



Roundtable

How Europe takes forward Refugee Compacts – A Girl Child perspective



Thursday 7 December, 15:00-17:00



Permanent Representation of Sweden to the European Union
Square de Meeûs 30, 1000 Bruxelles

Women and girls who flee conflict, crisis and natural disasters, or who migrate for other reasons, such as domestic violence or poverty, face specific threats, including human trafficking, exploitation and sexual violence and a denial of their basic human rights. Yet there is a lack of interest and understanding for the specific situation of women and girls on the move by decision-makers and the media. In addition, despite gains in policy and practice in recent years, the capacities of refugee women and girls are too often overlooked. They are underserved, poorly protected, and excluded from decision-making processes.

Speakers and participants to this event will discuss **the place of women and girls in the Global Refugee Compact as well as in EU migration policy**. Evidence will be provided of the impact of, and international response to refugee situations on women and girls and focus particularly on minors and children from a feminist perspective. The aim is to come up with recommendations in advance of the UN High Commissioner's High Level Dialogue on Protection Challenges and the European Council in December. It takes place during the **16 days of activism against Gender-Based Violence**.

Programme

Welcome by Swedish Permanent Representation

Panel 1: The EU and Girl-child refugees – A protection perspective

- Anna Zobnina, Strategy & Policy Coordinator, European Network of Migrant Women (ENOMW)
- Zoi Sakellidou, EU anti-trafficking coordinator's office
- Howard Mollett, Senior Policy Advisor, CARE International UK
- Mirko Kreibich, Policy Officer, Division Global 5, Development Cooperation Coordination, EEAS

Panel 2: The EU and Girl-child refugees – An empowerment perspective

- Hans Stausboll, Head of Unit Eastern Africa and Horn of Africa, DG DEVCO
- Nadina Christopoulou, Co-founder, Melissa Network of Migrant Women's Associations
- Salome Mbugua, President of ENOMW, Founder of Wezesha Dada & AkiDwa

Moderator: Catherine Woollard, Secretary-General, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)

Please note that **registration and coffee will start at 14:30** and attendance requires **registration before the 5th of December** [here](#).

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