

## **DETAILED SCHEDULE AND ARRANGEMENT OF THE SEMINAR**

**Theme of the Seminar:** International Seminar on “*Responding to Large Scale Refugee Movements*”

**Date:** 18-19 April 2018

**Collaborating Partner:** United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

**Venue:** Juniper Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

### **Description:**

The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of AALCO held in Nairobi in May 2017 through its resolution (AALCO/RES/56/S 3) on the topic “The Status and Treatment of Refugees” mandated the AALCO Secretariat vide OP 4: to explore in the near future, the possibility of organizing a joint seminar or workshop in collaboration with UNHCR, Member States and other relevant organizations or institutions.

On September 19, 2016 the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, a landmark political declaration that is directed at improving the way in which the international community responds to large movements of refugees and migrants, as well as to protracted refugee situations. In the New York Declaration States called upon the UNHCR to develop and initiate the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF), in order to inform the Global Compact on Refugees in 2018; and to contribute its expertise to the development of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration.

The CRRF is a blueprint to bring to life the commitments made in the New York Declaration, by providing a more comprehensive, predictable and sustainable response to large scale movements of refugees and protracted refugee situations. In addition, informal thematic discussions are in progress to identify the actions that are essential to the type of refugee response envisaged in the New York Declaration and thus inform the application of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework and the development of the Global Compact on Refugees. Also, a series of six informal thematic sessions on facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration have been held between April and November 2017 to gather substantive input and concrete recommendations to inform the development of the global compact on migration.

This seminar will discuss the progress in the roll-out of the CRRF as well as in the informal thematic discussions, towards the realization of the 2018 Global Compact on Refugees as well as the 2018 Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular migration.

**AALCO in collaboration with UNHCR**

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**Wednesday 18 – Thursday 19 April 2018**

*Agenda*

**Registration:** 9.00 – 9.30 AM

*Day 1*

09.30 – 11.00 AM      **Inauguration Ceremony**  
Opening remarks by **H.E. Prof. Dr. Kennedy Gastorn**, Secretary-General, AALCO

Welcome address by **H.E. Mrs. Florence Weche**, High Commissioner of Kenya to India on behalf of the President of AALCO

Keynote address by **Ms. Ellen Hansen**, Senior Policy Adviser (Protection), Division of International Protection, UNHCR

11.00- 11.30 AM      **Group photograph**

*Tea Break*

11.30-01.00 PM      **Session 1: Global Overview of Refugee situation**

Moderator: **Dr. Burra Srinivas**, Assistant Professor, South Asian University, New Delhi

Speaker: **Ms. Yasuko Shimizu**, Chief of Mission, UNHCR, India and Maldives

01.00-02.00 PM      **Lunch**

02.00-03.30PM      **Session 2: Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework and Global Compact on Refugees: Prospects and Challenges**

Moderator: **Dr. K. M. Parivelan**, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai  
Speaker: **Ms. Ellen Hansen**, Senior Policy Adviser (Protection), Division of International Protection, UNHCR

03.30-03.45 PM      **Tea break**

03.45-05.15 PM      **Session 3: Contemporary Issues in International Refugee Protection**

Moderator: (TBC)

Speaker: **Dr. Burra Srinivas**, Assistant Professor, South Asian University, New Delhi

## ***Day 2***

09.30-11.00 AM	<p><b>Session 4: Efficacy of Regional Cooperation in Addressing Refugee Movements</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Dr. Jessica Field</b>, Assistant Professor, Jindal Global Law School, India Speaker: <b>Dr. Prof. Sanoj Rajan</b>, India Chair Visiting Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong</p>
11.00-11.30 AM	<p><b><i>Tea Break</i></b></p>
11.30-01.00 PM	<p><b>Session 5: Interface between Refugee Law and International Humanitarian Law</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Mohsen Baharvand</b>, Deputy Secretary-General, AALCO Speaker: <b>Mr. Jeremy England</b>, Head of Regional Delegation, ICRC, New Delhi</p>
01.00-02.00 PM	<p><b><i>Lunch</i></b></p>
02.00-03.30 PM	<p><b>Session 6: Interface between Refugee Law, Migration Frameworks and Law of the Sea</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Mohsen Baharvand</b>, Deputy Secretary-General, AALCO Speaker: <b>Mr. Fahad Ahmed</b>, Legal Advisor, ICRC, New Delhi</p>
03.30-03.45 PM	<p><b><i>Tea break</i></b></p>
03.45-04:45PM	<p><b>Session 7: Good practices across Asia and Africa</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Nour Mohammad</b>, Bangladesh Speaker: Ms. <b>Roshni Shanker</b>, Founder of Migration and Asylum Project, New Delhi. Speaker: <b>Ms. Tsion Tadesse Abebe</b>, (Best Practices in Africa), Senior Researcher, Migration Programme, Institute for Security Studies, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia</p>
04:45-05:00 PM	<p><b>Vote of Thanks</b></p>