



## Event Details

### Title of event

USING INTEGRATED PLANNING TO FOSTER INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES: how refugee and host community integration can strengthen communities and inform global sustainable development agendas

### Organization Details

**Organization:** United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

**Organization Country:** Kenya

### Summary

The nexus between integrated planning and social inclusion is increasingly important as urban contexts continue to struggle with disengaged segments of their communities and as the challenges of migration and climate change have significant impacts on urban functionality and sustainability. Urban planning has long been identified as one of the most effective tools to promote sustainable urbanizations, equity and poverty reduction. Less is known about the role urban planning plays in fostering social inclusion to maximize the benefits of urban diversity in post-refugee settlement contexts – particularly when integrating so many differences into one community such as is the case in Kalobeyei settlement in Kenya. To harness the presence of refugees and more fully engage the existing local community, the National Government of Kenya, the Turkana County Government, UNHCR and other stakeholders agreed to pilot a new approach by developing a settlement promoting self-reliance of refugees and the host population, known as Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Programme (KISED P) in Turkana West.

The ambitious plan of KISED P, located in Turkana County, provides a living example from which many interesting questions emerge: what types of planning can promote social inclusion, addressing local traditions, new customs, spatial challenges and basic service provision? Do new technologies and innovations present a dynamic opportunity to foster more inclusive cities, or a whole new set of risks? And how are people brought together effectively and for the long term when they come from such different backgrounds and experience?

Thus far, the programme has informed Kenya's Refugee Response Framework, referencing the commitments to the Global Compact for Refugees and Migration. It has proven to be a pragmatic model for the localisation of the Sustainable Development Goals as it strives to navigate benefits for both the refugees and host populations - by creating the conditions more likely to produce a conducive environment for investment to promote the sustainable and inclusive urbanisation, improve basic socio-economic infrastructure while at the same time, make them sensitive to environmental challenges, strengthen capacities for inclusive national delivery service, and enhance innovative aid delivery to increase self-reliance and improve access to participation in the local economy. In addition, the collaboration with non-traditional partners, such as private sector and financial institutions presents opportunities for investment within settlements to promote sustainable development has taken the project to the next level and provided many examples of win-win opportunities when all stakeholders are engaged.

The side event aims to promote the importance of acknowledging the different cultures of refugee populations, and their cohabitation with hosting communities which produce unique synergies, and how through collaborations and bottom-up approaches, investment opportunities can be tapped into the build greater self-reliance and empowerment.

## Other Organization name

United Nations Human Settlements Programme UN-Habitat

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