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An Independent Appeal Board for RSD Cases

You are invited to attend a side meeting sponsored by the Africa and Middle East Refugee Assistance (AMERA).

When: Thursday 27 September

At : 13.30pm to 15.00pm

Where: Room 3, level 0, International Conference Centre Geneva (ICCG)

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The UN High Commissioner for Refugees conducts individual refugee status determination (RSD) in approximately 80 countries and decides the fate of tens of thousands of asylum seekers every year. UNHCR has committed itself to an ambitious reform of the way it decides refugee cases, but one of the most challenging current gaps is the lack of a fully independent appeal system for asylum-seekers refused protection by UNHCR field offices. This session panel examines proposals for addressing this need so as to reduce the risk of refugees being errantly refused protection and will provide an update on the reform process.

Chairperson: Zachary Lomo, St. Edmonds College, Cambridge

Speakers: Professor Andrew Clapham, Director, Geneva Academy for International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

Rick Stainsby, UNHCR



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