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Vincent Cochetel is the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' Regional Representative, UNHCR, for the United States and the Caribbean, based in Washington, D.C. Mr. Cochetel joined UNHCR in 1986, initially working as a legal/protection officer in various duty stations, mainly in Eastern and Western Europe. He subsequently managed UNHCR field offices in Central Europe, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. Mr. Cochetel participated in several emergency missions in Asia, West Africa, and Europe (North Caucasus). In September 2002, he was appointed at UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva as Head of the Investigation Unit of the Inspector General' s Office.

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Mr. Cochetel has written articles on numerous refugee issues and contributed to the drafting of several UNHCR training manuals related to staff safety, emergency management, protection, and durable solutions.

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