

## Global Refugee Forum 2023 - High-Level Dialogue

# Breaking Barriers: Realizing the Potential of Sport for Inclusion and Protection

### 1. Overview:

Co-hosted by the Government of Colombia, Scort Foundation, the Olympic Refugee Foundation and UNHCR, the Parallel High-Level Event – ***Breaking Barriers: Realizing the Potential of Sport for Inclusion and Protection*** – will take place on the opening day of the Second Global Refugee Forum, December 13 2023 between 15:30 – 17:00. The event builds on the participation of sport organizations at the Inaugural GRF in 2019, presenting the significant role that sport is playing and will continue to play in refugee responses globally, within the framework of the Global Compact on Refugees and through the Multistakeholder Pledge on Sport for Inclusion and Protection.

### 2. Format:

The Parallel High-Level Event will adopt an inclusive format that will ensure the Global Refugee Forum hears from the full spectrum of actors working with and through sport to support displaced and stateless people including ***Member States, Sport Governing bodies and Federations, the Private sector, civil society organizations, academia and refugee led organizations*** amongst others.

The session will outline why each of the stakeholder groups is essential to ensuring the continued contribution of sport across the five commitment areas of the Multistakeholder Sport Pledge on Inclusion and Protection and provide concrete examples of commitments. The session will also embrace multi-media interventions which will further demonstrate the positive role sport will continue to play in support of refugee and hosting communities during the next four years and beyond.

### 3. Objectives

While contributing to the overall objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees, in particular Easing the pressures on host countries and enhancing refugee self-reliance, the Parallel High-Level Event also aims to:

- Outline the important contribution of sport in comprehensive responses to refugee situations,
- Highlight the continued engagement of sport sector actors in supporting refugees,
- Demonstrate the role sport can play in supporting refugees and host communities to the international community, particularly in the areas of inclusion and protection,
- Build further momentum behind the Multistakeholder Pledge on Sport for Inclusion and Protection and the Sport for Refugees Coalition.

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