

Side event of the 74<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Committee

## Holistic approaches to expanding third country solutions: Exploring refugee protection and self-reliance

*Opening remarks:* Ms Davina Saïd, Head of Forced Migration, ICVA

*Moderator:* Ms. Simar Singh, Chief Program Officer, RefugePoint, on behalf of the  
Refugee Self-Reliance Initiative

*Speakers:*

Ms. Hilda Namakula, Programme Manager, Windle International Uganda

Mr. David Manicom, Director of Global Advocacy for Displaced Talent, Fragomen  
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Mr. Zaid Hydari, Executive Director and Co-Founder, Refugee Solidarity Network

Ms. Bahati Maganjo, RefugePoint Consultant, DAFI Scholar & Member of Global  
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Refugee self-reliance and inclusion in countries of asylum has a positive impact on prospects for integration opportunities and the success of any future durable solution. In recent years, complementary pathways have developed this idea further, demonstrating the linkages between study and work experience in host countries and opportunities for third country solutions. At the same time, it is understood that refugee protection is the essential foundation for the development of skills and qualifications leading to greater self-reliance, and that protection interventions are themselves a means to identify refugees in need of or eligible for third country solutions. This panel will explore the links between protection interventions and self-reliance programmes in countries of asylum and third country solutions, as well as seek to highlight the inherent potential of making more explicit connections between them.

**Friday, 13 October 2023**

**8:30-9:45**

Palais des Nations, Room XXII

Refreshments will be served outside of the room prior to the event.  
Interpretation in English and French will be available.

