12.30	<u>Agenda Item 16</u> Fundamentals for a sustainable resettlement program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara Trevarinus UNHCR Resettlement Service • Government of New Zealand • Paul Power Refugee Council of Australia 	UNHCR presentation on its project on developing a document on the fundamentals for a sustainable resettlement program for new and emerging resettlement countries.
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch		
13.30 - 14.30	<u>Agenda Item 17</u> How to create national/community support for resettlement?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR Stockholm • Fasil Agegnehu Journalist from the Netherlands • Christian Klos Government of Germany • Graham Thom Amnesty International • Robert Carey International Rescue Committee 	In UNHCR's discussions with some resettlement countries, one common issue that is raised relates to how to create a 'supporting' environment for refugee intakes. This is not so much about support services at local levels, but more broadly about public and political support at national levels.

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14.30 - 15.00	<u>Agenda Item 18</u> Continuity of Issues – Endorsement of model (as discussed at October 2011 WGR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim O’Callaghan Australian Government Chair 	Based on discussions at the October WGR, Australia will circulate a paper on the agreed model.
15.00 - 15.30	Afternoon Tea		
15.30 - 16.00	<u>Agenda Item 19</u> UNHCR’s Global Protection Priorities Closing address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volker Turk Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR • Erika Feller Assistant High Commissioner (Protection), UNHCR 	

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16.00 - 16.45	<p data-bbox="371 368 584 400"><u>Agenda Item 20</u></p> <p data-bbox="371 421 730 520">Wrap-up, Hand-over of Chair and Close of ATCR 2012</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="813 368 1272 480"> <p data-bbox="813 368 1178 400">• Wei-Meng Lim-Kabaa</p> <p data-bbox="860 421 1272 480">Deputy Director Division of International Protection</p> <li data-bbox="813 501 1149 644"> <p data-bbox="813 501 1099 533">• Jim O'Callaghan</p> <p data-bbox="860 553 1149 644">Assistant Secretary Humanitarian Branch Government of Australia</p> <li data-bbox="813 665 1193 777"> <p data-bbox="813 665 1032 697">• Paul Power</p> <p data-bbox="860 718 1193 777">Chief Executive Officer Refugee Council of Australia</p> <li data-bbox="1317 368 2000 512"> <p data-bbox="1317 368 1559 400">• Debra Presse</p> <p data-bbox="1364 421 2000 512">Director, Refugee Affairs, Citizenship and Immigration Canada Incoming Government Chair WGR/ATCR 2012 - 2013</p> <li data-bbox="1317 533 1749 708"> <p data-bbox="1317 533 1626 564">• Claudette Legault</p> <p data-bbox="1364 585 1749 708">Settlement and Integration Joint Program and Policy Committee Incoming Canadian NGO focal ATCR 2012–2013</p>