



Update on Preparations: 2023 Global Refugee Forum

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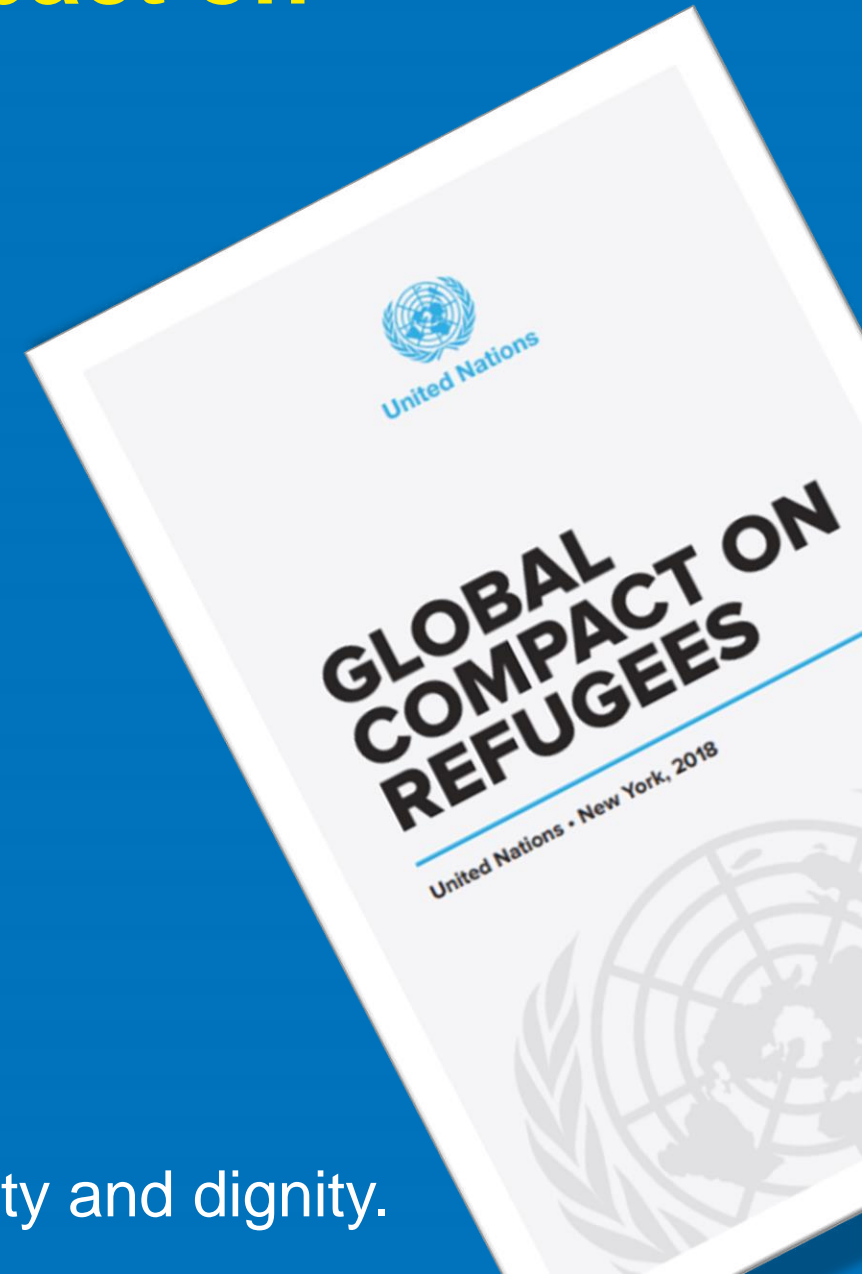
2016 **New York Declaration** – Leaders Summit

2016-2018 **Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework** Roll-Out

2018 GCR **affirmed** by UN GA

4 Objectives

- Ease the pressures on host countries;
- Enhance refugee self-reliance;
- Expand access to third-country solutions;
- Support conditions in countries of origin for return in safety and dignity.





Burden and Responsibility Sharing

- Global Refugee Forum (2019; 2023; 2027)
- High-Level Officials Meeting (2021 – First GCR Indicator Report; 2025)
- Support Platforms (SSAR, MIRPS, IGAD)
- Asylum Capacity Support Group (matching)
- 3-Year Strategy on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways
- Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network (data, evidence and beyond)



The Global Refugee Forum

From 2019...

- 350 good practices shared
- 1,600 pledges and contributions
 - More inclusive policies
 - Financial support
 - Resettlement and other pathways
 - Expanded private sector role
 - 75% pledges in Europe submitted by States

...to 2023

- Stocktaking
- Learning
- Pledging (20 HLOM recommendations)
 - Multi-stakeholder pledges
 - Quantifiable
 - Additional
 - Needs driven
 - Resourced/pre-matched



GRF 2023 Calendar of Preparations

Formal preparatory meetings
(pledges, programme)

~~2 Feb~~

~~17 May~~

1 Sep

Informal briefings

~~6 Mar, 7 Jun, 18 Oct:~~
GCR initiatives

17 Nov: Launch of
GCR indicator report

Global Refugee
Forum

12 Dec: Advance
events

13-15 Dec: GRF
Plenary



The GRF Programme

- Co-convenors: Colombia, France, Japan, Jordan, Niger and Uganda
- Co-hosts: UNHCR and Switzerland
- Showcase diversity through **multi-stakeholder** approaches and pledges
- **12 December**: Advanced Day of Side Events
- **13-15 December**: Plenary and Side Events (outcome oriented)
 - Pledging moments; Good Practices
 - Statements; Stocktaking





Meaningful Participation of Refugees at the GRF

- Call for Expressions of Interest – Refugee Experts
- Advisory Board of Organizations Led by Forcibly Displaced and Stateless Persons: Refugee Statement and Speakers
- GCR initiatives and Country Preparations: Joint pledges with refugees / RLOs
- Inclusion of refugee advisors in delegations
- Visibility in the GCR Digital Platform



What we want to achieve in 2023

Build on achievements and address gaps to **strengthen comprehensive responses** based on national ownership complemented by a multi-stakeholder and partnership approach through:

Advancing the **arrangements for burden and responsibility sharing**:

- support platforms
- regional and national arrangements
- financing arrangements and tracking
- development cooperation
- inclusion in data systems
- GCR in emergency responses

Implementing current pledges and developing new ones that are of high quality and impact and focus on:

- inclusive policy pledges implemented through **matching**, especially to address gaps
- **broadened base of support** (expanded partnerships, expanded and deepened engagement of governments)
- expanded opportunities for **solutions** (3rd country, local integration, voluntary return, and peacebuilding)
- both **international and domestic pledges**

Proposed Key Outcomes for the GRF 2023

GCR Objective 1 Ease pressure on host countries	GCR Objective 2 Enhance refugee self-reliance	GCR Objective 3 Expand access to third-country solutions	GCR Objective 4 Support conditions in countries of origin for return in safety and dignity
Financing climate action	support for host country policies economic inclusion	resettlement and family reunification complementary pathways	voluntary sustainable return & reintegration, address root causes, prevent conflict and build peace

Enabling measures include:

- Enabling **protection, inclusion, and solutions** environments
- **Policy and financing** commitments by donors
- Expanded and strengthened **partnerships**.
- **Meaningful participation** of displaced and stateless persons
- **Data** availability and quality



Multi-stakeholder Pledges & Matching

Multistakeholder pledges for the Global Refugee Forum 2023

Multistakeholder pledges will be a key means for achieving the desired outcomes of the GRF. This page serves as a (non-exhaustive) list of potential multistakeholder pledges under development which States and other stakeholders are encouraged to join and make contributions towards.



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Pledges and contributions are commitments by States and other stakeholders that advance the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees to achieve tangible benefits for refugees and host communities.

Multistakeholder pledges are joint pledges with a large-scale reach, working towards an ambitious common goal. They are transformational, putting in place long-term arrangements that advance burden and responsibility sharing, drawing from a clearly defined resource base, donorship, or financial instrument linked to implementation.

In the lead up to the Global Refugee Forum 2023, a number of multistakeholder pledges are under development. All of these pledges are working towards securing one or more of the eight key outcomes for the GRF, which will guide future engagement in comprehensive responses.

OUR VISION: Strengthen the engagement of key stakeholder groups in the implementation of the GCR, including through pledging at the GRF 2023

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Call to Local Action: United Cities and Local Governments, MMC, Mayors Mechanism, Geneva Cities Hub
- Funding for 22 cities promoting inclusion(GCF)
- Urban Policy & Municipalities Toolkit

Cities

GAIN

- Expansion of De Mello Chairs (Brazil, Ethiopia, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Mexico, United States and the UK)
- Joint Pledge on Localization of Knowledge
- EARIN, PROTECT & ASILE Collaboration

Parliaments

Religious Leaders

- Climate action & displacement
- Statelessness #iBelong Campaign
- Sanremo Parliamentary Forum: IPU, International Parliamentary Network for Education, Women Political Leaders Global Forum

- MRCL Sensitization on statelessness
- Pledge on faith literacy and solidarity with refugees: FBOs, Religions for Peace, Interfaith Alliance, Muslim World League



Concrete example (academic engagement) Shifting Power: Advancing Localization of Knowledge and Elevating the Voices of Host and Displaced Communities

1. **Invest** in the capacity of institutions in low and middle-income in support of the 15by30 campaign
 - Scholarships, postgraduate fellowships, faculty positions, research
2. **Connect** academic institutions
 - North-South & South-South academic partnerships, mentoring programmes and participation of academics with lived experience of forced displacement in global policy fora
3. **Amplify** the knowledge produced
 - Platforms for knowledge to inform policymaking at all levels, new academic courses, track and share progress

Leads: GAIN, De Mello Chairs, Local Engagement Refugee Research Network, IDRC – Canada, Forced Migration and Refugee Studies: Networking and Knowledge Transfer (FFVT), R-SEAT, Sanremo IIHL.

Flagship Initiative for Academic Engagement





Resources

GRF 2023 Website:

<https://www.unhcr.org/global-refugee-forum-2023>

List of Multi-Stakeholder Pledges:

<https://globalcompactrefugees.org/pledges-contributions/multistakeholder-pledges-global-refugee-forum-2023>

Matching Portal:

<https://globalcompactrefugees.org/pledges-contributions/matching-pledges>

Refugee Participation:

<https://globalcompactrefugees.org/compact-action/engagement-and-partnership-organizations-led-displaced-and-stateless-persons>

Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network:

<https://globalcompactrefugees.org/global-academic-interdisciplinary-network>

Key Recommendations from the High-Level Officials Meeting

Cross-cutting recommendations

1

Implement current GRF pledges and develop new ones to address identified gaps and needs.

2

Enhance access to international protection.

3

Reduce statelessness.

4

Make better use of combined humanitarian, development, and peace capacities to achieve the GCR objectives.

5

Build attention to climate change into how we do business.

6

Facilitate more systematic, inclusive, and meaningful refugee participation.

7

Enhance the data available to support effective action and investment in refugee situations.

8

Strengthen private sector engagement in support of the GCR objectives.

GCR Objective 1: Ease pressure on host countries

9

Intensify efforts towards more equitable burden and responsibility sharing.

10

Increase development financing in support of refugee situations.

11

Provide more flexible, predictable, and multi-year funding for refugee responses.

12

Increase social inclusion for refugees.

13

Increase economic inclusion and access to livelihoods.

14

Expand access to quality primary, secondary, and higher education.

15

Provide refugees with healthcare through strengthened national systems.

16

Increase the volume of resettlement opportunities for refugees.

17

Build additional complementary pathways to third-country solutions.

18

Mobilise more resources in support of voluntary return.

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Strengthen the planning and implementation of voluntary return.

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Improve cooperation to address root causes and build peace in countries of origin.

For detailed actions in support of these recommendations, please see "Key recommendations and follow-up actions for the 2023 GRF" in this document.