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The OTT conference “2014 KRG Year in Crisis” has attempted to reveal some of the meanings that the refugee crisis of the 2015 had for the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Heated discussions brought different points of view, from government, parliament and policy practitioners, to researchers and civil society. An intense exchange of ideas touched upon survival issues that the region has been dealing for decades, up to social and political problems posed by the war with the Islamic State. Local, regional and international perspectives, made us agree that we need to cooperate on a common view for our future and contribute towards building a tolerant and open society.

Panel 1: Government and Services

Panel 2: Political View

Panel 3: Local and International Coverage

Wrap Up and Conclusion Session

Panel 1: Government and Services

Moderator: Dr. Bakhtiyar

Governorate View (presented by Governor of Duhok or someone representing)

Health View (Dr. Nezar Asmat, DG of Duhok Health)

Panel 2: Political View

Moderator: Mr. Ayoub Ramazan

Regional changes and Politics (Dr. Sardar Aziz, Cosultant to Speaker of Kurdistan Parliament)

The role of law making during crises (Dr. Farsat Sofi, MP of Kurdistan Parliament)

Panel 3: Local and International Coverage

Moderator: Mr. Bewar Ahmed

Local coverage of Crisis (Dr. Saeid Khodeda, Prof. at UoD)

KRG year in crisis: coverage and awareness in international public opinion (Dr. Angela Movileanu, Mohammedali Taha, OPEN)

Wrap Up and Conclusion Session

Dr. Abdulla Jasim, MP of Kurdistan Parliament and Board Member of OPEN

Dr. Faruk, Board Member of OPEN

Haliz Abdulbaqi, Board Member of OPEN