



## Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Democracy: Interview Questionnaire

For respondents with a refugee or asylum seeker background from \_\_\_\_\_

Respondents' anonymity and confidentiality will be duly respected by International IDEA and the interviewer.

### Respondent's profile

1. Please, select your gender:

- Male  Female  Other

2. Which of the following age groups do you belong to?

- 18-29  30-45  46-59  60+

3. Which religion do you associate yourself with?

- Christian  Muslim  Atheist  Other (please specify)

4. Please, specify your ethnic group:

5. What is the highest degree or level of education you have completed?

- No schooling completed  Compulsory education  Secondary education  University

6. Please, state your employment status at the moment:

- Unemployed, but I have a work permit  Unemployed, I don't have a work permit  Employed

7. How long have you been living here (in the host country/refugee camp)?

- Less than 1 year  1-5 years  5-10 years  More than 10 years

8. What is your current legal status? (you can tick more than one boxes)

- Asylum seeker  Refugee  Temporary resident  Permanent resident  Naturalized citizen

9. Why did you leave your country of origin? (please, specify)

- Because of armed conflict  I was persecuted for my political beliefs  Other:



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14. Have you recently attended or organized any protests or demonstrations in your host country? Please, describe your experience and motivations. What worked and what didn't?

Yes |  No

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15. Please, add any further observations about your civic and political engagement in the host country. What do you think are the main challenges for refugees and asylum seekers civic and political participation in your host country? What have been the successes? What should be changed/improved?

## Participation in origin country's political life

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16. Do you have the right to vote in your origin country?

- No                       Only presidential elections                       Yes, in all national elections                        
DN/DC
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17. If yes, did you vote in the last elections/referendum in your origin country?

- Yes                       No

Please, describe your experience and motivations:

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18. Are you a member or supporter or have you ever been candidate in any political party in your origin country? (you can tick more than one boxes)

- No                       Member                       Supporter                       I have been a  
candidate

Please, describe your experience and motivations:

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19. Could you describe any diaspora organization or grassroots movement that you have recently led or been an active member of? Please, describe your political activities and the objectives of the organization/movement. What challenges and opportunities did you encounter?

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20. Have you recently carried out any other political activities related to your country of origin?

Yes |  No

Please, describe your experience and motivations. What worked and what could be improved?

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21. How do you think diaspora can impact on democracy building in your country of origin?

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22. Please, add any further observations about your cross-country political activism. What have been the main challenges and successes?

**Thank you!**

*For respondents from NGOs, IGOs, civil society organizations, or state/municipal authorities working on issues affecting refugees and asylum seekers.*

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## Initiatives and insights from other stakeholders

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23. Please, state the type and mandate of the organization you represent.

NGO     IGO/International Organization     State/municipal authority     Other:

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24. Please, describe any recent initiatives taken by your organization in order to promote the participation of refugees/asylum seekers in the host or origin country's political life. What have been the main challenges and which successful practices could you identify?

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25. Please, suggest 2 areas of potential legal/policy reforms in order to enhance civic and political participation of refugees and asylum seekers.

**Thank you!**