

Support Platforms

Intro

The Global Refugee Forum marked the launch of three Support Platforms to reinforce regional refugee responses, including for the MIRPS in Central America and Mexico, the Nairobi Process facilitated by IGAD in the East and Horn of Africa, and the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees (SSAR) Support Platform.

Discover the steps taken by these Support Platforms in the first year since the Forum:

The MIRPS Support Platform for Central America and Mexico



Support Platform Members:

Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), France, Spain, Switzerland, the United States, Uruguay, the European Union, OAS, Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) and UNHCR (with Italy and Holy See as observers)

Presidency: Spain



3 Objectives:

- Give visibility to the Central American crisis
- Mobilize support for MIRPS countries
- Promote the exchange of good practices and document lessons learned

4 Priorities:

1. Promoting the search for solutions to forced displacement in the region in international forums, such as the United Nations;
2. Interaction with development finance institutions such as the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank so that they pay more attention to MIRPS countries' needs;
3. Cooperation and direct support by Platform members to MIRPS countries;
4. Association of the private sector to the Platform's and MIRPS' efforts.



SSAR Support Platform for Afghan Refugees



Core group:

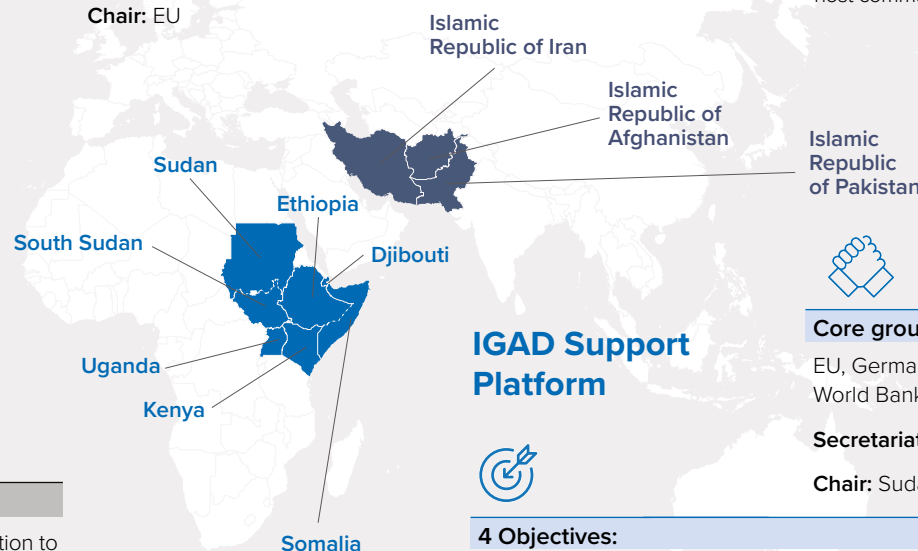
Asian Development Bank, Denmark, European Union, Germany, Japan, Republic of Korea, Turkey, Qatar, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America, UNDP, World Bank.

Chair: EU



3 objectives:

- Enhance capacity for voluntary return and sustainable reintegration in Afghanistan by leveraging humanitarian and development partnerships in the Priority Areas of Return and Reintegration (PARRs).
- Create conditions conducive to voluntary repatriation: including by supporting the Government of Afghanistan in land distribution to returnees and investing in the human capital, resilience and portable skills of refugees in host countries.
- Channel additional investments into the national public service delivery systems in the Islamic Republics of Iran and Pakistan to support inclusive policies of the Governments benefitting both host communities and refugees.



IGAD Support Platform



4 Objectives:

- Sustaining and galvanizing the political momentum of the Nairobi Process
- Mobilizing additional support for the Plans of Action, particularly in the education, livelihoods and health sectors
- Strategically engage more actors in particular additional States, development partners, civil society and the private sector
- Follow up on Member States commitments through an IGAD Secretariat-led process supported by the core group.

Core group:
EU, Germany, UNHCR, UNDP, World Bank

Secretariat: IGAD

Chair: Sudan