




Speakers and moderator brief bios

Session: Opportunities and challenges for localization of humanitarian action and engagement with communities

Date 23 June 2021, 14:30-16:00 BKK Time

Moderator	
 <p>Hafsar Tameesuddin, Human Right Defender, and Rohingya Activist</p>	<p>Hafsar Tameesuddin is a human rights defender and Rohingya activist for gender equality, child marriage, LGBTQI, refugees and statelessness. While Hafsar was in Malaysia as a refugee from 2011 till early 2019, she worked with the refugee community to support survivors of SGBV and child marriage. Hafsar also got involved in advocacy work for refugee rights, gender equality and child marriage during this time in Malaysia. Hafsar is still actively engaged with the advocacy work for the refugee rights, statelessness and SGBV in New Zealand. She is very much looking forward to making positive changes for the refugees and stateless people within her capacity together with the individuals and agencies who work for the same causes. She is also the deputy chair for APRRN Australia-New Zealand Working group and part of APNOR Rohingya Think Tank Group.</p>
Speakers	
 <p>Stella Ogunlade, Chief of Section, NGO and Civil Society team, Partnership and Coordination Service, UNHCR HQ Geneva</p>	<p>Stella Ogunlade is Chief of Section of the NGO and Civil Society team of UNHCR's Partnership and Coordination Service. In this function, she and her team support UNHCR Headquarters and Regional Bureaus in engagement with NGOs, including with faith-based organisations and refugee-led organisations. Ms. Ogunlade works for more than 15 years with UNHCR, in Protection and since 2015 in inter-agency collaboration and coordination, in more than eight countries, mainly in Asia, Africa and the Pacific. She has undergraduate and postgraduate law degrees from Germany and Australia.</p>
	<p>Ipshita Sengupta has worked in the humanitarian sector for over 10 years in the Asia region. She served in various roles at UNHCR in India and more recently, has worked in the Rohingya refugee response in Bangladesh as the Coordinator of a NGO Platform comprised of more than 100 international and Bangladeshi NGOs based in Cox's Bazar. Currently, she is a consultant with Act for Peace and has authored a report titled '<i>An Agenda for a Dignified and Sustainable Rohingya Refugee Response</i>'</p>

<p>Ipshita Sengupta, Former NGO Coordinator at Cox's Bazar</p>	<p><i>in Bangladesh'</i>. The full report is available here along with a policy brief</p>
<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Soraia Sadat, WASSA's Youth/Women Empowerment program</p>	<p>Soraia Sadat is in charge of WASSA's youth/women empowerment program, which focuses on providing psycho-social services to IDPs and returnees in Afghanistan. Ms. Sadat is a member of WASSA's programmatic team, engaging in fundraising and program development. She is a Herat University English Literature graduate with a Leadership Diploma from the Institute for Leadership Development, as well as the president of Herat Rotary Club.</p>