

**75th meeting of the Standing Committee
18-20 June 2019**

Agenda item 3 (b)

**Oral update on the Global Compact on Refugees
and on preparations for the first Global Refugee Forum**

Ms. Perveen Ali, Head of the Global Refugee Forum Coordination Team, will brief the Committee on follow-up to the [Global Compact on Refugees](#) and preparations for the first Global Refugee Forum. The main areas to be covered are outlined below.

- In line with the Global Compact on Refugees, UNHCR is expanding the application of comprehensive responses in key operations through a series of workstreams; finalizing the indicator framework to facilitate the monitoring of progress over time; elaborating a methodology to measure the impact of hosting refugees; and developing the asylum capacity support group, the three-year resettlement strategy and the academic network.
- The first Global Refugee Forum will be a key benchmark in the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees. It will be organized around the following areas of focus: arrangements for burden- and responsibility-sharing; education; jobs and livelihoods; energy and infrastructure; solutions; and protection capacity. Pledges and contributions, good practices, and events and exhibitions at the Forum will primarily be organized around these areas of focus.
- A [guidance note on pledges and contributions and good practices](#) in preparation for the Global Refugee Forum has been made available on the [dedicated Forum webpage](#). It sets out key considerations; the processes for the development of pledges and contributions and the identification of good practices at the national, regional and global levels; and examples in each of the areas of focus for the first Forum.
- The Global Refugee Forum will be co-hosted and co-convened by a number of States, which will help mobilize broad political support for the Forum.
- States and other stakeholders can also become co-sponsors, participating in a broad alliance of support for a specific area of focus for the Forum and using their energy and expertise to garner concrete contributions towards that area. Those who confirm their co-sponsorship of one or more areas of focus will be listed on the [co-sponsorship page](#) of the Forum website. UNHCR focal points for each area of focus will support the co-sponsors in preparation for the Forum.
- UNHCR is facilitating the engagement of other stakeholders, including refugees, in preparation for the Global Refugee Forum. On 5 July 2019, the NGO Consultations will dedicate a day to discussions on the Forum, focusing on how non-governmental organizations (NGOs) can play a key role, including in the development of pledges and contributions, and the identification of good practices in the key areas of focus. Consultations are also ongoing or foreseen with NGOs at the regional level.
- Following the informal briefing to Member States and other stakeholders on 13 June 2019, the next preparatory meeting for the Global Refugee Forum is scheduled for 25 June 2019. The meeting will be dedicated to a discussion on the structure and agenda for the Forum and the preparation of pledges and contributions. An annotated agenda and background paper will be shared in advance of the meeting.