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Linked event to the Global Refugee Forum 2023

Refugee Protection and Human Trafficking

Date and time: 11 December 2023, 12:00 14:00 (CET)

Venue: Palais de Nations, Salle VII

Format: hybrid event with in-person and online participation by invitation.

Please register here to attend: <https://indico.un.org/event/1008615/>

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With unprecedented levels of displacement, increasing numbers of the world's displaced and stateless people face poverty, discrimination, and marginalization, which in turn expose them to risks of trafficking in persons. Limitations in access to international protection and lack of effective protection and solutions for refugees further increase the risks of trafficking by forcing people into precarious and exploitative situations. The Global Refugee Forum 2023 provides a unique opportunity for more solidarity sharing and enhanced access to protection and solutions for refugees who are victims of trafficking or at risk of being trafficked. States, civil society, international organizations and others will convene to shed light on these dynamics and promote the [Multistakeholder Pledge: Protection for refugees and migrants at risk of or affected by trafficking in persons](#), which is led by the UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in persons, especially women and children, with the support of UNHCR, ILO, IOM and UNODC.

Draft Agenda

12:00 -12:20 **Welcome and opening remarks**

- Prof. Michel Veuthey, Ambassador of the Sovereign Order of Malta to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons
- H.E Ambassador Jérôme Bonnafont, Permanent Representative of France to the UN
- H.E. Ambassador Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN
- Mrs. Geneviève Colas, Secours Catholique-Caritas France, Member of the COATNET Steering Committee
- Elizabeth Tan, Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR

Moderator Prof. Michel Veuthey

12:25- 12:35 **Keynote speech: Prevention of trafficking in the context of refugee protection, internal displacement and statelessness**

Prof. Siobhán Mullally, UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children

12:35 -13:00 **Panel Discussion: Focus on protection**

- H.E. Ms. Anna Ekstedt, Ambassador for Combating Trafficking in Persons, Sweden
- Vincent Cochetel, UNHCR Special Envoy for the Central Mediterranean Situation
- Mr. Yitna Getachew, Head of the Protection Division, IOM
- Tory Clawson, Director, Migration & Displacement Initiative, Save the Children

13:00 -13:35 **Panel Discussion: Focus on prevention**

Moderator: Prof. Siobhán Mullally, UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children

- Grainne O'Hara, Senior Human Rights Adviser, UN OHCHR
- Belancille Mukamusigali, Head of Anti-trafficking and Migration Sector, Caritas Rwanda
- Devota Nuwe Head of Programs, Refugee Law Project, Uganda
- Francesca Pizzutelli, Deputy Director and Head of the Refugee and Migrant's Rights Team, Amnesty International

13:35 -13:55 **Plenary discussion**

Announcing pledges and sharing good practices

13:55-14:00 **Conclusions**

Prof. Siobhán Mullally, UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children