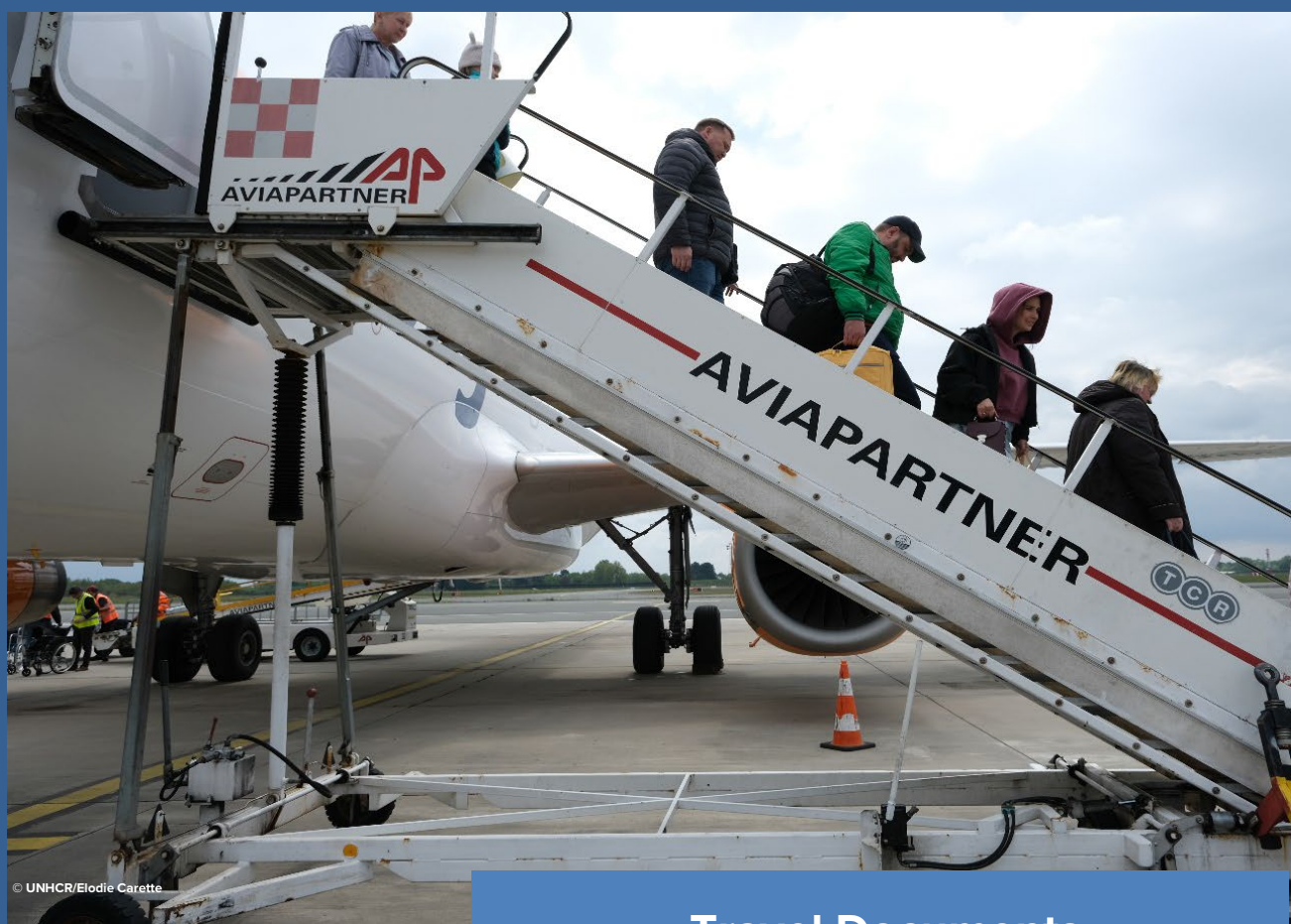


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Travel Documents
The 21st Century Nansen passport

This document contains ideas for pledge building around travel documents. The list is by no means exhaustive and is meant to inspire actors interested in making a pledge.

You can express your interest in making a pledge or being connected with other actors through [this form](#) or by scanning the QR code.

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OVERARCHING GOAL

More refugees can access a machine-readable travel document that ensures protection against refoulement, valid identity document and the right of return to the country of asylum.

KEY ELEMENTS

- Machine readable per ICAO standards
- Protects against refoulement (valid for all countries but the country of origin)
- Renewable in country of asylum and via consulates when abroad

1 LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORKS

Review and adjust legislation and policy regulations as to:

- the validity of refugee travel documents for visa application purposes;
- the issuance of travel documents to refugees (including to those who are recognized as refugees under Prima Facie regimes, by UNHCR, and others);
- the right of re-entry to a country of asylum by a refugee who left legally;
- the right of access to consulates for the holders of travel documents issued by the country of asylum.

2 TRAVEL DOCUMENT ISSUANCE AND ACCEPTANCE

Issue and accept machine readable travel documents that protect against refoulement to refugees on the same basis as nationals (fees; processes; renewal options).

3 RIGHT OF RETURN AND CONSULAR SERVICES

Ensure that travel documents include the right of access to consulates for the holders of travel documents issued by the country of asylum.

4 FUND GLOBAL ACCESS TO COMPLEMENTARY PATHWAYS

Secure funding to lift personal and structural obstacles to complementary pathways, for example by matching State pledges to issue travel documents with implementation funds and/or by creating and contributing funds available to refugees who need to travel (to pay for Travel Documents, visas etc.)

5 INCLUDE REFUGEES

Offer machine readable travel documents to refugees recognised under the national system on the same basis as nationals (fees, application system, renewal in consulates etc.)