The conference – Supporting Syrians and the Region - will take place in Helsinki on the 24 January 2017. The event aims to present the objectives, contents and achievements of the Regional Resilience and Refugee Plan (3RP) and the humanitarian and resilience priorities inside Syria. The event provides the international community an opportunity to discuss the humanitarian and development challenges and opportunities to build resilience in Syria and neighbouring countries. The event will highlight the role of a wide range of partners - UN agencies, international financial institutions, the donor community, civil society and the private sector - in finding long-term solutions to respond to the protracted crisis.

The launch will be hosted by the Government of Finland and preceded by a solutions-oriented innovation and private sector event on 23 January and a series of side events organised by partners in the response. Furthermore, for the launch, a joint Nordic message will be provided with a high level participation from the Nordic countries.

The event will be opened by the Finnish Prime Minister Mr. Juha Sipilä, chaired by the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Mr. Kai Mykkänen and closed by Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Timo Soini. The UN will be represented by Mr. Stephen O’Brien, UN Under-Secretary-General and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mr. Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, and Ms. Helen Clark, UN Under-Secretary-General and UNDP Administrator. Government representatives of affected countries in the region will also be present at the event. The participation of other UN agencies and International NGOs is expected on a high level. The wider international community will be represented on an ambassadorial level by missions in Helsinki and capitals.

The event will provide an opportunity to take stock of the London Syria conference thematic outcomes, which are reflected in the themes of the high level panels: No Lost Generation: Education, Child Protection, Youth and Adolescents; Vulnerabilities, jobs and economic opportunities; Gender Equality in Action: Responding to the needs and building resilience for women and girls; and Humanitarian challenges and resilience priorities inside Syria. The presentation of the 3RP and the humanitarian and resilience priorities inside Syria as well as the high level panels and side events will provide substantive information on humanitarian and development challenges in preparation for the upcoming pledging conference in support of Syrian people and neighbouring countries.
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- **12.00 – 12.30**: Joint Press conference: Government of Finland, Principals of OCHA, UNHCR, UNDP
- **12.00 – 13.00**: Buffet lunch (main hall)

### HIGH-LEVEL PANELS

**1. HUMANITARIAN CHALLENGES AND RESILIENCE PRIORITIES INSIDE SYRIA**

*Co-Chair*

- Ms. Ulrika Modéer, State Secretary for Development Cooperation, Sweden
- Mr. Kevin Kennedy, UN Assistant Secretary General/Regional Humanitarian Coordinator for Syria
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Panelists
- Ms. Helen Clark, UNDP Administrator
- Mr. Stephen O’Brien, UN Emergency Relief Coordinator
- Mr. Ali Al-Za’atari, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, Syria
- Dr. Samah Bassas, CEO, Syria Relief Network (SRN)
- Mr. Olivier Longue, CEO, Action Contre la Faim (ACF)

2. GENDER EQUALITY IN ACTION: RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS AND BUILDING RESILIENCE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Chair
- HE Mr. Kai Mykkänen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development, Finland

Panelists
- HE Dr Ali Sindi, Minister of Planning, The Kurdistan Regional Government
- Mrs. Michelle Cameron, Ambassador of Canada to Lebanon
- Ms Laura Londen, UNFPA Deputy Executive Director
- Lakshmi Puri, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women
- Gry Larsen, Secretary General, CARE Norway
- Ms Sawsan Zakzak, Women Advisory Board to the UN special envoy for Syria
- Ms Hivin Kako, Bihar Women’s Organisation

3. NO LOST GENERATION: EDUCATION, CHILD PROTECTION, YOUTH AND ADOLESCENTS

Chair
- Marit Berger Røsland, State Secretary, Government of Norway

Panelists
- Mr. Ercan Demirci, Deputy Undersecretary, Ministry of National Education, Government of Turkey
- Mr. Pierre Krähenbühl, Commissioner General of UNRWA
- Mr. Humam Alasaad, young Syrian volunteer with Mercy Corps in Greece
- Maji, a young female volunteer with a local NGO inside Syria (participating by telephone)
- Ms. Lama Yazbeck, CEO of Lebanese NGO Himaya
- Mr. Geert Cappelaere, Regional Director for MENA, UNICEF
4. VULNERABILITIES, JOBS AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Chair
• Ambassador Morten Jespersen, Under-Secretary for Global Development and Cooperation, Denmark

Panelists
• Ms. Helen Clark, UNDP Administrator (Co-Chair)
• Mr. Imad Fakhoury, HE Minister of Planning and international Cooperation, Government of Jordan
• Mr. Simon O’Connell, Europe’s Executive Director, Mercy Corps
• Mr. Douglas Frantz, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD
• Ms Ruba Jaradat, Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for the Arab States, ILO

16.15 – 16.30
Closing remarks by Ms. Elina Kalkku, Under-Secretary of State for International Development, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

16.30 – 17.30
Networking and refreshments