

HLPF Virtual Side Event

The impact of internal displacement on cities and towns: the need for nationally owned development approaches to progress towards the SDG 11 targets

Wednesday 12 July 2023

13:15 – 14:30 New York/20:15 – 21:30 Mogadishu

Registration link: [here](#)

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Timing (buffers included)	Agenda Item	Presenter	Supporting document
13:15 – 13:20	Welcoming remarks and overview of the agenda	Luca Renda, Team Leader, Recovery Solutions and Human Mobility, UNDP	Overall PwP and talking points
13:20 – 14:00	Panel on urban internal displacement and impact on SDG 11 (4 statements @ 7 min) See questions for each panellist below	<i>Moderated by Luca Renda, UNDP</i> Ms Zahra Abdi, Director for Durable Solutions and M&E, Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development, Federal Government of Somalia Ms Paula Gavira Betancur, Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons Mr George Conway, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Resident Coordinator, Humanitarian Coordinator, Somalia, a.i. Dr Bärbel Kofler, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany <i>(pre-recorded)</i>	Overall PwP, speaker bios and guiding questions
14:00 – 14:25	Interactive dialogue	<i>Moderated by IOM?</i>	None

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		Q&A and statements from the floor	
14:25 – 14:30	Closing remarks	Christopher Williams, Director, New York Office, UN Habitat	Overall PwP and talking points

Questions to panellists

1. Ms Zahra Abdi, Director for Durable Solutions and M&E, Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development, Federal Government of Somalia

What is the key learning from Somalia in terms of managing influxes of IDPs into urban areas and what are the main challenges for municipal and local authorities to be able to lead and coordinate the response?

2. Ms Paula Gaviria Betancur, Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons

How can we strengthen the role of national actors (including civil society, human rights institutions and the private sector) to ensure the response is locally owned?

3. Mr George Conway, DSRSG, RC/HC, Somalia, a.i.

How has the UN partnered with the government to support sustainable solutions to rapidly growing urban internal displacement – lessons from the joint IOM-UN Habitat-UNDP Somalia Saameynta (impact) programme.

4. Dr Bärbel Kofler, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

What is the role of development action and financing in responses to urban displacement?

Panellists bios

	<p>Ms Zahra Abdi is Director for Durable Solutions and M&E, Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development (MoPIED), Federal Government of Somalia.</p> <p>She is an international Development and Humanitarian Expert with over 15 years of experience working in East and Central Africa and the Middle East. She is responsible for drafting Somalia's first ever National Durable Solutions Strategy for displacement, whose implementation she is currently leading across Somalia with Donors, UN agencies and other INGO partners.</p>
	<p>Ms. Paula Gaviria Betancur (Colombia) was appointed Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons by the Human Rights Council in September 2022 and assumed the mandate on 1 November 2022.</p> <p>Ms. Gaviria has over two decades of experience promoting human rights from civil society, the judicial sector, academia, and government. She was a member of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement and has been an</p>

	<p>advocate for durable solutions to internal displacement and particularly for the role of the private sector in breaking the displacement cycle.</p>
	<p>Mr. George Conway is currently the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Resident Coordinator, Humanitarian Coordinator, Somalia, ad interim.</p> <p>He was a wealth of experience within the UN system including as Country Director for UNDP Somalia, based in Mogadishu, Strategic Adviser in the UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa, Country Director a.i. for UNDP South Sudan and Deputy Head of Office, as well as Head of Programmes for UNDP Southern Sudan</p>
	<p>Dr Bärbel Kofler has been a Member of the German Parliament (Bundestag) since 2004 and was appointed Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development on 8 December 2021.</p> <p>From March 2016 to December 2021 she was the Federal Government Commissioner for Human Rights Policy and Humanitarian Aid. In the Bundestag's 19th electoral term she served on the Committee of Foreign Affairs and was an executive committee member of the SPD parliamentary group</p>

Annex I: HLPF internal displacement side event flyer

Annex II: HLPF internal displacement concept note