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**Agenda item 4 (a)**

**Elements of the oral update on the preparations for the High-Level Officials Meeting**

The Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) envisions that a High-Level Officials Meeting (HLOM) be convened two years after each Global Refugee Forum (GRF) to take stock of progress and maintain the momentum towards achieving the objectives of the GCR. The first HLOM will take place from 14 to 15 December 2021.

The HLOM will provide an opportunity for senior government officials and representatives of other relevant stakeholder groups to identify progress, challenges and areas in where engagement and responsibility sharing are needed to increase support, self-reliance and access to solutions for refugees, taking into consideration the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Priorities for the HLOM include: expanding support for refugees and the countries that receive and host them; advancing implementation of the pledges made at the first GRF; and identifying areas in need of further support, with a view to informing the development of pledges and contributions for the next GRF in 2023. More information about the priorities is available [here](#).

Preparations for the HLOM at the global level include a series of briefings, consultations, pledge updates, virtual preparatory roundtables. In addition, UNHCR, together with partners, is also convening a series [stocktaking events](#) at the regional level and for specific thematic areas of focus and stakeholder groups. The Office will also provide the first [GCR indicator report](#) later in the year which will help inform the HLOM.

The updated roadmap for the HLOM is as follows:

Key dates	Event
January to November	Regional, thematic, stakeholder-specific stocktaking events
27 January	Informal consultation on the HLOM and orientations for the GCR indicator report
28 April	Informal consultation on the proposed programme for the HLOM
May-June	Request for progress updates through the dashboard for pledges
8 July	Informal briefing on outcomes of stocktaking to date
October	Request for progress updates through the dashboard for pledges
27 October	Informal briefing on programme and modalities for the HLOM
16 November	Virtual launch of the GCR indicator report
22 November	Virtual preparatory roundtable on financing
25 November	Virtual preparatory roundtable on partnerships
29 November	Virtual preparatory roundtable on self-reliance
2 December	Virtual preparatory roundtable on solutions
13 December	Advance day of meetings and events for GCR initiatives and stakeholder groups
14 and 15 December	HLOM (updates to the programme will be available on the HLOM <a href="#">webpage</a> )

Stakeholders may effectively contribute to the HLOM preparations and related events in a number of ways, including by: implementing the pledges and initiatives announced at the 2019 GRF; aligning financial and other pledges of support with policy pledges made by host countries to share responsibility and enhance the protection and inclusion of refugees; sharing concrete examples about the impact of the GCR on the lives of refugees; ensuring representation at the level of senior officials (such as heads of departments engaged in refugee affairs) at the HLOM; reporting on the progress made in the implementation of the GRF pledges; and identifying challenges and opportunities, and making recommendations for the future in preparation for and during the HLOM.

The stocktaking in the lead-up to and during the HLOM will further shape the substance and implementation of both ongoing and future pledges, support, partnerships, and initiatives to strengthen international cooperation in refugee responses and translate the principles of the GCR into concrete improvements in the lives of refugees and the communities that host them.

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