

Date and hours: Thursday 29th August from 09:00 to 10:40

Location: Silk Room at the InterContinental Hotel Yokohama Grand



Co-organizers : African Union Commission (AUC) / UN Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (UNOSAA) / The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

High-Level Side Event : Towards Enhanced Partnership and Solidarity to Support Forcibly Displaced Persons in Africa

Background

Forced displacement continues to increase and has now reached a record global high of 70.8 million. Africa generously hosts almost one third of the world's refugees and 43% of its IDPs. This generosity must be supported by the international community. The Global Compact on Refugees was affirmed in 2018 and the AU has launched 2019 as the "Year of Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons: Towards Durable Solutions to Forced Displacement in Africa". Forced displacement in Africa is a pressing issue that the international community has to address, in order to promote Africa's development and prosperity.

Objectives

Showcasing good practices and progress, discuss how to broaden the base of support through whole-of-society approach in order to find durable solutions to forced displacement in Africa.

Key Questions

- ▶ How to expand partnership and solidarity to promote durable solutions to forced displacement in Africa?

Speakers

Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson, African Union Commission (TBC)
 Minata Samate Cessouma, Commissioner for Political Affairs, African Union Commission
 Uganda Government representative
 Kitaoka Shinichi, President, Japan International Cooperation Agency
 Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
 Bience Gawanas, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa
 Susan Grace Duku South Sudanese refugee in Uganda
 Allan Maina Waititu, Director of Special Projects, Equity Bank Limited, Kenya
 Hanatani Atsushi, Senior Advisor (Peacebuilding), Japan International Cooperation Agency
 Ishikawa Sachiko, Senior Advisor, Japan International Cooperation Agency
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