



THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON DISPLACED PERSONS, REFUGEES, AND ARMED CONFLICT: CHALLENGES FOR PROTECTION AND FINDING SOLUTIONS IN AFRICA

Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia
7-8 November 2019

Agenda

This workshop will explore current challenges in protecting and providing solutions to those displaced during armed conflict, with a focus on emergencies in Africa. The workshop will take its starting point in an overview of the regional legal and policy frameworks applicable to refugees and IDPs, including the 1969 OAU Convention, the Kampala Convention, and the Great Lakes Pact, as well as the humanitarian architecture and coordination mechanisms dealing with displacement during armed conflict in Africa. It will then analyze how these interact with other international frameworks in providing protection and solutions for displaced persons, such as IHL, the international and African human rights systems, and transitional justice.

Throughout the workshop, we will be looking in depth at specific cases of protection and solutions, including comparing different efforts to include refugees, the implications of the EU externalizing its southern border, and the protection of displaced persons by peacekeeping forces.

The workshop is designed to foster reflection among participants on how protection and solutions for displaced persons in Africa are being addressed and to enhance their capacity in responding to challenges in this context using complementary tools and standards.

THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER

8:30 – 9:00	Welcome coffee & registration
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome, introduction, and overview
9:30 – 11:00	African legal frameworks for the protection of refugees and IDPs
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:45	The role of the international and African human rights systems in the protection of displaced persons
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 15:15	The humanitarian architecture of refugee and IDP protection in the African context
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:00	The implementation of the Kampala Convention in domestic law: Best practices and challenges
17:00 – 17:30	Wrap-up/Q&A
19:30	Group dinner

FRIDAY, 8 NOVEMBER

8:30 – 9:00	Welcome coffee
9:00 – 9:30	Review of previous day
9:30 – 11:00	The inclusion of refugees: Comparative perspectives between the Ugandan and the Ethiopian experiences
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:45	African solidarity and burden sharing: The case of 'pushing EU borders further South'
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 15:00	The protection of IDPs in camps and the role of peacekeeping forces: Lessons from DRC and South Sudan
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee
15:15 – 17:00	Reparations and transitional justice in relation to displacement
17:00 – 17:30	Closing remarks