



INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS TO 2011 UNHCR-NGO CONSULTATIONS

The Australian Refugee Rights Alliance (ARRA) is a coalition of Australian NGOs, refugee advocates and academics who engage in advocacy at an international level with and on behalf of refugees in Australia and the region. Organisations involved in ARRA include the University of New South Wales' Centre for Refugee Research, Refugee Council of Australia, Amnesty International Australia and Act for Peace (National Council of Churches).

Each year, representatives from ARRA travel to Geneva to participate in the annual consultations between the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and NGOs from around the world. The consultations provide a forum to network, gather and share information, hear about new policies and best practice, discuss protection gaps and identify joint solutions. Participation in the meeting also provides opportunities for high-level advocacy through Side Meetings with UNHCR, State delegates and other key players.

ARRA is seeking feedback from **individuals** and **refugee community groups** on current issues of concern they would recommend ARRA put forward during meetings with UNHCR. ARRA is particularly interested in current issues of concern to refugee populations in the **Asia Pacific, Middle East** and **Africa** regions. However, submissions on issues of concern to refugee populations in other regions of the world will also be accepted.

Submissions can focus on any current issue, but should be limited to **one page in length**.

Please send your submission along with a completed cover sheet to the Refugee Council of Australia by **Friday 13 May**.

- **Post to** Suite 4A6, 410 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills NSW 2010
- **Fax to** (02) 9211 9288
- **E-mail to** info@refugeecouncil.org.au



2011 UNHCR-NGO CONSULTATIONS SUBMISSION COVER SHEET

Contact details	
Organisation: (if applicable)	
Contact person:	
Position:	
Postal address:	
Phone:	Mobile:
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Submission details	
Regional focus: (tick)	<input type="checkbox"/> Asia Pacific <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East <input type="checkbox"/> Africa <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Country focus:	
Main issues covered in submission (list)	
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Recommendations to UNHCR (list):	
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