

# DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS TO MASS DISPLACEMENT IN CITIES THE CASE OF SYRIAN REFUGEES

The majority of refugees now live in cities. City life for refugees can be precarious, but also provides opportunities to live independently, build a future and contribute to the host community's economy and society. The Syria crisis is a case in point as the majority of refugees fleeing the conflict are not in camps but have rather settled in urban areas of neighbouring or nearby countries. Refugee protection and humanitarian assistance need early on to be complemented with a development approach that builds resilience and maximizes the social and economic opportunities for both refugees and the communities that host them.

The side event provides a space to share lessons and good practices on development approaches to refugee displacement at the city level between representatives of cities and international actors.

## Side Event\*

**29 June 2017** | 10:50-11:50  
**Venue** | Federal Foreign Office, Berlin, Working Room 2

**Panelists** | Yehia Daher, Mayor of Qaraaoun, Lebanon  
Osman Toprak, Vice-Mayor of Gaziantep, Turkey  
Michael Spindelegger, Director General, ICMPD  
Sarah Poole, Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Director,  
Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP  
Michele Cavinato, Head of the Asylum and Migration Unit, Division  
of International Protection, UNHCR

*\*the contents are the sole responsibility of the organisers ICMPD, UNDP and UNHCR*

For more information contact Ms Aurélie Sgro (Aurelie.Sgro@icmpd.org,  
+32 22331164) or visit [www.icmpd.org/gfmd-side-event-2017](http://www.icmpd.org/gfmd-side-event-2017)

