



Wilton Park

Programme

Internally Displaced Persons: towards more effective international protection and durable solutions

Monday 2 – Wednesday 4 September 2019 | WP1705

Ten years on from the adoption of the Kampala Convention on Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Africa and in the context of the UN High Level Panel, this Wilton Park conference will explore ways in which to galvanise international engagement towards increased prevention, protection and durable solutions for IDPs.

The conference is being developed in support of ongoing activities and initiatives across the international community, including the African Union's 2019 Year of Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced People, the GP20 Plan of Action and Agenda 2030.

Through frank and off-the-record discussion under the Wilton Park protocol, the roundtable will explore prevention, protection and durable solutions for internally displaced persons. Drawing on examples of existing good practice from a range of countries and regions, it aims to:

- consider ways in which to enhance national, regional and international policy and legal frameworks, taking into account the needs of IDPs and their hosts
- develop and strengthen collaborative approaches towards increased resourcing and buy-in across a range of actors
- highlight the particular protection needs of the most vulnerable
- explore the potential for increased coherence of international humanitarian and development assistance with regard to affected individuals and regions.
- generate recommendations for future joint working across a range of stakeholders

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Monday 2 September

1300

Participants arrive and buffet lunch available

1500-1515

Welcome and introduction

Julia Purcell

Programme Director, Wilton Park

Maja Messmer Mokhtar

Head, Humanitarian Policy Section, Human Security Division, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Berne

Thomas Ball

Director, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oslo

1515-1645

1. Looking to the future: what prospects for Internally Displaced Persons?

What are the future drivers of displacement: how to improve projections to assist planning and assess likely impacts? How to build on international frameworks such as the Kampala Convention? What future opportunities from current initiatives (eg the African Union's 2019 Year of Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced People, the GP20 Plan of Action, Agenda 2030 and the High Level Panel)? How to further engage States in collective action, and mobilise greater political and financial commitment to tackle the drivers of internal displacement and promote durable solutions?

Cecilia Jimenez-Damary (via video link)

UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, Geneva

Overview of current figures and future trends

Alexandra Bilak

Director, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), Geneva

Olabisi Dare

Head, Humanitarian Affairs, Refugees and Displaced Persons Division, African Union Commission, Addis Ababa

1645-1730

Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1730-1845

2. Addressing protracted internal displacement: what strategies to accelerate progress?

The 2016 New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants noted the need for reflection on effective strategies to ensure: adequate protection; assistance for internally displaced persons: and ways in which to prevent and reduce displacement.

Building on existing knowledge and experience, what needs to happen to accelerate progress in support of IDPs? What can be drawn from current policy and legal frameworks? How to ensure a more joined up approach across development, humanitarian and peace and security actors? How to co-ordinate efforts across governments, NGOs, regional and multi-lateral bodies?

Walter Kälin

Former Representative of the UN Secretary General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons; Professor Emeritus, University of Bern

Caroline Khoubesserian

Head of Unit, Protection of Civilian Populations, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Geneva

Chaloka Beyani

Former UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons; Associate Professor of International Law, London School for Economics

1900

Reception followed by dinner

Tuesday 3 September

0630-0800

Optional Chanctonbury Ring hike

0800-0900

Breakfast

0915-1045

3. National and regional responses: what works and how to enhance?

Drawing on country case studies and examples of good practice: What are the particular challenges for countries affected by IDP populations? How does this differ according to location and setting (eg rural, urban, informal settlements and camps)? What are the lessons learned to inform future provision of assistance and who needs to be involved? How to respond more effectively to the impact on the host community? How to sustain a focus on the needs of the most vulnerable, including women and children? What resources are needed and how to plan more effectively for future situations?

Nasir Ahmad Andhisha

Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Embassy and Permanent Mission of the I.R. of Afghanistan to the UNOG, Geneva

Dyfed Aubrey

Inter-Regional Advisor, UN Human Settlements Programme, UN Habitat, Nairobi

Kiyoshi Murakami

Special Advisor to President; Visiting Professor, Iwate University; Special Representative of Mayor and Senior Executive Advisor to City of Rikuzentakata

1045-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1245

4. Social and economic impacts: balancing out the costs and benefits

What are the social and economic impacts on IDPs and host communities, and how do they link to the 2030 Agenda? How to tackle disparity and what models developed in response to other forms of forced displacement can be applied? What are the key challenges? How to ensure the engagement of relevant stakeholders in identifying solutions, and designing and implementing workable proposals? What analyses are needed to assist local decision makers to identify and implement effective policies?

Caroline Bahnson

Senior Operations Officer, World Bank Group, Washington DC

Zahra Abdi Mohamed

Director for Durable Solutions, Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development, Mogadishu

Natalia Baal

Coordinator, Joint IDP Profiling Service, Geneva

1300-1400

Lunch

1345

Breakout group facilitators briefing (meet in library)

1400-1500

Free time/Optional garden tour

1500-1630

5. Peace and security impacts of internal displacement

What are the particular vulnerabilities for displaced persons in conflict areas? What strategies are needed to address threats by armed elements? Are IDPs at a greater risk from violence and criminality than the wider population? How to minimise insecurity associated with particular locations or activities? What is the impact on efforts for sustainable peace? In what ways can IDPs be engaged in peace processes? How to promote effective co-ordination across peace and security and humanitarian actors?

Paula Gaviria

Chief Executive Officer, COMPAZ Foundation, Bogotá

Peter de Clercq

Visiting Adjunct Professor, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

Allegra Baiocchi

UN Cameroon Resident Coordinator, United Nations Resident Coordinator Office, Yaoundé

1630-1700

Tea/coffee

1700-1830

6. Towards more effective protection and durable solutions: recommendations and proposals

Break out session

In the context of initiatives such as the High Level Panel, parallel sessions to discuss practical implementation on specific themes e.g.

- Durable solutions in different contexts (rural and urban, formal and informal settlements)
- Addressing specific needs of most vulnerable (including women, children disabled, elderly, ethnic and religious minorities)
- International and regional mechanisms and legal regimes – strengthening existing frameworks
- Strengthening humanitarian and development collaboration
- Ways in which to strengthen Member States', UN system's and other relevant stakeholders' capacity to respond to internal displacement
- Mobilising commitment and resources to tackle the impact of internal displacement.

Co-facilitators:

Greta Zeender

Internally Displaced Persons Advisor, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), New York

William Chemaly

Global Protection Cluster Coordinator, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Geneva

Magnus Andersen

First Secretary, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Geneva

Damien Cottier

Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations, Geneva

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Chief of Section, Internal Displacement, Division of International Protection, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Geneva

Laura Hammond

Professor of Development Studies and GCRF Challenge Leader, SOAS University of London

Karen Jacobsen

Professor, Tufts University, Medford

Sebastian von Einsiedel

Senior Advisor on Internally Displaced Persons, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), New York

1830

Breakout group facilitators debrief (meet in library)

1900

Reception followed by dinner

Wednesday 4 September

0800-0900	Breakfast and checkout
0915-1000	7. Proposals and recommendations: feedback from break out groups
1000-1045	8. Response to recommendations and ways forward Chaired roundtable response to recommendations and proposals from break out groups.
1045-1115	Tea/coffee
1115-1130	9. Evaluation survey Completion of online survey
1130-1245	10. Round up and key takeaways
1300	Lunch
1400	Participants depart