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## Forgotten Refugees

**You are invited to attend a side meeting sponsored by the Asian Women's Human Rights Council (AWHRC) .**

When: Wednesday 26 September 2007

At: 13.30pm to 15.00pm

Where: Room 4, level 0, International Conference Centre Geneva (ICCG)

### **Forgotten Refugees**

Increasingly the world has become aware of the horrendous plight of the many millions of refugees in protracted refugee situations – refugees who have lived in appalling camps and urban ghettos for up to 20 years. But there are also refugees who are completely forgotten; refugees who languish in remote places, undocumented by either their host state or UNHCR. Seldom mentioned in discussions about durable solutions, never targeted for world attention by CNN, they lack even the most basic of services, ignored by the humanitarian community, prey to corrupt regimes and exploited by those who have power over their lives. In this workshop we will talk specifically about the Rwandans still stranded in Uganda, the Sierra Leonean left in limbo in Guinea, and the Rohingyas in Bangladesh.

Chairperson: Linda Bartolomei

Speakers:

Dr. Eileen Pittaway, Centre for Refugee Research, University of New South Wales

Tenneh Tkapa, Australian National Committee on Refugee Women

Godwin Buwa, Refugee Law Project, Uganda



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<sup>1</sup> ICVA/UNHCR Pre-ExCom Meetings at the fifty-eighth session of the UNHCR's Executive Committee