

The United Nations presents:

Who is Dayani Cristal?



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Alhadi Adam Agabeldour is a Sudanese lawyer, legal advisor, and human rights activist. He now lives in Belgium, having been granted asylum after fleeing Sudan. He has published articles in Arabic newspapers and magazines and has been interviewed as an expert on Sudan by international newspapers, such as The Washington Post and The New York Times. Mr. Agabeldour also writes and publishes poetry, and does volunteer work with refugee organisations in Belgium.



Pascal Reyntjens

Pascal Reyntjens is the Chief of Mission of the IOM Country Office in Belgium and Luxembourg, primarily responsible for liaising with the governments in these two countries. He oversees the coordination of the activities of IOM in Belgium and Luxembourg, including projects on Counter Trafficking, Unaccompanied Migrant Children, Migrant Integration, engaging the Moroccan Diaspora, Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration, and Resettlement activities. He has also contributed to research on specific groups of migrants and to information campaigns in the DRC and Brazil. Mr Reyntjens serves as the Gender focal point for IOM in Brussels.



Annabelle Roig-Granjon

Annabelle Roig-Granjon has studied Law as well as Political Sciences and International / European relations. After having worked a couple of years for the French Red Cross, she joined the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in Slovenia in 1991. In 1994, she joined UNHCR in the former Yugoslavia as a legal officer. Since 2001, Ms Roig has worked in Brussels as a Senior External Relations Officer in charge of liaising with the EU Institutions for UNHCR.



Caroline Petit

Caroline Petit is the Deputy Director of the UN Regional Information Centre (UNRIC) and chairs the UN Communication Group composed of 26 UN agencies. Before joining UNRIC, she worked as the Head of the Strategic Partnerships Unit at UN Headquarters for 11 years. Within the European Commission (EU Media Programme), film institutions in London and Copenhagen and the UN, she has over 25 years of international experience in communications, strategic partnerships and public information campaigns working out of four countries.

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WORLD REFUGEE DAY

World Refugee Day is marked on 20 June

"On World Refugee Day, I call on the international community to intensify efforts to prevent and resolve conflicts, and to help achieve peace and security so that families can be reunited and refugees can return home."

- Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

FACTS AND FIGURES

- At least 2,630 migrants died crossing international borders in 2013.
- Over 50,000 migrants and asylum seekers have reached Italy from North Africa in 2014. This is a 12 fold increase from the same time last year.
- At least 2,750 unaccompanied children have reached Italy so far in 2014.
- There are more than 45 million refugees and internally displaced people world-wide

CALL FOR ACTION:

"The international community must develop a more comprehensive approach to protect migrants and uphold human dignity. No single action is enough to address the root causes of these mixed migration flows, but lives will be saved if action is taken now to help both migrants and countries during the entire length of the migratory route,"

- IOM Director General William Lacy Swing , 10 June 2014