

United Nations Secretary General arrives in Uganda

The United Nations Secretary General Mr. Antonio Guterres has arrived in Uganda for the Uganda Solidarity summit on Refugees.

Mr. Guterres will be jointly hosting the first ever Solidarity Summit on refugees in Africa with President Yoweri Museveni in Kampala from 22 to 23 June 2017 to raise USD 2 Billion for refugees and communities hosting them in Uganda.

Uganda is currently hosting the highest numbers of refugees in Africa, and the third largest globally. The total refugee population stands at 1.2 million, higher than at any time in its history. Women and girls represent 54% of the total refugee population, while children represent 59%.

This has created a compounded refugee crisis, comprised of a recent refugee influx notably from South Sudan, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), in addition to a protracted refugee situation. This is at a time when forced displacement has become the single most defining humanitarian/development challenge globally, having reached unprecedented levels in 2016 and thus far shows no signs of abating.

The Ugandan model provides refugees with exemplary prospects for dignity, normality and self-reliance, and creates a conducive environment for pursuing development-oriented approaches.

ENDS