

## Side event of the 86<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee

### Ukraine Situation Refugee Response: Role of Local and National NGOs

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*Speakers:*

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The massive arrival of refugees from Ukraine triggered extensive solidarity from host governments and communities. Volunteers, local and national non-governmental organizations have served as first responders, on the frontline of the refugee response, to welcome and support refugees from Ukraine, under the overall leadership of the host governments.

Drawing on an initial [rapid assessment report](#) commissioned by ICVA and UNHCR, this side event will focus on the role of national and local NGOs as frontline actors to support refugee responses. It will look at the evolution of the involvement of non-governmental organizations in the coordination mechanisms since the beginning of the response and discuss how the international community can strengthen engagement and support for local actors. The event is co-organized by UNHCR, ICVA and the EU Permanent Delegation. Please register your participation to the event [here](#).

**Tuesday, 7 March 2023, 13:30-14:45**

[International Conference Center Geneva \(CICG\)](#) , Rooms E-F

Refreshments will be served outside of the room.

Interpretation in English and in French will be available.