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TEN YEARS OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT Achievements and Future Challenges

Oslo Conference 16 –17 October 2008

PROGRAM (updated 09.10.2008)

Time	Thursday 16 October – Hotel Continental, Oslo
08:30-09:00	Coffee and Registration
09:00-09:15	 Welcome Secretary General Norwegian Refugee Council, Elisabeth Rasmusson Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Jonas Gahr Støre
09:15-10:45	 The Guiding principles on Internal Displacement - impact and lessons learned Moderator: Head of Advocacy Section, Norwegian Refugee Council, Paul Nesse Oral testimony (audiovisual presentation) Keynote Speaker: UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Antonio Guterres Turkey, Governor Mehmet Niyazi Tanilir Uganda, Minister of Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees Prof. Tarsis B. Kabwegyere Georgia, Minister of Refugees and Resettlement Tamar Martiasjvili Background documents: Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement - Annotations; Revised Edition 2008 Internal Displacement: Global Overview of Trends and Developments in 2007 (IDMC). Roberta Cohen: Listening to the Voices of the Displaced: Lessons learned
10:45-11:15	Coffee/Tea Break
11:15-13:00	 New challenges and the relevance of the Guiding Principles when addressing internal displacement caused by natural disasters and other environmental factors Moderator: Resident representative of NRC in Geneva, Arnhild Spence Oral testimony (audiovisual presentation) Keynote Speaker: Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator John Holmes Mozambique, Deputy Director General of the National Institute for Disaster Management Casimiro Abreu Republic of Maldives, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Defence and National Security, Ahmed Hafiz Director of the Operational Support Department International Organization of Migration Mr. Pasquale Lupoli

	Background documents: <u>IASC Operational Guidelines on Human Rights and Natural Disasters</u> <u>Future Floods of Refugees: A Comment on Climate Change, Conflict and Forced Migration (NRC)</u> RSG Background paper on climate change
13:00-14:30	Lunch
14:30-15:30	Humanitarian Actors – Commitment to the protection of IDPs
	Moderator: Non Resident Senior Fellow The Brookings Institution and Senior Adviser Brookings-Bern project on Internal Displacement, Roberta Cohen
	 Oral testimony (audiovisual presentation) UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Antonio Guterres Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator John Holmes Director General International Committee of the Red Cross Mr. Angelo Gnaedinger
	Background documents: <u>Humanitarian Response Review; Executive Summary</u>
15:30-16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
16:00-17:45	Future directions for the protection of IDPs through domestic law and legally binding regional and sub-regional instruments
	Moderator: Co-Director of the Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement and Senior Fellow Brookings Institution, Elisabeth Ferris
	 Oral testimony (audiovisual presentation) Keynote Speaker: Representative of the UN Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, Dr. Walter Kälin – Incorporating the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement into National Laws and Policies, Presentation of <i>Protecting Internally Displaced Persons: A Manual for</i> <i>Law and Policymakers</i> Colombia, Magistrate of the Colombian Constitutional Court, Dr. Manuel Josè Cepeda Executive Secretary of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, Ambassador Liberata Mulamula Chairperson Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly Committee on Migration, Refugees and
	Population Mrs. Corien W.A. Jonker
	Background documents: Protecting Internally Displaced Persons: A Manual for Law and Policymakers Great Lakes Protocol on the Protection and Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons
	Great Lakes Protocol on Property Rights of Returning Persons
	Closing remarks
	UN Special Advisor for the Prevention of Genocide and Former Representative of the UN Secretary General on Internally Displaced Persons, Mr. Francis M. Deng
	 Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council, Elisabeth Rasmusson
18:30-20:00	Reception at the Nobel Peace Center hosted by State Secretary for International Development, Håkon A . Gulbrandsen , Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Launch of the film "Forced to Flee" by OCHA's Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN)