



# Global Preparations for GRF 2023

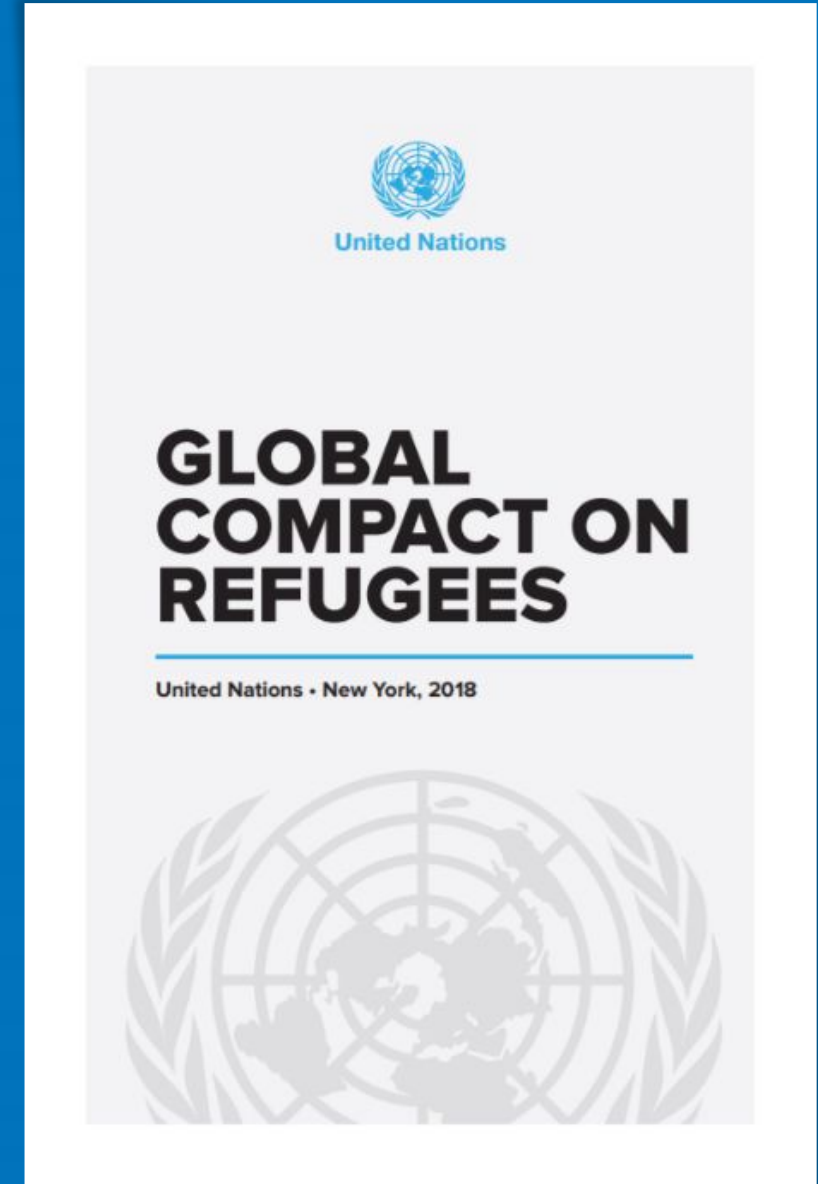
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1<sup>st</sup> Formal Preparatory Meeting

2 February 2023



- Affirmed by the UNGA on 18 Dec 2018
- Objectives
  - Ease the pressures on host countries;
  - Enhance refugee self-reliance;
  - Expand access to third-country solutions;
  - Support conditions in countries of origin for return in safety and dignity.



# Purpose of the Global Refugee Forum

Advance GCR objectives to ease pressures, enhance self-reliance, expand third-country solutions, support conditions for return (GCR, Part 1)

Facilitated through comprehensive responses and national, regional, and global arrangements (GCR, Parts 2, 3)

## Global Refugee Forum (GCR, Part 3)

### Pledging

In 2023: Aim for high quality, pre-matched, joint pledges and initiatives implemented or announced in support of the recommendations from the High-Level Officials Meeting

### Stocktaking

Progress towards the GCR objectives assessed through the GCR indicator report and reporting on pledge and initiative implementation

### Learning

Good practices, opportunities, challenges, and lessons learned shared to inform future action in support of the GCR objective

Multi-stakeholder and partnership approach and meaningful refugee participation

# What we have achieved since 2019



## GRF 2019:

- 1,685 pledges announced
- Over 1,000 pledges received progress updates
- 25% of reported pledges are now fulfilled
- 323 new pledges since GRF 2019
- GCR Indicator Framework to track progress
- 50 GCR initiatives launched (support



## GCR indicator report in 2021

- Increase in ODA for humanitarian support, but incommensurate increase in **development assistance**
- Stronger policies to include refugees in national systems, but insufficient **support for implementation**
- More solutions (**resettlement, complementary pathways, voluntary returns**) since 2016 than in the previous 5 years, but a downward trend since then

# Key Recommendations from the High-Level Officials Meeting

## Cross cutting recommendations

1

Implement current GRF pledges and develop new ones to address identified gaps and needs.

2

Enhance access to international protection.

3

Reduce statelessness.

4

Make better use of combined humanitarian, development, and peace capacities to achieve the GCR objectives.

5

Build attention to climate change into how we do business.

6

Facilitate more systematic, inclusive, and meaningful refugee participation.

7

Enhance the data available to support effective action and investment in refugee situations.

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Strengthen private sector engagement in support of GCR objectives.

## GCR objective 1: Ease pressures on host countries

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Intensify efforts towards more equitable burden and responsibility sharing.

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Increase development financing in support of refugee situations.

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Provide more flexible, predictable, and multi-year funding for refugee responses.

## GCR objective 2: Enhance refugee self-reliance

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Increase social inclusion for refugees.

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Increase economic inclusion and access to livelihoods.

14

Expand access to quality primary, secondary, and higher education.

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Provide refugees with healthcare through strengthened national systems.

## GCR objective 3: Expand access to third-country solutions

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Increase the volume of resettlement opportunities for refugees.

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Build additional complementary pathways to third-country solutions.

## GCR objective 4: Support conditions in countries of origin for return in safety and dignity

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Mobilise more resources in support of voluntary return.

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Strengthen the planning and implementation of voluntary return.

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Improve cooperation to address root causes and build peace in countries of origin.



# What we want to achieve in 2023

Build on achievements and address gaps to **strengthen comprehensive responses** based on national ownership complemented by a multi-stakeholder and partnership approach through:

Advancing the **arrangements for burden and responsibility sharing**:

- support platforms
- regional and national arrangements
- financing arrangements and tracking
- development cooperation
- inclusion in data systems
- GCR in emergency responses

Implementing current pledges and developing new ones that are of high quality and impact and focus on:

- inclusive policy pledges implemented through **matching**, especially to address gaps
- **broadened base of support** (expanded partnerships, expanded and deepened engagement of governments)
- expanded opportunities for **solutions** (3<sup>rd</sup> country, local integration, voluntary return, and peacebuilding)
- both **international and domestic pledges**



## Pledging in 2023

A high-quality pledge will ideally be:

- Aligned with the 20 key recommendations from the HLOM
- Additional, quantifiable, and needs-driven
- Multi-stakeholder, jointly developed
- Pre-matched to support inclusive policies
- Developed in consultation with refugees and consider AGD





# Multi-stakeholder engagement

- **GCR initiatives/groups of friends**
  - Focus on pledge implementation, matching, and cultivation
  - Report on progress and make calls to action at informal briefings in 2022-23
  - Prioritise impactful pledges/initiatives for engagement in GRF “ecosystem” of events
- **NGO reference group**
  - Comprised of 15 regional and global NGO networks
  - Launched in 2022 as a GRF consultative mechanism and to develop joint pledges
- **Refugee engagement**
  - Consultations with Internal Advisory Board of Displaced and Stateless People
  - Call for refugee experts to engage in the GRF throughout 2023
  - Include RLOs in planned regional NGO consultations



# GRF Calendar of Preparations

2022

Q1-2  
HLOM  
Outcome  
Document

Pledging  
Guidance

Q1-4  
Quarterly  
informal  
briefings on  
the GCR/GRF

Q3-4  
Pledge  
roadmaps by  
country,  
region, theme

Q3-4  
Multi-stakehol  
der initiatives

NGO  
reference  
group

Q3-4  
Updated GCR  
digital  
platform

Pledge  
matching  
portal

Q3-4  
GRF Co-host  
and  
co-convenors

External  
engagement  
plan

Q4  
Refined GCR  
indicator  
framework

HC's  
Dialogue



# GRF Calendar of Preparations

2023

Formal preparatory meetings  
(pledges, programme)

2 Feb

17 May

1 Sep

Informal briefings

Q1-3: GCR initiatives

Q4: Launch of GCR indicator report

Global Refugee Forum

12 Dec: Advance events

13 Dec: GRF reception

13-15 Dec: Plenary

Pledge implementation and development



# Key considerations for the GRF programme

- Achieving desired **outcomes**
- High-level **participation**
- Ensuring participation of **15 stakeholder groups**, including refugees
- Event **modalities** (plenary, “ecosystem”, and pop-up events)