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## **Refugees and the UN Millennium Development Goals: Strategies for Inclusion**

**Thursday, March 3, 2005**

**1:30 PM – 2:45 PM**

at

**Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children**  
122 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor (corner of 42<sup>nd</sup> and Lexington Ave)  
Conference Rooms A & B

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Displaced populations are often marginalized from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) process. Host governments typically exclude refugees from national poverty alleviation plans and development agencies assume their needs are met by relief agencies. Yet, refugees, internally displaced people and returnees – many living outside of camps – are disproportionately affected by poverty and related conditions. In order to achieve progress in any of the eight Millennium Development Goals, the needs of displaced populations must be considered in MDG programs, policies and strategies.

This session will explore strategies to promote attention to refugees, internally displaced people and returnees in the MDG process. Speakers will share their experiences, including findings from workshops on advancing the MDGs in Pakistan and Afghanistan, from the perspective of women and children and the contributions of civil society. *For workshop summary reports, visit <http://www.womenscommission.org/projects/P&P/MDG.shtml>.*

**\* INVITED**

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