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## **Towards the common EU Resettlement Scheme - the road ahead**

Shaping the future for a stronger EU role in global refugee protection

**Conference in Stockholm-Sigtuna, 25th-28th August 2009**

25<sup>th</sup> August 2009

*The political dimension of an EU resettlement scheme*

Morning: arrival

12.30 Lunch (optional, please register!)

14.00 **Welcome**

Choir of resettled refugees

Words of welcome by

Rev Arlington Trotman, Moderator of CCME

Alf Linderman, Director Sigtuna Foundation

Pastor Karin Wiborn, Chairperson Christian Council of Sweden

Mr Justin Thein Tun Zaw, Ljusdal municipal committee administration, Refugee section &

Ms Claudine Kunda, Choir leader (both resettled refugees)

14.30 **Opening panel: an EU resettlement scheme - an integral part of the Common European Asylum System**

Mr Tobias Billström, Minister for Migration and Asylum Policy, Sweden

Ms Erika Feller, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection UNHCR

Ms Doris Peschke, General Secretary CCME

Mr Bjarte Vandvik, General Secretary European Council for Refugees and Exiles

Video message by Mr Jacques Barrot, European Commission Vice-President and Commissioner for Justice, Freedom and Security

Chair: Rev. Lennart Molin, Associate general Secretary Christian Council of Sweden

16.30 **Coffee Break**

17.00 **Short intro to the workshop**

Introduction of programme, aims, participants

18.30 Welcome Reception: welcome to Sigtuna (incl. introduction to history of the venue)

19.00 Supper

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*State of play, identifying added value*

from

7.00 **Breakfast**

9.00 Short slide show/presentation with pictures of Mr Justin Thein Tun Zaw

9.30 **Discussions on the EU resettlement scheme: latest developments**

NN, European Commission

Ms Annette Bombeke, ECRE core group

NN, UNHCR

Mr Robert Quarles, MFA Netherlands

Discussion

Chair Dr Torsten Moritz, CCME

11.00 **Coffee break**

11.30 **Small groups: identifying Q & A on a common EU resettlement scheme**

Reporting to plenary

12.30 **A US perspective on the emergence of an EU resettlement scheme**

Mr Erol Kekic, Church World Service

13.00 **Lunch**

14.30 **The Evacuation Transit Centre – possible role in an EU resettlement scheme**

Mr Machiel Salomons, UNHCR Bucharest

15.15 **Thematic interest groups Session 1:**

Areas of added value of an EU resettlement scheme

Themes suggested:

- Common identification of refugees for resettlement
- Cooperation on pre-arrival
- Coherence of asylum policy with external affairs, human rights policy and development cooperation
- Selection (mission and/or dossier)

16.45 **Coffee**

17.15 **Thematic interest groups Session 2:**

- Mapping of competence/facilities for reception and special needs
- EU Funding and maximising its impact
- Strategic impact: joint input to UN consultations, coordination of quota
- Cooperation structures between member states, NGOs, EU level
- Exchange on integration (new states and old states: Sweden)

18.45 **Supper**

20.00 **Possibility of separate meetings among governments, NGOs and UNHCR offices**

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*Identifying added value, agreeing on practical needs*

From

7.00 Breakfast

9.00 Reporting back from Interest group of previous day

10.00 **The “nuts and bolts” of a common EU resettlement scheme – the feasibility study<sup>1</sup> revisited**

Mr Phil Douglas, UK Home Office, tbc

10.30 **Small groups session** : Areas of added value of an EU resettlement scheme, next steps towards an EU scheme in these areas

(small groups, discussion based on prior input and report from thematic )

11.15 **Coffee**

11.45 **Report from small groups session**

12.00 **Case study Sweden: Labour market integration of resettled refugees**

Ms Miriam Hagstöm, Malmö University

12.30 **Lunch**

13.30 **Departure**

**Field visit: resettlement in practice – Salem municipality**

Visit to Refugee Resettlement Services of the Employment Training Center, Salem municipality (Söderby, Sanatorievägen 20)

18.30 **Supper**

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*Taking the issue forward*

From

7.00 **Breakfast**

10.00 **Closing panel: Future strategies and cooperation: The role of resettlement in the “Stockholm programme”**

Ms Doris Peschke, CCME

NN, EU Commission,

Mr Frederik Beijer, Swedish Migration Board

NN, UNHCR

Chair: Ms Kristina Hellquist, Officer Refugee and integration Issues of the Church of Sweden

12.00 **Summing up** Mr Richard Williams, appointed listener

13.00 **Lunch**

Departure

THE CONFERENCE LANGUAGE IS ENGLISH.

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<sup>1</sup> Van Selm, Joanne and others: The Feasibility of setting up resettlement schemes in EU Member States or at EU Level, against the background of the Common European Asylum system and the goal of a Common Asylum Procedure, Brussels 2003

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