



Joint Statement by GRF 2023 Co-Hosts and Co-Convenors at the 75th Session of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme (ExCom)

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We, the Co-hosts – Switzerland and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Co-convenors – Colombia, France, Japan, Jordan, and Uganda, of the Global Refugee Forum (GRF) 2023, extend our deep gratitude to all States, international organizations, private sector, civil society, refugees themselves and other stakeholders for their unwavering commitment to advancing the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and commend the continued dedication and engagement in the GRF follow-up process.

Over 2,000 global, regional, and country-level pledges made as part of the second GRF clearly demonstrate the international community's determination to address the immense challenges, consequences, and root-causes of forced displacement.

These pledges not only reflect a collective commitment to enhancing predictable and equitable burden and responsibility-sharing, but also generated a strong momentum through various multi-stakeholder pledges, truly demonstrating the whole-of society approach.

We must seize these opportunities to advance refugee protection, inclusion, and solutions, and we urge all stakeholders to reinforce efforts in the next 14 months towards the High-level Officials Meeting (HLOM) in December 2025 through the three following areas for action:

First, sustain and upscale momentum by strengthening collaborative efforts to successfully implement individual and multistakeholder pledges. We encourage timely reporting on the pledges and to share progress and challenges with other partners, which strengthens much-needed collaboration.

Second, deliver on pledge matching in support of implementing inclusive policy commitments made by host countries. We emphasize pledge matching remains a central focus of ongoing discussions at country, regional and global levels leading up to the HLOM.

Third, invest boldly in solutions by advancing resettlement and complementary pathways, voluntary return in safety and dignity, peacebuilding and conflict prevention, as well as inclusion in national systems. We call for accelerated and concerted efforts amongst countries of origin, host countries and third-countries by leveraging the humanitarian-development-peace nexus.

As co-hosts and co-convenors of the GRF 2023, we reaffirm our commitment to this collective journey. Every State, every stakeholder, and every partner has a role to play in realizing the ambitions of the Compact, including through the implementation of the GRF pledges. By working together, we can achieve this.

We thank you for your solidarity and commitment.