



Global Refugee Forum Informal Briefing

11 October 2019

13:30 - 15:00 hours

Palais des Nations, Room V



High-Level Outcomes

1. **Broaden the base of support** for comprehensive refugee responses.
2. Support the development of more **inclusive national policies** in host countries with a focus on:
 - Strengthened **protection capacity**
 - Inclusion in **national systems**
 - Increased access to **jobs and livelihoods and financial inclusion**
3. Launch **Support Platforms** focusing on MIRPS, IGAD, and the SSAR.



High-Level Outcomes

4. **Additional funding** and the effective and efficient use of resources

- Additional, multi-year, and un-earmarked humanitarian funding (States)
- New and expanded dedicated refugee and host community development funding windows / programmes / projects (Multilateral development banks and bilateral development finance corporations)
- Inclusion of refugees and host communities in funding for development programmes / projects (OECD DAC members, UNDP, bilateral donors)
- Inclusion of refugees in national development planning and / or national sector-specific plans (host states, UNDP)
- Exploration of the potential of new financing mechanisms and instruments to mobilize financial support (private sector, vertical funds).



High-Level Outcomes

5. Dedicated support to expand access to **secondary, tertiary, and higher education programmes** for refugees.
6. Financial, technical and material contributions in support of **sustainable / green energy and environmental conservation**.
7. **Private sector** announcements in the form of **investments, employment, innovation, advocacy, and philanthropy**.
8. Contributions towards the **3-year resettlement and complementary pathways strategy** including commitment to resettlement programmes by **new countries**.
9. Launch of the **Asylum Capacity Support Group**.
10. Launch of the **Global Academic Network**.

TUESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER 2019
PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA

NOTE: In advance of the Global Refugee Forum, a series of spotlight sessions will be held in the Palais des Nations, and other events will be organized in the city of Geneva on **16 December 2019. Information about the schedule for these spotlight sessions and events will be posted online in October 2019.*

MORNING	LUNCH BREAK	AFTERNOON	EVENING	ALL DAY
9:30 – 12:30	12:30 – 14:30	14:30 – 19:00	19:00 – 20:30	Other:
<p>PLENARY ON BURDEN AND RESPONSIBILITY SHARING Assembly Hall</p> <p><u>Interpretation:</u> A, E, C, F, S, R</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcoming remarks by the Co-Hosts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Mr. Ignazio Cassis, Federal Councillor, Swiss Confederation - Mr. Filippo Grandi, High Commissioner for Refugees ▪ Statement by the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres ▪ Statements by the Co-Conveners ▪ Statements from the floor 	<p>Thematic “spotlight” sessions</p>	<p>PLENARY ON COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSES Assembly Hall</p> <p><u>Interpretation:</u> A, E, C, F, S, R</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ High-level dialogue on broadening the base of support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statements from the floor ▪ High-level dialogue on comprehensive responses in action (IGAD and MIRPS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statements from the floor ▪ High-level dialogue on solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statements from the floor 	<p>Reception</p>	<p>Visual displays of pledges and contributions</p> <p>Visual display of the digital portal for the Global Compact on Refugees</p> <p>Marketplace of good practices</p> <p>Press stakeout</p> <p>Speakers corner</p>



WEDNESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER 2019

PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA

MORNING	LUNCH BREAK	AFTERNOON	ALL DAY
9:00 – 11:00	13:00 – 15:00	15:00 – 18:00	Other:
<p>PARALLEL SESSIONS</p> <p>Interpretation: E, F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ High-level dialogue on energy and infrastructure Room XVII <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statements from the floor ▪ High-level dialogue on protection capacity Room XIX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statements from the floor 	<p>Thematic “spotlight” sessions</p>	<p>CLOSING PLENARY Assembly Hall</p> <p>Interpretation: A, E, C, F, S, R</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ High-level dialogue on inclusive societies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statements from the floor ▪ High-level dialogue with refugee co-sponsors reflecting on the outcomes and way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statements from the floor ▪ Closing remarks by the High Commissioner for Refugees 	<p>Visual displays of pledges and contributions</p> <p>Visual display of the digital portal for the Global Compact on Refugees</p> <p>Marketplace of good practices</p> <p>Press stakeout</p> <p>Speakers corner</p>
11:00 – 13:00		<p>PARALLEL SESSIONS</p> <p>Interpretation: E, F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ High-level dialogue on jobs and livelihoods Room XVII <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statements from the floor ▪ High-level dialogue on education Room XIX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statements from the floor 	



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Good Practices

The Global Refugee Forum provides an opportunity for States and other stakeholders to **exchange and showcase good practices and experiences**, both with respect to specific country or regional situations, as well as on a global level.

These good practices illustrate how comprehensive responses envisioned in the Global Compact on Refugees are already transforming the lives of refugees and host communities in many parts of the world. They are essential in inspiring the international community to develop **innovative and impactful contributions** that carry the momentum of the Global Compact forward.

Read a more detailed description of [what could be considered a good practice](#) in the context of the Global Compact on Refugees and the Global Refugee Forum.

Good practices may be shared by completing the [template](#) for good practices and sending it to hqgrf@unhcr.org.



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How can a contribution be sent?

As of 1 June 2019, **contributions** may be entered [online](#) or by completing the [template](#) for pledges and contributions and sending it to hqgrf@unhcr.org.

States and other stakeholders are encouraged to share with UNHCR their contributions and good practices **as early as possible** in advance of the Global Refugee Forum. This will facilitate their collation in time for the Forum. However, as necessary, contributions may still be shared at any time in advance of or during the Forum.

Contributions will be collated for showcasing at the Global Refugee Forum and inclusion in the outcome document for the Forum.



Burden & responsibility sharing

Daniel Endres



Burden and Responsibility Sharing Co-Sponsorship Group

16 co-sponsors confirmed, 36 observers

States

Colombia
Denmark
Ecuador
Egypt
European Union
Japan (Nexus)
Jordan
United Kingdom

Other stakeholders

Faith Action for Children on the Move coalition
Global Refugee-led Network
Int'l Council of Voluntary Agencies
Islamic Relief Worldwide
OXFAM
Refugee Response Index
SIPRI
UN Habitat



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Key pledging opportunities

Funding and the effective and efficient use of resources

- Systematic inclusion of refugees and host communities in development funding policy and national development plans

Regional and sub-regional approaches

- IGAD, MIRPS, and SSAR Support Platforms
- Contributions to costed plans



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Key pledging opportunities

Reliable, comparable, and timely data

- Tracking and showcasing the results of development funding
- Building the capacity of national statistical offices

Prevention and addressing root causes

- DAC Recommendation on the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus
- Research and analysis on conflict-sensitive, community-based programming
- Aswan Forum (12-14 December 2019)



Solutions

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Status and Key Advances Made

- **65 members**, including **24 confirmed co-sponsors**
- **Common understanding** of the solutions dimensions of the GRF; and **outcome areas to prioritize**
- **Linkages** between global, regional and national initiatives to be further strengthened
- **Presentation on selected refugee situations and efforts to expand third country solutions and examples of meaningful pledges** to advance solutions
- **Outlines of the GRF Sessions most relevant to the solutions theme**



Next steps until the GRF

- **Mobilizing partners in Geneva and strengthen links with national and regional efforts** around key areas of possible pledges (voluntary repatriation and reintegration; local integration and local solutions; and resettlement and complementary pathways)
- **Engagement of more actors**, in particular host countries, countries of origin and new and emerging resettlement countries
- Formulation and communication of **pledges** by co-sponsors and other actors
- **Next and final meeting of the Group before GRF:** in early November, to take stock of achievements and share additional ideas for pledges



Education

Rachel Criswell



Co-sponsorship group on education

47 co-sponsors (11 states)

3 outcome areas

- - **Inclusion**: early childhood, primary, secondary
- - **Tertiary Education**
- - **Emergency Response**

9 Task Teams

- ECD, primary, secondary, tertiary/skills training, emergency, financing & resourcing, policy, equity & inclusion, connected education

AGD mainstreamed throughout



Progress Update

- **Two workshops (Geneva, July; Washington DC, September)**
Next workshop: Geneva, November 4
- **Global Framework for Refugee Education under finalisation (building on work of all task teams), including a guidance framework for pledging**
- **Communications Plan under finalisation**
- **Task team submissions for GRF events**
- **Outreach to new potential partners for education**
- **Co-sponsor alliance survey on structure of High-Level Dialogue - main focus:**
 - the need to fully embrace an inclusion approach, moving from traditional response to meeting real needs
 - an emphasis on increased national ownership across the education spectrum
 - how to ensure greater cohesion across humanitarian and development action and investment



Next steps

- Support pledge development, including joint pledges & M&E frameworks
- Develop GRF sessions
- Implement communications plan
- Continue leveraging new partners to meet unreached needs

For more information or to join the Education co-sponsorship alliance please contact Ita Sheehy (sheehy@unhcr.org) or Jacqueline Strecker (strecker@unhcr.org)



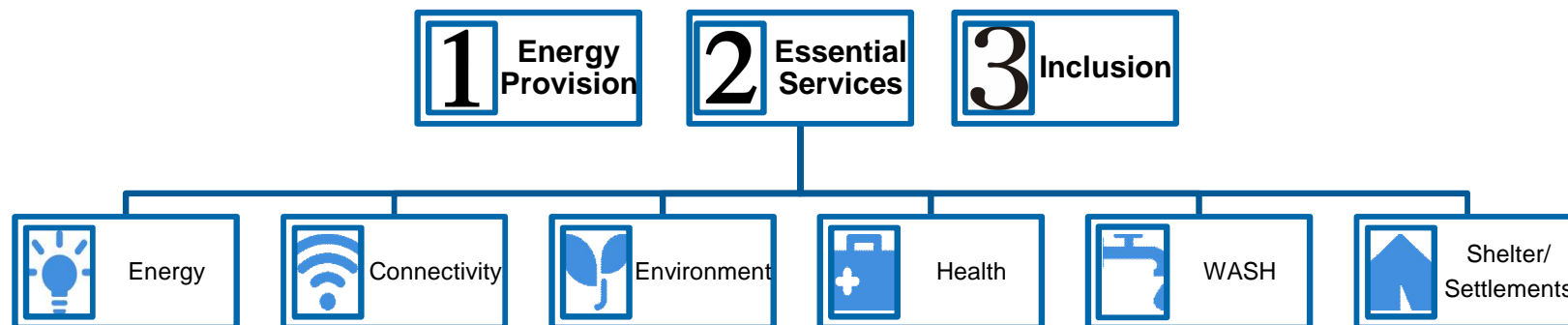
Energy & infrastructure

Ziad Ayad



Current State of Play

- 18 confirmed co-sponsors across sectors
- Multi-thematic+ wide scope for engagement
- LT trajectory
- HL Segment + Spotlight Sessions
- HL Outcomes & Outputs:





Pledges & Commitments

- 1. Thematic/Programmatic:** connectivity, health, WASH, energy, environment, shelter and settlements
- 2. High-Level:** policy, operational, funding & modalities, advocacy & communications, data & expertise
- 3. Clean Energy Challenge**



Clean Energy Challenge

- (80%) of refugee settlements are powered by renewable energy by 2030.
- (80%) of refugees to have access to sustainable solutions for clean cooking and lighting/electrification by 2030.



Jobs and Livelihoods

Ziad Ayoubi



Themes and Priorities

Pledging Themes

Legal Framework

Economic Development

Private Sector Development

Pledging Sub-Themes

Women's economic empowerment

Financial Inclusion

Training/skills development

Value Chains and Local Economic Development

Entrepreneurship / wage employment

Cross cutting areas

Peaceful co-existence

Age, Gender and Diversity

Mental health

Refugee participation

Labour protection

Human Rights

Outcomes fostering GCR objectives

Economic Inclusion

Job Creation

Local Economic Growth

Enhanced Protection

Preparation for Solutions

Events





Opportunities

- Lessons learned and good practices that can inform the development and design of new pledges and interventions (ex: country compacts, leaders summit pledges, etc.)
- Some promising policy and legal frameworks that require support and investment (ex: Kampala Declaration, new refugee laws, etc.).
- Existence of platforms that could be considered to implement interventions (ex: Poverty Alleviation Coalition, Development partnerships, etc.).



Events to cover

- The role of partnership and multi-stakeholder approaches in achieving economic inclusion.
- One spotlight for refugees ONLY
- Financial inclusion
- Poverty Alleviation
- Policies and legal frameworks
- The role of multilateral development banks
- Gender gap in Employment
- Private sector employment of refugees
- Refugee inclusion in national value chains
- The future of work



Protection capacity

Shahrzad Tadjbakhsh



Protection capacity: Vision

Strong institutions and capacities that can enable and enhance refugee protection and the well-being of host communities with support from a range of actors



Areas for pledging

- 1. Enhanced emergency preparedness and response:** Emergency preparedness and response is enhanced, including early warning, contingency planning, effective risk analysis and mitigation actions, reception and admission.
- 2. Legal and Policy Frameworks:** The 1951 Refugee Convention/1967 Protocol and the 1954 and/or 1961 Statelessness Conventions are ratified/acceded, reservations are removed and national legislations are in place; States' efforts to revise policies and legislation to include the promotion of gender equality in line with international human rights standards are supported; and identity documentation to and recognition of the legal identity of displaced persons and their families for protection and exercise of rights are effectively issued.
- 3. Better Asylum Capacity:** Through the coordinating support of the newly established Asylum Capacity Support Group, national asylum/RSD systems are put in place and operate with fairness, efficiency, adaptability and integrity.
- 4. Enhanced protection response and strong national institutions:** Access for refugees, particularly those with specific needs, to quality, inclusive civil registration and documentation, social welfare and specialized protection services, justice, safety and security, are supported and secured, as are effective national responses for the protection of the more at risk populations, including refugee children
- 5. Participation and Inclusion.** Refugees and host communities participate in all levels of planning and response, and refugee-led initiatives are encouraged and supported. All refugees enjoy their rights on an equal basis, are effectively included in all aspects of the refugee response without discrimination on the basis of age, gender, disability or other individual characteristics.



Priorities for Protection Capacity

To date:

- 25 confirmed co-sponsors including 8 confirmed States and over 20 others engaged
- Guidance on Protection Capacity Pledges
- Guidance on AGD, gender, disabilities, youth and children for all themes

Key priorities:

- Communicating and advocating for pledges, including technical support, South-to-South cooperation and funding
- Compiling good practices for show-casing
- Preparing the high level panel at the Protection Capacity session
- Preparing the spotlight sessions, including 'Asylum Capacity Support Group' mechanism and 'Age, Gender and Diversity' and others
- Identifying other events, including speakers corners and marketplace
- Mainstreaming age, gender, disabilities and diversity across GRF
- Refugee participation central to this theme