

Written contribution from Sweden: A whole of society response – a role for the private sector

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- To foster sustainable self-reliance, we need to rely on **sector expertise in planning and implementation**. The programme of action should envision ways to attract development actors and private enterprise to refugee contexts benefiting from their sector-specific know-how, and initiate dialogue with these actors at an early stage of a refugee crisis, including on the centrality of protection and accountability.
- Dialogue with the private sector could also potentially be facilitated by the proposed **global platform of businesses to invest in refugees and affected host communities**. This global platform should enable the exchange of existing best practices that concern refugee hiring policies, social enterprise development and refugee access to financial services, taking into account already existing platforms for private sector engagement.
- A global business platform would also be helpful to foster innovation involving humanitarian and development actors and the private sector.
- The objective of the proposed global platform could for example be to
 - mobilise business federations from around the world to engage on refugee issues;
 - raise awareness among private sector actors on the work and principles of humanitarian and development actors in refugee contexts;
 - carry out surveys and studies on best practices on business and refugee issues;
 - as well as advocate for common positions in order to promote sound business policies that take into account both economic and humanitarian perspectives.