



IN THEIR OWN VOICE: CENTERING FORCIBLY DISPLACED COMMUNITIES IN ADVOCACY EFFORTS

Berlin, February 20-24, 2024

AGENDA

Tuesday, February 20

Arrivals

Hotel [Crowne Plaza Potsdamer Platz](#)

Hallesche Str 10, Berlin, 10963

19:00 Welcome Group Dinner at [Lausebengel](#)

Grimmstraße 21, Berlin, 10967

Wednesday, February 21

Defining Forcibly Displaced-Centered Advocacy

Objectives:

- Increase understanding of what forcibly displaced-centered advocacy is and why it is important
- Through the presentation of the eight subgrant projects reflect on how inclusive and participatory practices support community-centered advocacy
- Increase understanding of the main challenges of meaningful and equitable participation of forcibly displaced people
- Learn about best practices of community/victim participation through the sharing of best practices
- Develop initial recommendations on how to ensure meaningful and equitable participation of forcibly displaced people in advocacy to better harness the expertise and perspectives of forcibly displaced people.

9:00 - 9:20

Welcome and Introduction

- Silvia Fernández, International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC)
- Thomas Seibert, [Medico International](#)

- Hadi Marifat, Afghan Human Rights and Democracy Organization (AHRDO)

9:20 - 9:40

Icebreaker Activity

9:50 - 10:10

Keynote Speech

Ehsan Qanee, Research Fellow, Afghanistan Programme, [Raoul Wallenberg Institute](#)

10:10 - 11:00

Presentation of the Inclusive and Victim-centered Documentation and Memorialization Subgrant Projects

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Facilitator: Justine Di Mayo, International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC)

11:00 - 11:20

Questions and Answers

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11:20 - 11:35

Coffee Break

11:35 - 12:15

Presentation of the Inclusive and Victim-centered Documentation and Memorialization Subgrant Projects (cont.)

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- 12:35 - 13:35 **Lunch Break**
- 13:35 - 14:45
centered **Sharing of Experiences Roundtable: Best Practices of Community-
Advocacy and Lessons Learned (30')**
- Ola Albarazi, [The Day After](#) (Turkey)
- Questions & Answers (30')**
- Moderator:** Silvia Fernández, International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC)
- 14:45 - 15:30 **Small-Groups Discussion: Achieving Meaningful and Equitable
Participation**
- Challenges for meaningful and equitable participation
 - Develop recommendations to ensure meaningful and equitable participation of forcibly displaced people in advocacy.
- 15:30 - 15:45 **Coffee Break**
- 15:45 - 16:30 **Plenary: Achieving Meaningful and Equitable Participation**
- Facilitator:** Nicole Valentine, Afghan Human Rights and Democracy Organization (AHRDO)
- 16:30 - 17:00 **Wrap up and Closing of the Day**
Justine Di Mayo, International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC)
- Dinner on your own**

Thursday, February 22

Strengthening Capacity to Build a Forcibly Displaced-Centered Advocacy Strategy

Objectives:

- Strengthen capacity in community-centered digital storytelling methods, (remote) productions, and communications

- Strengthen capacity to build effective advocacy strategies.

9:00 - 9:20	Welcome Elena del Hoyo, International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC)
9:20 - 11:00	Capacity-building Workshop 1: Strengthening the Voices of Forcibly Displaced in Media Trainer: Migration Matters
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 - 12:30	Capacity-building Workshop 1: Strengthening the Voices of Forcibly Displaced in Media (cont) Trainer: Migration Matters
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 - 15:00	Capacity-building Workshop 2: Building Effective Advocacy Strategies Trainer: Refugees Seeking Equal Access at the Table (R-SEAT)
15:00 - 15:15	Coffee Break
15:15 - 16:30	Capacity-building Workshop 2: Building Effective Advocacy Strategies Trainer: Refugees Seeking Equal Access at the Table (R-SEAT)
16:30 - 16:45	Wrap up and Closing of the Day Justine Di Mayo, International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC)
18:00 - 21:00	“Addressing Trauma in the Context of Forced Displacement” Side-Event, in partnership with Give Something Back to Berlin (GSBTB) Refugio Lenaustraße 4, 12047 Berlin, Germany

Friday, February 23

Moving Forward

Objectives:

- Identify key most pressing issues for the group to address collectively
- Finalize the recommendations developed on day one, on how to ensure meaningful and equitable participation of forcibly displaced people in advocacy to better harness their expertise and perspectives
- Explore how to develop collaboration and build alliances among diaspora and across communities nationally, regionally and internationally
- Develop a coordination plan to ensure long-term collaboration and support among participants
- Establish a Coordination Committee (Task Force) to implement the group's advocacy work in the long term.

9:00 - 9:20 **Welcome**
Hadi Marifat, Afghan Human Rights and Democracy Organization (AHRDO)

9:20 - 11:00 **Plenary Discussion: Identifying most pressing issues to address as a group**

Facilitator: Justine Di Mayo, International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC)

11:00 - 11:15 **Coffee Break**

11:15 - 12:45 **Sharing of Experiences Roundtable: Networking and Coordination to foster a higher level of engagement and influence and increase their participation at state levels (40')**

- Adrien Bory, [DRC Afghan diaspora project](#) (Denmark)
- Marisa León-Gómez Sonet, [Refugees Seeking Equal Access at the Table \(R-SEAT\)](#) (Switzerland)

Questions & Answers (50')

Moderator: Elena del Hoyo, International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC)

12:45 - 13:45 **Lunch Break**

13:45 - 15:00 **Plenary Discussion: Strengthening coordination among participants to foster greater collaboration and amplify their voices**

Facilitator: Justine Di Mayo, International Coalition of Sites of Conscience

(ICSC)

15:00 - 15:20

Next steps

Hadi Marifat, Afghan Human Rights and Democracy Organization (AHRDO)
Justine Di Mayo, International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC)

15:20 - 15:30

Closing

Eva Bitterlich, Medico International
Silvia Fernández, International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC)

Free time

Dinner on your own

Saturday, February 24

Departures