The Protection and Empowerment of Women and Girls on the Move

This theme will enable Canada to draw attention to the international protection needs and education of refugee women and girls, as well as the need to protect the human rights of all women, girls and LGBTI individuals in vulnerable situations. This theme will serve to frame key events and activities throughout Canada’s tenure.

**Chair Theme:**

**CHAIR THEME**

**MIRPS Support Platform: Canada’s Chair Strategy (July 2021-July 2022)**

**Working Groups Technical Session**

**Signatures Events**

**Outreach & Engagement**

**Objectives**

- Galvanize political, financial, technical and material commitments toward the fulfillment of the humanitarian and development needs identified by the MIRPS countries.
- Increase international visibility of MIRPS, and engagement in support of MIRPS from a wider range of actors (i.e. State and non-State actors).
- Reinforce the Support Platform as an effective mechanism to mobilize comprehensive responses for the forced displacement situation in the region.

**Outcomes**

- Quantifiable increase in the contributions made by MIRPS Support Platform members and other stakeholders to address the needs identified by MIRPS countries.
- Increased engagement through a broadened membership base for enhanced responsibility-sharing in the region.
- Establish the MIRPS Support Platform as an effective support platform.

**Signatures Events**

**High-Level Event**

- This virtual High-Level event will be an official event to focus on protection in displacement contexts that would encompass both third country solutions and protection needs in the field (e.g., protection from SGBV), while promoting the inclusion of other State and non-State actors including CSOs, Philanthropists, LGBTI+ community, and those with lived refugee experiences.
- Stakeholders: MIRPS countries, Support Platform Members, Organization of American States (OAS), IADB (Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Refugee participation.
- High-Level Event:
  - Date: December 2021
  - Description: A Solidarity Event in September 2022 to encourage political, financial, technical and material/in-kind commitments in response to the needs identified by MIRPS country National Action Plans & to promote the inclusion of non-State actors at relevant Support Platform meetings and activities.
  - Stakeholders: MIRPS countries, Support Platform Members, OAS, IADB, CSOs, Refugee participation.

**Signature Event**

- A proposed multi-day signature initiative in May 2022 on resettlement and complementary pathways of admission as well as the integration with trusted partners.

**Solidarity Event**

- A Solidarity Event in September 2022 to encourage political, financial, technical and material/in-kind commitments in response to the needs identified by MIRPS country National Action Plans & to promote the inclusion of non-State actors at relevant Support Platform meetings and activities.
- Stakeholders: MIRPS countries, Support Platform Members, OAS, IADB, CSOs, Refugee participation.

**Technical Session**

- Series of technical meeting with MIRPS countries & Support Platform members (March to June 2022).
- Focus on protection and reception, admission, and processing of persons with protection needs, and solutions for local governance, labor market access, and vocational training.
- Engage private sector participation.

**Outreach & Engagement**

- Members of the Support Platform
- MIRPS countries
- International Financial Institutions
- OAS and CEPAL
- Other Member States
- Private Sector
- UN agencies
- Civil Society
- Academia
MIRPS SUPPORT PLATFORM EVENTS (2021-2022)

2021

June
- MIRPS Support Platform Solidarity Event (Spain, current Chair) – June 10

July
- July 5-9 UNHCR Standing Committee Side Event - Official Handover, MIRPS Support Platform Chair

October
- MIRPS SP Technical Meeting 1

2021 / 2022

January/February
- MIRPS SP Technical Meeting 3

February/March
- Technical Session 1: Reception and Admission
- Technical Session 2: Internal Displacement
- MIRPS SP Technical Meeting 4

April/May
- MIRPS Support Platform: Signature Event (May 24-26)
- Technical Session 3: Labour Market Access and Vocational Training
- Technical Session 4: Local Governance
- Technical Session 5: Private Sector Engagement
- MIRPS SP Technical Meeting 5

June/July
- Official Handover to next MIRPS Support Platform Chair

September
- MIRPS Solidarity Event