



GLOBAL PROTECTION FORUM 2023

In the Hour of Need: Advancing Prevention and Proactive Protection

Housing, Land and Property rights as proactive protection: Custom, climate and community

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Abstract

This session looks at how securing Housing, Land and Property (HLP) rights in customary settings can reduce harm and mitigate protection risks related to safe, secure and dignified shelter and housing, and it improves access to land for food, agriculture and livelihoods. The session will bring together actors and activists from operations, policy and donor perspectives, including development, peace and ecological actors.

The session will also explore the value and significance of customary HLP actors in the allocation and management of housing, land and properties for the protection of ecosystems and indigenous communities. As climate change increasingly results in the displacement of local communities, local communities living in customary settings have an increasingly important role to play in the mitigation of climate risks for the proactive protection of people and livelihoods.

Further efforts are needed to integrate HLP into thinking on prevention and proactive protection. Thinking that needs to be done in collaboration with nexus and solutions-oriented actors. Some positive examples will illustrate how this gap can be addressed.

This session fits into a wider workstream within the HLP AoR, and it responds to the requests from operational colleagues for greater knowledge and understanding about working in customary HLP contexts, which can lead to hybrid and evolving frameworks on HLP. The session is expected to increase the understanding of this issue and the connection across clusters, sectors, operations and perspectives.

Agenda

| Time | Topic/session | Speaker |
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| 14:00 - 14:10 | Welcoming of participants, housekeeping and introduction | Julie and Natalie |
| 14:10 - 14:15 | Opening remarks (intro on HLP AoR, what are HLP rights, framing discussion and challenges) | Jim Robinson , NRC, Co-coordinator of the HLP AoR (facilitator) |
| 14:15 - 14:25 | Afghanistan - Integrating HLP and climate programming: a case study of a community-based approach in Afghanistan | Ben Flower , Senior Programme Specialist (Housing, Land and Property) at UN-Habitat Afghanistan |
| 14:25 - 14:40 | South Sudan – Housing Land and Property Rights as Proactive Protection: Custom, climate and community | Margaret Wasuk Lugor , ICLA Coordinator and HLP AoR Coordinator (NRC South Sudan) and Peter Deng , Head of Protection Programmes and HLP AoR Co-Lead (Humanitarian and Development Consortium - HDC) |
| 14:40 - 14:55 | Uganda - Unlocking the Climate Change Puzzle: Integrating Land Registration and Wetland Wise Use Planning as Essential Solutions | Evelyne Ajambo , Programme Management Assistant - Land Management (UN-Habitat Uganda) and Ms. Jordana Wamboga , Project Officer (UCOBAC) |
| 14:55 - 15:05 | Honduras – Protection of Housing and Land as a Strategy for Conflict Prevention and Promotion of Solutions to Forced Displacement in Honduras | Johanna Miranda , Associate Legal Officer, UNHCR Honduras |
| 15:05 - 15:25 | Q&A | All presenters Facilitated by Jim |
| 15:25 - 15:30 | Closing remarks | Eleonora Serpi , UN-Habitat |

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