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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the Republic of Zimbabwe presents its compliments to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Geneva, and on the occasion of the Global Refugee Forum, 17-18 December 2019, has the honour to submit the Commitment Form for States for the Republic of Zimbabwe containing the country's seven (7) commitments/ pledges.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the Republic of Zimbabwe avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

Harare, 16 December 2019



United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
Geneva



UNHCR

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés

Global Refugee Forum

17 and 18 December 2019

Commitment Form for States

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Commitment 1

The Government of Zimbabwe hereby commits to conduct a regional symposium on the impact of climate change on the protection and humanitarian issues:

Description of commitment

By 2020, to develop, adopt and strengthen relevant legal, administrative and policy frameworks to respond to displacement in the context of natural disasters, environmental degradation and the adverse effects of climate change in addressing emerging protection and humanitarian issues.

Ministry or ministries responsible for action

Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Water, and Rural Resettlement
Ministry of Local Government and Public Works
Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Tourism and Hospitality Industry
Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare
Ministry of Home Affairs and Cultural Heritage
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs
Ministry of Women Affairs, Gender and Community Development
Parliament of Zimbabwe

Expected date of completion

By 2020

Commitment 2

The Government of Zimbabwe hereby commits to enhance self-reliance for refugees, asylum seekers and host communities:

Description of commitment

By 2021, promote access to livelihood opportunities, entrepreneurship programmes, provide additional agricultural land, facilitate access to financial services and employment, including women, young adults and persons with disabilities in fostering inclusive economic growth.

Ministry or ministries responsible for action

Ministry of Land, Agriculture, Water, Climate and Rural Resettlement
Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare
Ministry of Home Affairs and Cultural Heritage
Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs
Ministry of Women Affairs, Gender and Community Development

Expected date of completion

2021

Commitment 3

The Government of Zimbabwe hereby commits to improve the asylum process:

Description of commitment

By 2021, establish a national data management system, construct reception centers at major entry points and strengthen the Refugee Status Determination procedures

Ministry or ministries responsible for action

Ministry of Home Affairs and Cultural Heritage
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
Ministry of Information Communication and Technology
Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare

Expected date of completion

2021

Commitment 4

The Government of Zimbabwe hereby commits to strengthen the institutional capacity of the national civil registry:

Description of commitment

By 2021, Zimbabwe commits to improving timely access to civil and birth registration and documentation by refugees, stateless persons as well as the host community. This will mitigate the risks of statelessness, including through digital technology and the provision of mobile registration services.

Ministry or ministries responsible for action

Ministry of Home Affairs and Cultural Heritage

Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare

Expected date of completion

2021

Commitment 5

The Government of Zimbabwe hereby commits to promote and increase access to tertiary education for refugees, asylum seekers and host community:

Description of commitment

By 2021, establish a technical / vocational training center with an innovation hub and blended learning programmes in Tongogara Refugee Camp for the host community, refugees and asylum seekers.

Ministry or ministries responsible for action

Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development

Ministry of Public Service and Social Welfare.

Ministry of Women Affairs, Gender and Community Development

Expected date of completion

By 2021

Commitment 6

The Government of Zimbabwe hereby commits to facilitate inclusion of refugees and asylum seekers in sport and cultural programmes:

Description of commitment

By 2021, facilitate access for refugees and asylum seekers to national clubs and associations to advance sporting careers regionally and internationally.

Ministry or ministries responsible for action

Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education
Ministry of Youth, Sport, Arts and Recreation
Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare
Ministry of Home Affairs and Cultural Heritage

Ministry of Women Affairs, Gender and Community Development

Expected date of completion

By 2021

Commitment 7

The Government of Zimbabwe hereby commits to review and update the legal and policy frameworks on refugees and asylum seekers:

Description of commitment

In 2021, to amend the 1983 Refugee Act; [Chapter 4:03] to be consistent with international refugee and human rights law; by updating the 1985 Regulations considering contemporary refugee and migratory flows.

Ministry or ministries responsible for action

Ministry of Home Affairs and Cultural Heritage

Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs

Parliament of Zimbabwe

Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare
