

AGENDA

Seminar on Internal Displacement in the SADC Region

Hosted by the Government of Botswana and co-sponsored by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons and the Brookings Institution-University of Bern Project on Internal Displacement

Grand Palm Conference Centre
Gaborone, Botswana

August 24-26, 2005

Wednesday, August 24

10:00-11:15 REGISTRATION

11:30 AM WELCOMING STATEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Hon. Phandu Skelemani, Minister for Presidential Affairs and Public Administration, Government of Botswana

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

Ebrima Camara, Regional Representative, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

12:00-12:15 Introduction of Participants

12:30 PM LUNCHEON

2:00 PM OVERVIEW OF INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT IN THE SADC REGION

Worldwide, there are some 25 million internally displaced persons as a result of conflict, ethnic strife and communal violence. Although exact numbers are difficult to determine, it is estimated that there are some 2.9 million internally displaced persons in the SADC region. The causes are multiple. Armed conflicts have displaced millions, especially in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola and, earlier, also in Mozambique. Natural disasters, especially drought, and food insecurity are also among the causes of displacement in the region. This session will provide an overview of regional displacement trends, with special focus on

the different causes of displacement and the particular issues, challenges and vulnerabilities that arise for the displaced.

Moderator: Peter Mumba, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of Zambia

Presentations

John Oucho, African Population and Environment Institute

Graeme Rodgers, Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford and Honourary Research Associate, Forced Migration Studies Programme, University of the Witwatersrand

Discussion

3:30 PM Coffee Break

4:00 PM NORMATIVE FRAMEWORK OF REFERENCE: THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT

This session will focus on the normative framework developed for responding to internal displacement -- the *Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement* -- developed at the request of the United Nations, and based on international humanitarian law and human rights law, as well as refugee law by analogy. It will examine how states around the world affected by internal displacement are using the *Guiding Principles* as a reference and a tool, in particular in the development of national laws and policies, as well as how regional bodies, international organizations, NGOs and others have been using the *Principles* in addressing situations of displacement.

Moderator: H.E. Sir Ketumile Masire, Former President of Botswana

Presentations

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

Bonaventure Rutinwa, Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Tanzania

Discussion

5:30 PM Close of session

7:00 PM Reception/Buffer dinner at Gaborone International Conference Centre

Thursday August 25

9:00 AM NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility for meeting the needs of internally displaced persons rests first and foremost with national authorities. This session will focus on the national response to internal displacement by examining key steps that national authorities can take to address internal displacement within their borders, including when caused by conflict or natural disaster. Particular attention will be given to national policies, laws and institutions developed to address the needs of the internally displaced, including a look at the special role that national human rights commissions can play. This session will include the sharing of experiences of national responses from countries outside of the region.

Moderator: Rosa Chissaque, Director, National Institution for Refugees (INAR), Government of Mozambique

Presentations

A Framework for National Responsibility

Erin Mooney, Deputy Director, Brookings Institution-University of Bern
Project on Internal Displacement

National Laws and Policies on Internal Displacement

Pedro Walipi Calenga, National Director of the Technical Unit for
Humanitarian Assistance (UTCAH), Ministry of Social Affairs
(MINARS), Government of Angola

National Institutions for Dealing with Displacement

Lumeya Dhu Malegi, Ministry of Social Affairs, Government of the
Democratic Republic of the Congo

The Role of National Human Rights Commissions

Aliro Omara Joel, Commissioner, Ugandan Human Rights Commission

Redson Kapindu, Director of Legal Services, Malawi Human Rights
Commission

Discussion

11:00 AM *The Role NGOs and Civil Society*

Mwakamubaya Nasekwa, Coordinator, Programme pour la Promotion de
Soins de Sante Primaire (DRC)

Didimas Munhenzwa, Executive Director, Zimbabwean Community Development Trust

Joseph Chilengi, Executive Director, Africa IDP Voice

Discussion

11:45 AM Coffee Break

12:00 PM PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE FOR THE DISPLACED

Persons forced to flee their homes often find themselves in urgent need of food, water, shelter, health services, and other necessities, and in many situations also require protection and physical safety. This session will address issues of humanitarian access and discuss the challenges of protecting and assisting internally displaced persons in the midst of armed conflict, including in areas under the control of non-state actors, and the role of peacekeepers. In addition, this session will consider these concerns in the context of natural disasters and other situations, such as social tensions and generalized violence, in which internal displacement can also occur.

Moderator: H.E. Joaquim Alberto Chissano, Former President of the Republic of Mozambique and Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General for the September 2005 United Nations World Summit

Presentations

Humanitarian Access to IDPs in the SADC Region

Zoran Jovanović, Head of Delegation, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Regional Delegation in Harare

Protecting and Assisting Displaced Populations in Situations of Armed Conflict

Alain Aruna, IDP Protection Manager, Norwegian Refugee Council-Democratic Republic of Congo

The Role of Peacekeepers

Kwezi Mngqibisa, African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD), Peace and Security Unit

Food Insecurity issues, including drought

Thomas Yanga, Deputy Regional Director, World Food Programme Southern Africa Bureau

Discussion

1:30 PM Luncheon

2:30 PM RISKS AND VULNERABILITIES NEEDING SPECIAL ATTENTION

Displacement frequently entails elevated vulnerability to particular risks, especially for women and children, which require special attention. This session will explore how sexual violence and exploitation as well as HIV/AIDS impact internally displaced persons, both as a consequence and a cause of their displacement. It will also examine the particular protection and reintegration challenges faced by internally displaced children. In addition, it will address the extent to which these particular concerns are being addressed, including in IDP camps, and identify strategies to improve responses at the national, regional and international levels.

Moderator: Peter Mumba, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of Zambia

Presentations

Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and Exploitation: Prevention and Response

Maria Mpava Medina, National Director for Women's Rights, Ministry of Family and Promotion of Women, Government of Angola

Brigitte Mayisafi, Safedi (DRC)

HIV/AIDS and IDPs

Gebrewold Petros, UNHCR Liaison Officer to UNAIDS

Protection and Reintegration of Internally Displaced Children

Olara Otunnu, Former Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict

Discussion

3:45 PM Coffee Break

4:00 PM TOWARDS DURABLE SOLUTIONS: RETURN, RESETTLEMENT AND REINTEGRATION

A “durable solution” for internally displaced persons, the ultimate goal in responding to internal displacement, is found when displaced persons are able to resume stable, secure lives by returning to their places of origin or resettling in another part of their country. This session will focus on conditions for safe and voluntary return or resettlement, including protection for returnees, the elements of reintegration, questions of property restitution and compensation, and alternatives to return. Best practices and lessons learned from experiences in the region, in particular in Mozambique and Angola, will be highlighted.

Moderator: Harrison W. Mseke, Assistant Director, Refugee Department,
Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of Tanzania

Presentations

Angola: Challenges of Reintegration

Allan Cain and André Domingos, Development Workshop Angola

Experiences of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Hans-Petter Boe, Regional Representative for Southern Africa, IOM

Preparing for Return in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Betsy Greve, Senior Legal Advisor, Africa Bureau, UNHCR

Discussion

6:00 PM **Close of Session**

6:30 PM **Transportation leaves to Reception at Mokolodi Restaurant**

7:00 PM **Reception/Buffer Dinner at Mokolodi Restaurant**

Friday, August 26

8:30 AM **THE ROLE OF REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Regional organizations are playing a pivotal role in focusing attention on issues of internal displacement, promoting the Guiding Principles, and encouraging collective efforts to find solutions. In this session, the potential of SADC's role will be explored in light of the experience of other regional organizations, in particular the African Union and other sub-regional organizations on the continent. Linkages with NEPAD and other Africa-wide initiatives designed to further realization of the Millennium Development Goals will also be discussed.

Moderator: N. A. Mushelenga, Deputy Chief of Immigration and Border Control,
Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of Namibia

Presentations

African Union

Patrick Tigere, Head of Humanitarian Affairs, Refugees and Displaced Persons
Division, Political Affairs Department, African Union Secretariat

African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

Bahame Tom Mukirya Nyanduga, Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Internally Displaced Persons in Africa

Discussion

9:30 AM THE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE

International humanitarian, human rights and development organizations can be crucial partners in national and regional efforts, in particular in providing assistance, protection and reintegration support to the internally displaced. This session will explore cooperation with UN agencies, international organizations, NGOs, and donor governments as part of a regional response.

Moderator: Randson P. Mwadiwa, Former Commissioner for Refugees, Department of Poverty and Disaster Management (DPPMA), Government of Malawi

Presentations

Selvi Vikan, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Regional Office for Southern Africa

Jens-Hagen Eschenbächer, Head of Monitoring and Advocacy Department, Global IDP Project, Norwegian Refugee Council

Amy Sink, United States Agency for International Development

Sihaka Tsemo, Regional Representative for Southern Africa, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

10:45 AM Coffee Break

11:15 AM CONCLUSIONS

This session will review the major conclusions of the seminar, including recommendations for how protection, assistance, reintegration and development needs of internally displaced persons can be most effectively met in the region.

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

Presentation by Rapporteurs: Megan Bradley, Brookings Institution-University of Bern Project on Internal Displacement and David Bugden, UNHCR Botswana

Discussion

12:15 PM CONCLUDING REMARKS

Ebrima Camara, Regional Representative, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

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

Ross Sanoto, Under Secretary (Political Affairs), Office of the President, Government of Botswana

12:30 PM Close of meeting

Luncheon