AGENDA AT A GLANCE
Annual Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations
11 – 13 June 2013, International Conference Center Geneva

“Advocating together for protection”

Tuesday 11 June 2013
International Conference Center ICCG

08:30 – 11:00 Registration of participants
(ICCG entrance hall, UNHCR welcome desk)
Enregistrement des participants
(entrée du CICG, bureau d’accueil du HCR)

09:30 – 10:30 Orientation session – Séance d’orientation
(translation in English-French-Spanish)

11:00 – 13:00 PLENARY SESSION | SEANCE PLENIERE
(translation in Arabic-English-French-Russian-Spanish)

Welcome and Opening Address
ACCUEIL ET DISCOURS D’OUVERTURE

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH BREAK (free) – PAUSE DEJEUNER (libre)

13:15 – 14:15 SIDE EVENT (translation in English-French-Spanish)
Cash-based interventions in UNHCR Operations
L’aide en espèces dans les opérations du HCR

A brief overview will be provided of the use of cash and vouchers in UNHCR operations, with discussion on some current issues and the way forward.

14:30 – 16:15 REGIONAL SESSION | SÉANCE REGIONALE

Bureau for MENA (translation in Arabic-English-French-Spanish)

The MENA session this year will focus, among other topics, on the current emergencies that continue to sweep the region, mainly the Syrian refugee crisis, its effects on neighboring countries, as well as the rising internal displacement inside Syria itself.

Given that the majority of refugees in the Middle East and North Africa are residing in urban areas, the session will also discuss the situation of “Urban refugees” and debate the best practices of partnering with NGOs to provide assistance and protection.

In addition, the session is planned to discuss the continued influx of Malian refugees to Mauritania and the mixed migration flows across the region, including the situation in Yemen.
16:15 – 16:45 COFFEE BREAK – PAUSE CAFE

16:45 – 18:30 REGIONAL SESSION | SÉANCE REGIONALE

Bureau for MENA (interpretation in Arabic-English-French-Spanish)

The Africa Regional session aims at providing a platform for an open discussion between the NGO participants and the Africa Bureau’s management team on current programme and policy issues in sub-Saharan Africa.

The following topics will be discussed:
- Update on emergencies in Africa
- Protracted refugee situations and finding solutions
- 2014-2015 programme in Africa, and
- Opportunities to improve partnership

Bureau for ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (interpretation in English-Russian)

The Asia Regional session will engage NGO participants in an open exchange with the Asia Bureau colleagues on current programmes and operations in Asia, including a focus on urban refugees (protection, livelihoods and self-reliance and promoting durable solutions).
Advocating for protection of persons with specific needs: LGBTI, unaccompanied children, indigenous people and Afro-descendants in the Americas.

This session will explore how the rights of LGBTI, unaccompanied children, indigenous and Afro-descendants are defended in the Americas through advocacy with national and local authorities. The discussion will be framed around the mobilization of urban protection networks, the potential for advocacy with the municipality and urban communities, using the particular example of Quito/Solanda, Ecuador. The aim is to explore gaps and challenges and share best solutions to the plight of persons of concern with specific needs.

10:45 – 11:15 COFFEE BREAK – PAUSE CAFE

11:15 – 13:00 REGIONAL SESSIONS | SÉANCES RÉGIONALES

11:15 – 13:00

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH BREAK (free) – PAUSE DEJEUNER (libre)

13:15 – 14:15 SIDE EVENT (interpretation in English-French-Spanish)

Faith and Protection: Follow-up to the High Commissioner’s Dialogue on Protection Challenges
Foi et protection: Suivi du Dialogue du Haut Commissaire sur les défis de protection

14:30 – 16:15 THEMATIC SESSIONS | SÉANCES THÉMATIQUES (interpretation in English-French-Spanish)

Protection of Children – Protection des enfants
General Partnership – Partenariat en général
National Asylum System – Système d’asile national

16:15 – 16:45 COFFEE BREAK – PAUSE CAFE

16:45 – 18:30 THEMATIC SESSIONS | SÉANCES THÉMATIQUES (interpretation in English-French-Spanish)

Protection of Children – Protection des enfants (continued)
The session will address key issues of concern in the region that would benefit from strengthened joint approaches to advocacy. Focusing on protection advocacy, such issues could be related to particular situations, globally relevant themes and/or themes of particular importance for a particular region.

Thursday 13 June 2013
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09:00 – 10:45  THEMATIC SESSIONS | SÉANCES THEMATIQUES

Refugee Resettlement: Expanding its Reach and Effectiveness through Broader NGO Participation
Réinstallation des réfugiés: Expansion de sa portée et de son incidence grâce à la participation plus large des ONG

Detention – Détention

10:45 – 11:15  COFFEE BREAK – PAUSE CAFE

11:15 – 12:00  PLENARY SESSION | SÉANCE PLÉNIÈRE

(interpretation in Arabic-English-French-Russian-Spanish)

Report back on the NGO Consultations • Rapport sur les consultations avec les ONG

12:00 – 14:00  CLOSING ADDRESS | DISCOURS DE CLOTURE

(interpretation in Arabic-English-French-Russian-Spanish)

14:00 – 15:00  LUNCH BREAK (free) – PAUSE DEJEUNER (libre)

15:00 – 18:00  ADVOCATING FOR PROTECTION

(interpretation in Arabic-English-French-Russian-Spanish)

Joint strategies and best practices - Stratégies communes et meilleures pratiques

This session aims to complement the various themes discussed throughout the Consultations with a more in depth look at joint approaches to advocacy, strategies and good practice.