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Lunchtime Side Event to the 3rd Global Forum on Migration and Development Preparatory Meeting

Decent work for refugees: lessons learned and guidance for inclusive labour markets

Panel discussion organized by the Government of Norway and the International Labour Office

Wednesday 11 September 2019, Palais des Nations, Room XXI, 13:00-14:30 pm

Refreshments will be served.

Background and concept

In recent years, as refugee crises have become increasingly protracted and complex, the integration of refugees into labour markets has emerged as a critical issue in finding inclusive solutions.

States hosting refugees have taken innovative approaches to facilitate integration of refugees in labour markets. Facilitating access for refugees to labour markets has also served to bridge humanitarian and development approaches to refugee crises, hence reshaping response models.

The Global Compact on Refugees calls for sustainable livelihoods and decent working conditions for refugees and host communities alike. The ILO's "Guiding Principles on the access of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons to the labour market" can offer concrete guidance to States and partners in formulating sustainable policy responses in this area.

Panelists will reflect on lessons learned, innovative practices now emerging, and challenges drawn from operational experiences. They will offer insights from a range of contexts, as well as an overview of recent technical guidance and tools available to policymakers.

Agenda

- **Introductory Video**
- **Opening Remarks**
- **Panel discussion**
 - Moderator: Mr. Nick Grisewood, Global Programme Manager, Inclusive Jobs and Education for Host Communities, Refugees, and FDPs, ILO
 - Ms. Leila Erdis, Senior Adviser, Department of Integration, Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research
 - Mr. Samuel Addis Alemayehyu, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Ethiopia to the UN
 - Ms. Héloïse Ruadel, Crisis Specialist, International Labour Organization
 - Mr. Ziad Ayoubi, Head of Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Unit, UNHCR
- **Questions and answers with participants**