

Side event of the 68th session of the Executive Committee

Challenges and responses along the central Mediterranean route

Moderated by Mr. Volker Türk, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection

Speakers to include:

Mr. Mohamed Bazoum, Minister of State, Minister of the Interior, Public Security, Decentralization and Religious Affairs and Customs of Niger

Mr. Roberto Mignone, UNHCR Representative in Libya

Mr. Sikander Khan, Emergency Operations Director in Geneva, United Nations Children's Fund



Refugees and migrants moving across the Sahara desert and the central Mediterranean Sea towards Europe face severe protection risks along the routes. Tackling the root causes and triggers of such movement, as well as addressing the protection needs of those already on the move, requires close cooperation among all stakeholders using a comprehensive cross-regional approach in countries of origin, transit and destination. This session aims to review progress, challenges and responses to ensuring effective protection and to offering viable alternatives to the dangers of the central Mediterranean route for people on the move.

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13:15 – 15:00

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Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided.

