

Informal Briefing on the Global Refugee Forum

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Summary of discussions

I. Introduction

1. On 13 June 2018, UNHCR convened an informal briefing for UN Member States and other relevant stakeholders to further preparations for the Global Refugee Forum. Participants considered the agenda for the forthcoming Second Preparatory Meeting for the Global Refugee Forum, the Asylum Capacity Support Group, the process to measure the impact of hosting refugees, and the indicators for the Global Compact on Refugees.
2. This summary does not necessarily represent the views of individual participants or UNHCR, but reflect broadly the themes and understandings emerging from the discussion.

II. General discussion

3. The proposed [Agenda for the Second Preparatory Meeting](#) and [information note on the structure of the Global Refugee Forum](#) were welcomed. It was emphasized that the Forum, which will involve approximately 300 delegations and 1200 participants, should be an innovative and serious event that builds the foundation for the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees. Although the Forum will not be a traditional pledging conference, contributions and good practices will be central to the event and will be reflected throughout. The meaningful participation of host countries and refugees themselves will be crucial. A number of Member States announced their intention to join the [co-sponsorship arrangements](#).
4. The update on progress in establishing the Asylum Capacity Support Group (as detailed in the [note for discussion](#)) was received well, with a number of Member States and other stakeholders expressing their appreciation for the work to date and expressing a willingness to support future efforts.
5. UNHCR and the World Bank provided a joint overview of work to date on the process to measure the impact arising from hosting, protecting and assisting refugees (the [second workshop](#) for which took place in April 2019). Participants emphasized the complexities and difficulties of the exercise, and the importance of not examining the topic too narrowly.
6. Finally, UNHCR presented the [Indicator Framework for the Global Compact on Refugees](#), which has been updated to reflect the feedback received. The updated framework was welcomed, in particular the focus on disaggregation and the focus on data that is already available. The importance of outcome-oriented and people-centred indicators was noted.

III. Next steps

7. The next preparatory meeting will take place on 25 June 2019, with a focus on the organizations arrangements for, and the structure of, the Global Refugee Forum.