

## Outcome Document

### The 2023 UNHCR Asia-Pacific Consultations with NGOs Global Refugee Forum (GRF) Side Session

#### 14 June 2023

#### Summary:

The Global Refugee Forum (GRF) side session gathered 113 participants from Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Civil Society Organisation (CSOs), Community-based Organisations (CBOs), Organisations led by Refugees or other forcibly displaced and stateless people<sup>1</sup> (RLOs), Faith-based Organisations (FBOs) and Networks underlining the interest and commitment to engage in the GRF process. The session provided an overview of the objectives, as well as the ongoing preparations for the 2023 GRF, informed about the process and the opportunities for engagement, and served as a platform to brainstorm how the impact of the GRF can be strengthened in Asia and the Pacific region capitalizing on the comparative advantages of NGOs, CSOs, CBOs, RLOs and their networks. The key recommendations will inform the preparations for the second Global Refugee Forum to be held in December 2023.

#### Key Recommendations

##### **Recommendation 1: Ensure a collaborative and innovative GRF Process**

- use a whole-of-society approach
- strengthen private sector engagement
- ensure that the voices of refugees, forcibly displaced and stateless people are at the centre
- consult and consider age, gender, and other diversity (AGD) in the design, planning, and implementation of pledges, especially among youth, refugees and affected communities.

##### **Recommendation 2: Create space for engagement at national, regional and global levels**

- strive for meaningful participation from stakeholders at all levels, especially governmental organisations
- use the multi-stakeholder and partnership approach
- strengthen partnerships in respective areas of work
- share more information across the national, regional, and global levels

##### **Recommendation 3: Ensure inclusive and accessible data**

- Build an evidence-base data for tracking and analysis of the implementation of GRF
- Enhance the data available to support action

#### Resources:

- [Global Refugee Forum 2023](#)
- [Global Compact on Refugees](#)
- [Dashboard for Progress tracking: GCR Pledges & Contributions](#)
- [GCR Good Practices hub](#)
- [GCR Initiatives \(register your interest\)](#)
- [Multistakeholder pledges for the Global Refugee Forum 2023](#)
- [Multistakeholder Pledge: 2023 Global Legal Community](#)
- [Refugee-led Innovation Fund](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Refugee-led Organisations are defined by UNHCR as “an organization or group in which persons with direct lived experience of forced displacement play a primary leadership role and whose stated objectives and activities are focused on responding to the needs and/or related communities”  
<https://www.refworld.org/docid/63e658fc4.html>