



61st Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

Challenges and Solutions for the Economic Empowerment of Forcibly Displaced Women

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This event will focus on the importance of economic empowerment for women who have been forcibly displaced from their homes. Creating economic opportunities can strengthen resilience and self-reliance in protracted crisis. Successful economic empowerment initiatives take into consideration that earning income can increase women's risk of harm and violence, as well as facilitate opportunities to reduce or prevent harm. Therefore, the event will focus on developing and promoting strategies that support safe and effective livelihoods for women.

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With Remarks by:

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