

Global Protection Cluster End-of-Year Event

Access that Protects: An Agenda for Change

Tuesday 13th December, 16:00 – 17:30 CET

Location: International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), Plenary E (third floor)

/ Online - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87961920494>

Co-hosts: Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations in Geneva and the Global Protection Cluster

Simultaneous interpretation: French, Spanish and Arabic

Registration: <https://regi.page/GPC2022-EOY>

The Global Protection Cluster's End-of-Year Event, entitled [Access that Protects: An Agenda for Change](#), will highlight the urgency and impact of protection work being done in complex crises all around the world, including in relation to the foundational role of sustained access. The majority of protection cluster operations estimate that protection services can reach and be reached by, on average, 25% to 50% of those in need. The GPC, together with members and allies, is striving to counter such trends and support a step change in access that protects – to shift behaviours, policies and practices in ways that enable communities to better access the protection supports and services they need amidst crisis.

In this event Samuel Cheung, the GPC's Coordinator, will officially launch the GPC Agenda for Change on Access that Protects, highlighting the policy and practice change priorities that have been collaboratively developed with protection experts, both frontline practitioners and policy-makers, throughout the year. Key protection allies, including donors, Member States, and partners will be invited to share their own priorities and commitments in relation to access that protects and the Agenda for Change.

The event brings to a close the [Global Protection Forum](#), a series of webinars and sessions spread across the year of 2022, that have examined contemporary and emerging protection challenge with a focus on **access that protects**, bringing together a wide range of perspectives from protection providers, humanitarian, peace and development partners, academics, donors, and Member States.

The event will be followed by a drinks reception for those attending in person in Geneva.

Agenda

Component	Speakers	Timing
Technical Facilitation & Housekeeping	Julie Girgenti PHAP	16:00 – 16:05
Welcome	Hannah Widstam Minister Counsellor - Humanitarian Affairs, Peace and Conflict, Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations in Geneva	16:05 – 16:10
Opening Remarks	Gillian Triggs Assistant High Commissioner Protection, UNHCR	16:10 – 16:20
Launching of Agenda for Change	Samuel Cheung Global Protection Cluster Coordinator	16:20 – 16:30
Reflections	Aurelien Buffler Chief, Policy Advice and Planning Section, UNOCHA New York Christian Cardon de Lichtbuer Chief Protection Officer, ICRC Cecilia Roselli Director, Norwegian Refugee Council Geneva, GPC SAG Co-Chair	16:30 – 17:00
Member State Interventions	1. European Union 2. United Kingdom 3. United States	17:00 – 17:25
Closing	Samuel Cheung Global Protection Cluster Coordinator	17:25 – 17:30
Drinks Reception	All	17:30 – 18:30