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:
10. Do you have the right to vote in host country elections?
☐ No  ☐ Only local/municipal elections  ☐ Yes, in national and local elections  ☐ DN/DC

11. If yes, did you vote in the last elections in your host country?
☐ Yes  ☐ No
Please, describe your experience and motivations:

12. Are you a member or supporter or have you ever been candidate in any political party in the host country?
☐ No  ☐ Member  ☐ Supporter  ☐ I have been a candidate
Please, describe your experience and motivations:

13. Could you describe any civic society organization or grassroots movement in the host country that you have recently led or been an active member of? Please, describe your activities and the objectives of the organization/movement. What challenges and opportunities have you faced?
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

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

☐ No  ☐ Only presidential elections  ☐ Yes, in all national elections  ☐ 

DN/DC

17. If yes, did you vote in the last elections/referendum in your origin country?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Please, describe your experience and motivations:

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:
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?

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

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.

### Initiatives and insights from other stakeholders

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

- [ ] NGO
- [ ] IGO/International Organization
- [ ] State/municipal authority
- [ ] Other: ___________________________

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?

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!