

## Launch Event: “Global Report on Law and Policy on Internal Displacement: Implementing National Responsibility”

**Wednesday, 14 December 2022 (2.30 - 4.30pm CET)**

**Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XXVI**

The event will launch the first “*Global Report on Law and Policy on Internal Displacement: Implementing National Responsibility*” developed by UNHCR in collaboration with the Global Protection Cluster’s Task Team on Law and Policy. While constitutions and national legislation are applicable in situations of internal displacement, and internally displaced people are entitled to protection under these laws, these often fail to address their specific needs and vulnerabilities. Such legislation is not drafted with displacement in mind; in some cases, existing laws may even have detrimental effects on IDPs’ enjoyment of their rights. Legislation often also fails to allocate clear roles and responsibilities to competent authorities at the national and local level, or to provide a sound basis for making adequate resources available to protect and assist IDPs, and find durable solutions for them. Normative frameworks on internal displacement can therefore be a precondition for concrete operational achievements; they facilitate domestic and international cooperation and coordination, and boost the reliability and credibility of government responses to IDPs

This report documents three decades of experience in domestic law and policy-making on internal displacement in line with international standards and expert recommendations, including most recently the Action Agenda on Internal Displacement. It analyzes key benchmarks of national responsibility, trends and learning related to developing national instruments to protect internally displaced people and support durable solutions for them. It provides insights on substantive and procedural issues that governments across regions have tackled, including African Union Member States that have developed domestic legislation as parties to the *African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention)*. The event is intended for all stakeholders, primarily government officials but also UN agencies, NGOs and academics among others, who are working on or are interested in supporting prevention, protection and solutions for IDPs through adequate legal, policy and institutional frameworks.

Interpretation will be available in English, French and Spanish.  
Light refreshments will be served before the event.

### Event agenda

**Moderator:** Samuel Cheung, UNHCR IDP Section Chief / GPC Coordinator a.i.

#### Opening Remarks:

- Ms. Gillian Triggs, UNHCR Assistant High Commissioner for Protection
- Ms. Paula Gaviria, UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of IDPs

#### Report - Key findings:

- Ms. Martina Caterina, UNHCR IDP Section / Chair of the GPC Task Team on Law and Policy

#### Panel:

##### *The Philippines*

- Hon. Jude Acidre, Deputy Minority Leader, House of Representatives of the Republic of The Philippines
- Atty. Raissa Jajurie - Member of the Bangsamoro Parliament and Minister of the Bangsamoro Ministry of Social Services and Development
- Mr. Gustavo González, UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator

##### *Nigeria*

- Mr. Alh Ali Grema, Director of Humanitarian Affairs, Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development
- Mr. Charles Nwanelo Anaello, Deputy Director of Humanitarian Affairs, Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development

##### *Platform on Disaster Displacement*

- Mr. Atle Solberg, Head of the PDD Secretariat

#### Plenary discussion