

Call for Papers

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Special session(s)

New Technologies and Movers

The Migration Conference conveners invite contributions for a special session on the employment and use of Information and Communication technologies – ICT to the improvement of the quality of life of the refugees, migrants and international assistance seekers. A growing number of people are using computer software and other information and communications technologies to support the needs of refugees worldwide. Following this, a new movement has appeared, the “digital humanitarianism”. The UNHCR is leading the way in finding innovative solutions to some of the obstacles faced by the 45 million refugees and internally displaced people (IPDs) in the world.



Technology is changing every part of the journey of refugees and migrants. Before going overseas, for example, they need to plan their trip. During their travels, they might need to send signals for help. After finally arriving in their new country, there are a long list of needs, such as housing, health care, jobs, and legal help. Technology can be used to change refugees' lives for the better, and to push back against the forces that cause people to run from unstable, violent circumstances to find safety in our world.

Based on the above, it becomes obvious that the contribution of ICT and digital humanitarianism to the migration and refugees improvement of their quality of life must be addressed. Towards this direction, this special session seeks to accommodate the efforts made in the context of digital technology, by collecting corresponding articles. Topics include, but are not limited to, mobile applications and software in general, hardware, smart appliances, etc. that have been developed for this reason. Empirical, demonstrating, theoretical, ongoing work, etc. papers are welcome.

Contributions to this special session(s) should comply with [the submission guidelines](#) available through the [Conference website](#). All submissions are subject to double-blind peer review.

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