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## *Ending the Rohingya crisis: Community-centered actions for protection, justice, and lasting peace*

Concept note for a side event for the 2025 High-level Conference on the Situation of Rohingya Muslims and Other Minorities in Myanmar

Monday, September 29, 2025 from 1:15 PM to 2:30 PM  
Conference Room 11, UN Headquarters in New York

### **Overview**

Eight years after the 2017 genocidal attacks, the Rohingya ethnic and religious minority are facing [renewed](#) atrocities in Rakhine State and deteriorating conditions as refugees in the wider South and Southeast Asian region. In Myanmar, the hundreds of thousands of Rohingya remaining in Rakhine State are being [targeted](#) with atrocities by the Burmese military and the Arakan Army on top of being caught in the crossfire of their exacerbating armed conflict since late 2023, and following the February 1, 2021 coup. In Bangladesh, India, Malaysia, and across the region, over one million Rohingya refugees are being denied further access to protection and livelihoods as levels of humanitarian aid rapidly plummet. The gendered effects of the crisis continue to acutely burden women and girls with an increased risk of sexual and gender-based violence, as well as human trafficking. [Reaching](#) their record, deaths from land and maritime crossings make the journey one of the deadliest in the world. Meanwhile, the prospect for the safe, voluntary, sustainable, and dignified returns of Rohingya to their homes and places of origin in Myanmar has grown ever more distant.

At the High-level Conference on the Situation of Rohingya Muslims and Other Minorities in Myanmar (“the Conference”), this side event will provide a briefing on the Rohingya crisis, especially since the resumption of conflict in Rakhine State; evaluate international and regional responses to the crisis taken thus far; and discuss novel solutions to effectively end the crisis – including genocide – such that lasting peace among the key stakeholders can be established in Myanmar.

### **Format**

The side event will be opened with remarks from a representative of a co-sponsoring Member State(s); presentation by the event’s civil society co-sponsors on the Rohingya crisis; a panel discussion involving key leaders and experts from the Rohingya and the wider Burmese community, as well as the international human rights and civil society; and a closing remarks from a representative of a co-sponsoring Member State(s) or a similarly high-level actor (e.g., from the United Nations Secretariat).

During the side event, particular attention will be dedicated to a policy brief drafted by members of the Rohingya community following WPN's consultations with its diverse network in Bangladesh and Myanmar leading up to the Conference.

The side event will be livestreamed on [UN Web TV](#).

### **Date and location**

September 29, 1:15 PM to 2:30 PM at Conference Room 11, UN Headquarters in New York

### **Outcome**

The side event will provide an opportunity for a critical discussion on the Rohingya crisis to take place directly between civil society and Member States during the Conference. By involving community members, the event will also help raise awareness of the crisis such that it reflects the changing and actual dynamics on the ground. It will also help draw attention to the importance of a gendered lens in responding to the crisis, thereby ensuring that the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda remains central to the Conference's mission.

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Led by</i>
1:15 PM	Welcome and agenda-setting by the master of ceremonies	Representative of a co-sponsoring civil society
1:17 PM	Opening remarks (2 minutes)	H.E. Mr. Anders Adlercreutz, Minister of Education, Finnish Government
1:19 PM	Opening remarks (2 minutes)	H.E. Ambassador Natasha Meli Daudey, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations
1:21 PM	Opening remarks (2 minutes)	Nicholas Koumjian, Head, Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar
1:23 PM	Video of testimonies from victims and survivors (4 minutes)	WPN
1:27 PM	Panel discussion (and question-and-answer session)	<p>Moderator: Wai Wai Nu (Founder and Executive Director, WPN)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carolyn Nash (Asia Advocacy Director, Amnesty International)</li> <li>• Tun Khin (President, Burmese Rohingya Organisation UK)</li> <li>• Noor Azizah (Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director, Rohingya Maïyafuïnor Collaborative)</li> </ul>

		<p>Network)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lucky Karim (Founder and Executive Director, Refugee Women for Peace and Justice)</li> <li>• James Rodehaver (Head of the Myanmar Team, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)</li> </ul>
2:27 PM	Closing remarks (2 minutes)	H.E. Ambassador Sandra Jensen Landi, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations