

Side event of the 65th meeting of the Standing Committee

**Briefing by the Assistant High Commissioner for
Protection on the Nigeria situation**

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Greeting displaced Nigerian children in Malkohi host community, Yola, Nigeria. © UNHCR/G. Osodi

The conflict in Nigeria, which has spread to three neighbouring countries, has affected more than 5 million people and uprooted some 2.6 million people. Despite its gravity, the crisis has been overshadowed by global headlines. UNHCR, partners and authorities in Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria have been working to respond to the insecurity and assist populations in need, but access has remained difficult, particularly in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States in Nigeria, as well as in northern Cameroon and the Diffa region in Niger.

UNHCR's Assistant High Commissioner for Protection and Director of the Bureau for Africa visited the region last month. This debrief of their mission will provide an opportunity to discuss UNHCR's approach to delivering protection and assistance in a complex environment and, with only 5 per cent of funding requirements met, the need for urgent financial support.

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13:15 – 15:00

Palais des Nations – Room XI

*Sandwiches and refreshments will be available
before the meeting begins.*

