

Workshop on the Implementation of Uganda's National Policy for Internally Displaced Persons

AGENDA

Hosted by the Government of Uganda

Convened by the Representative of the UN Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons and the Brookings Institution—University of Bern Project on Internal Displacement in consultation with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Country Team

Hotel Africana
Kampala, Uganda
3-4 July 2006

DAY ONE - 3 JULY 2006

8:30 AM REGISTRATION AND MORNING TEA AND CAKES

9:00 AM WELCOMING STATEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Martin Mogwanja, Humanitarian Coordinator, United Nations, Kampala

Dr. Walter Kälin, Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons and Co-Director, Brookings Institution-University of Bern Project on Internal Displacement

Hon. Prof. Tarsis Kabwegyere, Minister of Relief and Disaster Preparedness, Office of the Prime Minister

9:30 AM OVERVIEW OF THE SITUATION OF DISPLACEMENT IN UGANDA

Worldwide, there are some 23.7 million internally displaced persons (“IDPs”) as a result of conflict, ethnic strife and communal violence. It is estimated that between 1.7 and 2 million people have been displaced in northern Uganda as a result of the conflict between the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA) and the government. Attacks by armed Karamojong cattle rustlers have also contributed to displacement. This session will give particular focus to the challenges to human rights that arise for the displaced.

MODERATOR:

Mr. Martin Odwedo, Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister

PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Veronica Bichetero, Commissioner, Uganda Human Rights Commission
(10-12 minutes)

Mr. James Otto, Human Rights Focus
(10-12 minutes)

DISCUSSION

10:30 AM Tea break

**11:00 AM UGANDA’S NATIONAL POLICY FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS
AND THE STRUCTURE FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION**

This session will examine the provisions of Uganda’s National Policy for Internally Displaced Persons, the rights and entitlements it gives to IDPs, and the institutional arrangements to carry it out at the national and district levels.

MODERATOR:

Mr. Martin Odwedo, Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Uganda’s National Policy for Internally Displaced Persons**

Mr. Shem Mwesigwa, Department of Disaster Management, Office of the Prime Minister
(7-10 minutes)

- **The structure for implementation of the Policy at the local level**

Mr. George Adoko, Chief Administrative Officer and Chair of District Disaster Management Committee, Lira District
(7-10 minutes)

COMMENTATOR:

Ms. Maarit Kohonen, Head of Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
(7-10 minutes)

DISCUSSION

12:15 PM Luncheon

1:30 PM CHALLENGES TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY

This session will identify and discuss challenges to the implementation of the National Policy.

MODERATOR:

Dr. Walter Kälin, Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Security, protection and human rights**

(each presentation 5-7 minutes)

Physical security of IDPs, including protection from non-state actors and the relationship between the UPDF, police and IDPs

⇒ Mr. Jesse Bernstein, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre

Access to justice and combating impunity

⇒ Norbert Mao, Local Council-V, Gulu District

DISCUSSION

- **Land and property issues, with particular attention to women and other vulnerable groups**

(presentation 10-12 minutes)

⇒ Mr. Fabius Okumu-Alya, Chairman of the District Land Tribunals in the Acholi sub-region (Gulu, Kitgum, and Pader) and Director of Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Gulu University

DISCUSSION

4:00 PM Tea break

4:30PM CHALLENGES TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY (cont.)

- **Education and health services**

(each presentation 5-7 minutes)

⇒ Mr. Christopher Wimon Okecho, Assistant Commissioner, Special Needs Education, Ministry of Education

⇒ Drs. G. Bwire and Sam Okware, Ministry of Health

⇒ Mr. Geoffrey Oyat, Assistant Director, Children in Conflict and Emergencies, Save the Children in Uganda

DISCUSSION

- **Voluntary return, reintegration and early recovery**

(each presentation 5-7 minutes)

- ⇒ Joint presentation by Mr. Peter Deck (UNHCR) and Mr. Giovanni Bosco (OCHA)
- ⇒ Mr. R.M. Wafula, Department of Disaster Management, Office of the Prime Minister
- ⇒ Mr. Michael Otim, Gulu NGO Forum

DISCUSSION

6:30 PM **Close of session**

7:00 PM *Dinner at Hotel Africana with dance performance by Ndere Dance Troupe and internally displaced children from Kitgum Children's Cultural Revival Group*

DAY TWO - 4 JULY 2006

8:00 AM **MORNING TEA AND CAKES**

8:30 AM **CAPACITY AND COORDINATION IN SUPPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL POLICY**

MODERATOR:

Mr. Martin Mogwanja, Humanitarian Coordinator, United Nations, Kampala

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Capacity and coordination between national, district and sub-county levels of government, including the role of IDP representatives**

(each presentation 5-7 minutes)

- ⇒ Mr. Shem Mwesigwa, Department of Disaster Management, Office of the Prime Minister
- ⇒ Dr. Lucy Hovil, Senior Research and Advocacy Officer, Refugee Law Project

- **Capacity and coordination of the military and police (in camps as well as in situations of return)**

(each presentation 5-7 minutes)

- ⇒ Lt. Gen. Edward Katumba Wamala, Commander of Land Forces, Uganda People's Defense Forces
- ⇒ Mr. Julius P.O. Odwe, Deputy Inspector General of Police

DISCUSSION

- **Resources and fiscal mechanisms**

(each presentation 5-7 minutes)

⇒ Mr. Charles Uma, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer and Chair of District Disaster Management Committee, Gulu District

DISCUSSION

- **Capacity and coordination of the international community**

(each presentation 5-7 minutes)

⇒ Ms. Gloria Fernandez, Head of Office, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA)

DISCUSSION

10:45 AM Tea break

11:00 AM FOCUS GROUPS – OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

During this session, the participants will break into five groups, each led by a facilitator, to make recommendations for overcoming the challenges identified in implementing the National Policy. Focus groups will be on the following themes:

Capacity and coordination

Facilitator: Mr. Stephen Lukudu, (UN OCHA)

Security, protection and human rights

Facilitator: Mr. Timothy Bishop, International Rescue Committee (IRC)

Issues relating to land and property rights

Facilitator: Ms. Nancy Hebeisen, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)

Resources and fiscal mechanisms

Facilitator: Mr. Gerald Owachi, Department for International Development (DfID)

Voluntary return, reintegration and early recovery

Facilitator: Mr. Michael Otim, Gulu NGO Forum

1:30 PM Luncheon

2:30 PM REPORTS OF THE FOCUS GROUPS TO PLENARY

MODERATOR: Ms. Montserrat Feixas-Vihe, Deputy Representative, UNHCR

4:00 PM Tea break

4:45 PM CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This session will review the major conclusions of the workshop, including best practices and recommendations for implementing the National Policy for Internally Displaced Persons.

MODERATOR:

Dr. Walter Kälin, Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons

PRESENTATIONS OF RAPPORTEURS:

Dr. Khalid Koser, Deputy Director, Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement, assisted by Joy Miller and Balkees Jarrah, Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement

DISCUSSION

6:15 PM CONCLUDING REMARKS

Mr. Martin Mogwanja, Humanitarian Coordinator, United Nations, Kampala

Dr. Walter Kälin, Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons

Hon. Musa Ecweru, Minister of State for Disaster Preparedness and Refugees, Office of the Prime Minister

6:30 PM Close of meeting