

▶ Inclusive private sector development in forced displacement contexts

A technical knowledge-sharing event on engaging and developing the private sector in the humanitarian-development-peace Nexus

17-19 October 2023, Speke Resort and Conference Center, Kampala, Uganda

▶ Agenda

Day 1, 17 October 2023		
08:00 – 09:00	Registrations and networking	
09:00 – 09:45	Welcome and opening statements	Federation of Uganda Employers National Organization of Trade Unions Embassy of the Netherlands Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development International Labour Organization
09:45 – 10:30	Overview of the programme and introductions	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 11:45	<p>The entrepreneur's perspective: what does it take for refugee entrepreneurs to succeed?</p> <p>Panel interview with a selected refugee entrepreneurs and discussion on success factors for entrepreneurs in forced displacement contexts</p>	Moderator: Caroline Njuki , ILO, Kenya Patient Baraka , DRC Fabian Shema , Rwanda

11:45 – 12:30	<p>Bridging the humanitarian-development nexus: a panel discussion</p> <p>Panel discussion on the role of private sector in bridging the humanitarian-development nexus</p>	<p>Moderator: Nick Grisewood</p> <p>Anita Mwandha, Country Officer, IFC Uganda</p> <p>Matthew Crentsil, Representative, UNHCR Uganda</p> <p>Merten Sievers, Global Coordinator – Value chains and entrepreneurship, SME Unit, ILO</p> <p>Johnson Abitekaniza, Ministry of Trade Industry and Cooperatives, Uganda, Government of Uganda</p>
12:30 – 13:00	UNDSS Briefing	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Outlining pathways of refugee entrepreneurs to self-reliance through private sector development</p> <p>An interactive discussion with case studies and exercises to highlight success factors</p>	<p>Moderator: Yusra Hamed, Technical Specialist on Financial Inclusion, ILO</p> <p>Alistair Cowan - Regional Alternative Finance Coordinator – East Africa and Great Lakes - DRC</p> <p>Firew Teshome Assefa, Business Development Service Providers Association (BDSPA)</p> <p>Mohamedd Adeeb, Middle East Bank Iraq</p> <p>Asiimwe Ivan, Uganda Cooperatives Alliance</p> <p>John Walugembe, Federation of Small and Medium Enterprises, Uganda</p> <p>Robert Anyang, Ag Ploutos</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 17:00	Conclusions and Wrap-up	

Day 2, 18 October 2023

09:00 – 09:30	Recap of Day 1	
09:30 – 10:30	<p>Access to finance in the context of displacement</p> <p>Panel discussion highlighting lessons from initiatives in Africa and the Middle East</p>	<p>Moderator: Fadia Jradi, Technical Officer, ILO</p> <p>Ahmad Mohamed, Central Bank of Iraq</p> <p>Frank Michael, Al Thiqa</p> <p>Noah Ssempijja, Opportunity Bank, Uganda</p> <p>Michael Ombabah Monari, Longitude Finance, Kenya</p>

10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Forging win-win situations: Understanding conditions for successful private sector engagement in forced displacement contexts</p> <p>Presentation of findings of a new ILO-UNHCR ‘Review and mapping of market-led approaches in forced displacement contexts’ followed by a panel discussion highlighting lessons from private sector engagement initiatives in the Middle East and Africa</p>	<p><i>Opening statements</i></p> <p>Merten Sievers, ILO</p> <p>Line Astrom, UNHCR</p> <p><i>Presentation and Panel discussion</i></p> <p>Moderator: Elisa Mandelli, ILO</p> <p>Paul Joicey, DAI Europe Team Leader, Ethiopia</p> <p>Yara Asad, Private Sector Development Specialist, World Bank Group, Jordan</p> <p>Ogheneovo Ugbebor, Palladium Group, Strategy Director, Propcom Nigeria</p> <p>John Francis Omusolo, Market Systems Development Advisor for Africa, Mercy Corps Uganda</p> <p>Nadja Nutz, Technical Officer on Entrepreneurship and Inclusive Markets, ILO</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:30	<p>The private sector perspective: private sector views on engagement with development actors in forced displacement contexts</p>	<p><i>Opening statement</i></p> <p>Nadja Nutz, ILO</p> <p><i>Round 1</i></p> <p>Robert Anyang, AG Plotus, Uganda</p> <p>Bart Minsaer, Hello Solar, Ethiopia</p> <p>Yared Sertse, Shayashone, Ethiopia</p> <p>Ahmed Abas Aden, Shabelle Bank, Ethiopia</p> <p><i>Round 2</i></p> <p>Kulabako Moses, Nutrofeed, Uganda</p> <p>Islam Basheer, Bayrony, Sudan</p> <p>Moukadem Abed Al Mutaleb, Al Majmoua, Lebanon</p> <p>Umar Yila, Agriproject Concept International, Nigeria</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 17:00	Open knowledge sharing: what have we learned on private sector development and engagement in forced displacement contexts?	

Day 3, 19 October 2023		
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Towards a conducive environment for private sector development in forced displacement contexts: promoting refugees’ rights to work, access finance, create businesses and cooperative development</p> <p>Presentation of findings from a recent ILO study on regulatory frameworks governing refugees’ labour market access followed by a panel discussion on conditions and experiences from selected countries</p>	<p><i>Overview</i></p> <p>Fatma Kaya, Programme Officer, ILO</p> <p>Moderator: Stephen Opio, Chief Technical Advisor, ILO, Uganda and Judith van Doorn, Specialist Enterprise Formalization, ILO</p> <p>Domitien Innocent Havyarimana, GLAP Enterprises, Entrepreneur in Kenya</p> <p>Sybille Anny Izere, Founder in Uganda</p> <p>Steven Otieno, Advisor on Cooperatives, President’s Economic Transformation Secretariat, Kenya</p> <p>Florence Mutonerwa, UGAFODE Microfinance, Uganda</p> <p>Fantaw Kabtamu Hailu, Refugees and Returnees Service, Ethiopia</p> <p>TBC, Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda</p> <p>Ozgur Sertac Azizoglu, ILO Türkiye</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 13:00	Open Space	
13:30- 14:00	Closing remarks	<p>Coffi Agossou, Deputy Regional Director, ILO Regional Office for Africa</p> <p>H.E Namondo Ngongi, UN Resident Coordinator</p> <p>Hon. Esther Anyakun, State Minister for Refugees</p>