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|  | **March 17th, 2015** |

***MEDIA ALERT***

***51 MILLION DISPLACED PEOPLE – WHERE WILL THEY GO?***

The responsibility Australia and the rest of the world bears for an estimated 51 million forcibly displaced people will be the subject of a special event hosted by AIIA Victoria on ***Thursday, March 19th.***

Australia’s role within international cooperation strategies will be one of the subjects covered by the Regional representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr Thomas Albrecht.

Mr Albrecht has geographical responsibility for 16 countries within the Pacific region.  Prior to taking up this assignment in early 2014, Mr Albrecht served as Head of the UNHCR Regional Support Hub in Nairobi in close collaboration with the Organisation’s Headquarters in offices in the East and Horn of Africa.

The media is welcome to attend this event.

***TIME: 6.00 pm***

***DATE: Thursday, March 19th 2015***

***VENUE: Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road East Melbourne VIC***

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