2015 UNHCR Annual Consultations with NGOs (1-3 July)
Note to Accompany Proposed Topics

October 2014 (Rev1)

UNHCR and ICVA have reviewed the topics suggested and comments made in the evaluations of the 2014 UNHCR-NGO Annual Consultations, analysed feedback on the first draft agenda, and consulted several NGOs during UNHCR’s 2014 Executive Committee meeting. Based on these inputs, we have developed an agenda for the 1-3 July 2015 UNHCR-NGO Annual Consultations (see attached).

Many NGOs have proposed that the overall theme of 2015 Consultations be on “Youth and Adolescents.” Your reactions to this proposed theme would be welcome.

Please send: 1) your input on the agenda overall; 2) proposals for specific sessions, side events/meetings using the attached template; and 3) nominations for the role of Vice Rapporteur to both, <secretariat@icvanetwork.org> and <interagency@unhcr.org> by Wednesday 12 November 2014.

1) Overview of the 2015 UNHCR-NGO Consultations Agenda

- **Informal regional meetings for NGOs from each region to interact with their respective UNHCR counterparts:** held on the morning of the first day.
- **5 regional sessions:** we are proposing long sessions on Africa, Asia, and the Middle East/ North Africa and shorter sessions on the Americas and Europe.
- **13 thematic sessions:** we propose long sessions on alternatives to camps and community-based protection. Shorter sessions currently proposed include advocating for protection, education, an update on the Framework for Implementing with Partners, IDPs, mental health/psychosocial support, partnership in emergency response, protection at sea, resettlement, statelessness and the World Humanitarian Summit.
- Additional topics suggested for consideration for either agenda sessions or side events/meetings include: detention, a specific session on youth & adolescents (in addition to the overall theme), security of humanitarian personnel, prioritizing in emergencies, unaccompanied and separated children (UASCs), operating with non-state actors, SGBV. Several of these topics could fit under broader themes, others could perhaps be side events; and in any case, not all topics will fit in the agenda.
2) Planning specific sessions

Please send us your proposals for the focus and content of the sessions, side events/meetings using the attached template. The organisation of the sessions will begin in January 2015.

3) Call for Vice-Rapporteur Nominations

We look forward to working with Zainab Razza Jafri of SHARP Pakistan, the NGO Rapporteur for the 2015 UNHCR-NGO Annual Consultations. We are seeking an NGO representative to serve as her Vice-Rapporteur in 2015 as well as the 2016 Consultations’ Rapporteur. This person must be available to participate in both the 2015 and 2016 Consultations, as well as in the 2016 Executive Committee (usually held first week of October). Funds are available to support his/her travel and accommodation. S/he should have previous experience with the Consultations, and should feel comfortable with public speaking and report writing.

We look forward to working with you towards achieving exciting and productive Consultations in 2015!

ICVA Secretariat and UNHCR Partnership Section

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1 The Rapporteur will have the tasks to present some preliminary outcomes to the closing plenary at the last day of the Consultations and, following the Consultations, to prepare the written Report from the Annual Consultations that will also be forwarded to the UNHCR Executive Committee for their subsequent session. If you have any further questions about what this role entails, please do not hesitate to contact ICVA or UNHCR’s Partnership Section.