

INVITATION

“Syrian Solutions to the Global Refugee Crisis”

Tuesday 13 September 2016, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Conference Room 6, UN Headquarters

In view of the United Nations High-Level Summit on Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants on 19 September, the Permanent Mission of Sweden, in collaboration with Independent Diplomat, would like to invite you to a panel discussion on “Syrian Solutions to the Global Refugee Crisis”.

Today Syrian refugees constitute the world's largest refugee population with 4.8 million worldwide. This roundtable discussion seeks to offer Syrian refugees an opportunity to make their voices heard in view of the Summit. Those with the most at stake are indeed refugees themselves. This event therefore aims to generate refugee-sourced solutions that address the large-scale movement of migrants and refugees and to offer grassroots perspectives on how host countries and refugees can work together to generate sustainable global refugee policies.

Opening Remarks:

H.E. Mr. Olof Skoog, Permanent Representative of Sweden

Panellists:

Mr. Salim Salamah, Director of the Palestinian League for Human Rights
Ms. Maria Al Abdeh, Ph.D., Director of Women Now for Development
Ms. Rouba Mhaissen, Ph.D., Founder and Director of Sawa for Development & Aid
Mr. Ibrahim Al Assil, President and Co-Founder of the Syrian Nonviolence Movement

Closing Remarks:

Mr. Carne Ross, Executive Director of Independent Diplomat

Moderator:

Mr. James Bays, Al Jazeera English

Permanent Representatives, Deputy Permanent Representatives, experts, UN officials as well as representatives from NGOs and the press are invited. For those who need a UN pass, R.S.V.P. to Ms. Mathilde Holmer (mathilde.holmer@gov.se) before noon on Friday 9 September.

Please note that the event will be held in English only.

Following the remarks of the panellists, the floor will be opened up for participants.

We look forward to engaging with you in this important discussion.

The public can join the conversation using the social media hashtags
#UN4RefugeesMigrants and #WithSyria.