Community of Practice (CoP) on Legal Aspects of Forced Displacement

This CoP is envisaged as a forum for sharing knowledge and experience related to developments in legal and operational aspects of forced displacement.

**Target:** Vulnerable refugee populations, with focus on women and children (especially unattended minors). Focus: Developing countries.

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<td>1. Gather potential partners and solicit interest: involve specific organizations from affected countries /CSOs/government/municipality/private sector 2. Create ability to address hard and sensitive issues 3. Create core team 4. Choose co-leads</td>
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### Value statement of the CoP:

“We can help host countries see refugees not just as a burden, but as a benefit. The international community could be doing much more, through development assistance and trade deals, to encourage businesses and states hosting refugees to see the upside of people’s hands being occupied and not idle. The refugees want to work. They were shopkeepers, teachers and musicians at home, and want to be these things again, or maybe become new things — if they can get education, training and access to the labor market”. (Bono, U2, Op-Ed, the New York Times)