

Safeguarding protection, ensuring efficiency: quick processing of claims unlikely to succeed

Concept note and agenda

Date: Wednesday, 25 June 2025

Time: 3:30 to 5:00 pm CET (with Arabic, English, French and Spanish interpretation)

Format: Virtual

Background and objectives

With over 8 million asylum-seekers awaiting decisions on their refugee status globally, asylum systems across all regions continue to face increased pressure. This high number reflects not only the scale of forced displacement due to a multitude of new and protracted crisis, but also situations where those moving for non-refugee related reasons are turning to the asylum system as a means of securing temporary legal stay, contributing to longer processing times and further burdening already overstretched systems. In response, States are looking for practical solutions to strengthen the efficiency and integrity of their asylum systems, while still ensuring accessibility and fairness. Designing asylum procedures to be as efficient as possible for different claim types particularly for applications that are unlikely to result in refugee status, such as manifestly unfounded claims, while enhancing due process and procedural guarantees is one such solution.

The Asylum Capacity Support Group has previously facilitated discussions on [best practices in prima facie and manifestly well-founded asylum processing](#). Building on these discussions, the Asylum Capacity Support Group will host a virtual event focusing on the processing of claims that are unlikely to result in refugee status—including manifestly unfounded applications. Finding an efficient approach that meets the quality requirements, is crucial to address such applications without creating new backlogs at appeal. The event will bring together States and key stakeholders to discuss how different national systems are addressing these types of claims within their respective contexts. The event will highlight State practices, share challenges and lessons learned and identify ways to support a wider and more effective implementation of these procedures.

Draft agenda

The event will be interactive and structured around three thematic areas. Participating States will be invited to share experiences and insights of engaging and/or implementing procedures for processing manifestly unfounded asylum claims and other claims with a high likelihood of rejection. There will also be time for more informal comments and feedback. The programme will be structured as follows:

- i. Opening and presentation on the use and safeguards in processing manifestly unfounded and other applications unlikely to succeed, highlighting the progress made, challenges and opportunities.
- ii. Procedural Design: Presentation by a State (TBC) on adjustments to the procedures to address manifestly unfounded and other applications unlikely to succeed, including lessons learned and practical recommendations.
- iii. Guaranteeing due process safeguards: Presentation by a State (TBC) on the challenges and successes of implementing due process guarantees in processing manifestly unfounded and other applications unlikely to succeed including lessons learned and practical recommendations.
- iv. Vulnerability and referral: Presentation by a State (TBC) on criteria and procedures for referral and processing of applicants at heightened risk or vulnerability.
- v. Q&A and discussion

Outcome

UNHCR will produce a document highlighting the good practices and lessons learned showcased during the event with the goal of enabling States to adapt them to their own contexts. It is intended to support and guide States in the adoption and implementation of procedures for addressing manifestly unfounded claims and other high rejection cases. The document will be circulated to all States and other relevant stakeholders and will be available on the [ACSG portal](#).

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