

Brainstorming Roundtable on the human rights to water and sanitation in humanitarian assistance (mainly to refugees and migrants)

Organized by the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, Mr. Léo Heller

*3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. 12 September 2017 (Tuesday)
OHCHR Palais Wilson, Room 1-016 (first floor)*

BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVE

Pursuant to the UN Human Rights Council Resolutions 27/7 of 2014 and 33/10 of 2016, the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, Mr. Léo Heller, is mandated to work on identifying challenges and obstacles to the full realization of the rights, as well as protection gaps, good practices and enabling factors.

The Special Rapporteur will be elaborating one of his 2018 thematic reports on the subject of the human rights to water and sanitation in humanitarian assistance (mainly to refugees and migrants). As part of the preparation for his research, the Special Rapporteur is convening a roundtable meeting in order to have a preliminary discussion on the possible scope and content of the report.

DISCUSSION FORMAT & QUESTIONS

Roundtable moderated by the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Léo Heller.

Questions:

- What are the roles and responsibilities of your organization in relation to the human rights to water and sanitation in situations of humanitarian crises?
- What concerns related to the enjoyment of human rights to water and sanitation are usually observed in humanitarian context? What are some specific examples?
- What are the gaps and challenges that prevent refugees, migrants and other groups to fully enjoy their rights to water and sanitation in situation of humanitarian crises?
- What elements are critical to realizing the human rights to water and sanitation in situations of humanitarian crises, particularly for refugees and migrants?
- What specific approaches related to the human rights to water and sanitation are required in humanitarian assistance compared to the realization of these rights in general?
- To what extent are obligations and responsibilities of State and non-State actors (e.g., recipient countries, UN agencies, NGOs, others) in this field conflicting or complimentary?
- How can this thematic report be used for the human rights constituents in Geneva, New York and other areas? And particularly, how can the report be used in your work?

CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE

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