



Global Refugee Forum: Multi-stakeholder pledge process

What will success look like for the GRF 2023?

The GRF 2023 will mobilise impactful, transformative multi-stakeholder pledges to achieve the **key outcomes** communicated during the 17 May [formal preparatory meeting](#), including financing, climate action, inclusion, resettlement and complementary pathways, creating conditions for sustainable voluntary return, and building peace.

To advance these outcomes, [multi-stakeholder pledges](#) are being developed whereby the international community, including governments and other stakeholders, including refugees, comes together in a spirit of shared responsibility for refugees and host communities to advance a common policy approach and high-level goal.

These pledges build on the political commitments made in the New York Declaration in 2016 and the Global Compact on Refugees in 2018, pledges and initiatives announced since the GRF 2019, recommendations from the stocktaking conducted through the High-Level Officials Meeting 2021 and GCR indicator report, and innovation labs from the High Commissioners Dialogue in 2022.

These pledges aim to articulate vision, policy objective, and target; make transformative and substantial improvements in the lives of refugees and host communities; demonstrate government leadership and a multi-stakeholder and partnership approach; and ensure sustainability through dedicated follow-up arrangements and a resource base.

Leadership of the multi-stakeholder pledges

Role of the co-leads:

To ensure the key outcomes of the GRF, government leaders, together with other stakeholders co-leading the multi-stakeholder pledges, would:

- ✓ **Set the vision**, policy objective, and target in clear, simple language that aims for transformative and significant improvements in the lives of refugees and host communities.
- ✓ **Mobilise governments and partners** around this clearly defined common vision.
- ✓ **Lead by example** by submitting and implementing high-quality policy, financial, technical, material, or other pledge(s) as a part of the multi-stakeholder pledge.
- ✓ **Co-lead post-GRF follow-up arrangements**, facilitated and supported by UNHCR, to promote sustained engagement, broaden the base of support through the multi-stakeholder and partnership approach, matching, information sharing, and monitoring post-GRF.

Setting the vision, policy objective and target:

All leaders of the multi-stakeholder pledges may wish to come together in support of a **common overarching political commitment**, for example to **champion displacement considerations** in relevant **multilateral** fora and financing mechanisms and **bilateral** humanitarian, development, and peace cooperation in support of countries affected by fragility, conflict, and violence.

Pledge co-leads may wish to agree on **simple and coordinated pledging language** that can be delivered as a **framing statement** for their multi-stakeholder pledge description and to introduce each pledge leader's individual submissions in support of each multi-stakeholder pledge.

For example:

As part of the >>[theme]<< Multi-stakeholder Pledge, Country/Partner X commits to:

- **include** considerations for forcibly displaced persons and the communities that host them in bilateral >>theme<< financing windows and decisions, and laws, policies, plans, and programmes in countries affected by fragility, conflict, and violence.
- **advocate** for the inclusion of forcibly displaced persons and the communities that host them in the relevant multilateral fora and financial mechanisms.
- **co-lead a follow-up process** supported by UNHCR to promote sustained engagement, continued pledge mobilisation, pledge implementation and matching, knowledge sharing, and accountability.

Contributors to multi-stakeholder pledges

All governments and other stakeholders that contribute pledges as a part of the multi-stakeholder pledges would:

- ✓ ensure that their contribution goes beyond an agglomeration of existing programmes and **aligns with the vision** and policy objective of the multi-stakeholder pledge.
- ✓ demonstrate how their policy, financial, technical, material, or other contributions are additional, quantifiable, and needs-driven, complementary, and **advance a collective ambition, policy objective, or target**.
- ✓ **report on progress and participate in stocktaking and follow-up arrangements** developed for the multi-stakeholder pledges, to ensure cross-fertilisation and accountability.
- ✓ **ensure relevant policy pledges from 2019** are updated with additional detail and targets and linked to the multi-stakeholder pledges to increase visibility and opportunities for support.

Submissions process

- ✓ Each contributor to a multi-stakeholder pledge will make an **individual submission** detailing their specific contribution to the pledge.
- ✓ Each individual submission will be made via the [GRF pledges dashboard](#).
- ✓ When submitting the pledge, the pledging entity will be asked if the submission is in support of one or more multi-stakeholder pledges.

If yes, a dropdown menu of the multi-stakeholder pledges will appear. The pledging entity will then be invited to check to which pledges their submission is applicable.

The pledging entity will then provide a description of their contribution, including whether there are other specific partners or initiatives with whom they are working on their specific contribution to the multi-stakeholder pledge.

- ✓ UNHCR will review and consolidate submitted information following the GRF to facilitate reporting and analysis.

Follow-up arrangements

Effective follow-up will be key to advancing policies, building trust and confidence, and demonstrating sustained engagement. Starting in 2024, UNHCR would convene the **pledge leaders in a consultation** to set out **the process and arrangements** for:

- ✓ **Stocktaking, follow-up, and implementation of each multi-stakeholder pledge.** Co-leads, supported by UNHCR, would determine follow-up arrangements for their multi-stakeholder pledge and/or for several multi-stakeholder pledges linked to a common theme (such as protection, inclusion, solutions, climate, etc.) to ensure a more comprehensive follow-up process.
- ✓ **Individual reporting.** As determined by the design of the follow-up arrangements, each pledging entity that made a specific contribution in support of one or more multi-stakeholder pledges will periodically receive a targeted email inviting them to report on progress made in implementing their pledge.

When reporting on the pledge, pledging entities will have the opportunity to demonstrate how their pledge contributed to each of the multi-stakeholder pledges to which it is linked.

For example:

Country X submitted a pledge of bilateral development support for economic inclusion for refugees.

When reporting on the pledge, the pledging entity could report on:

- *The amount of development support provided over the period of time (HDP nexus pledge)*
- *How many refugees and host community members were able to access work permits and employment as a result of this support (economic inclusion pledge)*

Drawing upon the reporting provided in the GRF pledges database, UNHCR could provide consolidated reports on individual pledge submissions and progress made linked to the multi-stakeholder pledges to support the stocktaking and follow-up process.

- ✓ **Developing strategies to advance the pledge objectives over the next four years** until the next GRF, including through linking them to broader political processes and multilateral fora, advancing inclusive policy and financing approaches, and facilitating further support and contributions.
- ✓ **Facilitating opportunities, creating fora, or serving as a reference group to advance matching** and support of host country policy commitments through the multi-stakeholder pledges and their follow-up arrangements.

Annex – Multi-stakeholder pledges in support of key outcomes

Key outcomes	Related multi-stakeholder pledges
1. Additional, multi-year, innovative and quality financing for humanitarian, development and peace cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pledges on unearmarked funding under discussion. • <i>Inclusion in National Statistical Systems and Surveys</i> to ensure refugees are visible – a prerequisite for development financing.
2. New support for climate action , adaptation and resilient human settlements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Climate Action</i> to ensure inclusion of refugees in national adaptation plans, international climate fora such as COP, and climate action financing mechanisms. • <i>Refugee Environmental Protection Fund</i> to invest in reforestation and clean cooking programs in climate-vulnerable displacement situations around the world.

<p>3. New financial, technical and material support for host country policies, services and systems that advance inclusion, pending a durable solution</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education to ensure all refugee children have access to safe, quality, and relevant education opportunities and are included in school and learning national education systems. • Tertiary education to secure 15% of refugees' access tertiary education by 2030. • Connected Education to achieve access to high-quality connected education for refugees by 2030. • National health systems inclusion (incl. MHPSS) to provide healthcare for refugees through strengthened national systems. • Agriculture, food systems, and food security to support 20 million refugees and host communities in countries experiencing food crises. • Connectivity to advance connectivity and digital transformation with and for refugees.
<p>4. New job opportunities and access to financial products and services to advance economic inclusion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic inclusion & Social Protection to support 1 million refugees and their hosts. • Human Settlements to advance socio-economic inclusion by transforming camps into integrated settlements, for example in Kenya's <i>Shirika plan</i>, Ethiopia's plan for Melkadida, and others. • Housing, Land, and Property (HLP) to increase the proportion of forcibly displaced who are able to access their HLP rights.
<p>5. Increased opportunities for resettlement and family reunification</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resettlement to resettle 1 million refugees. • Community Sponsorship to increase the number, scale, and diversity of community sponsorship programmes. • Family Reunification to ensure that every refugee can exercise their right to family unity.
<p>6. Access to additional safe complementary pathways, including labour mobility, education and others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills-Based Complementary Pathways to provide 200,000 refugees with labour mobility and education pathways. • 21st Century Nansen Passport to ensure that refugees have easy and ready access to renewable travel documents.
<p>7. Strengthened financial and political support for voluntary sustainable return and reintegration, including access to services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing, Land, and Property (HLP) to increase the proportion of forcibly displaced who are able to access their HLP rights.
<p>8. Strengthened measures to address root causes, prevent conflict, and build peace in countries of origin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention to address root causes through inclusive and expanded peacebuilding and conflict prevention analysis, programmes, and advocacy support for countries of origin. • Prevention of Hate Speech, Misinformation, and Disinformation to promote peaceful coexistence.
Enabling and situational pledges	
<p>Enabling factors such as the HDP nexus approach, partnerships, protection regimes, and localisation provide a crucial foundation for the pledges.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus to mainstream, apply, and support the nexus approach in refugee situations. • Partnerships are through the UN Common Pledge and Sports for Inclusion and Protection. • Protection through Asylum Capacity, The Global Legal Community pledge on access to legal services, Child Rights, Ending Statelessness, Gender Equality & protection from

	<p><i>Gender-based Violence</i>, complying with the international legal principles in the <i>1951 Convention and 1967 Protocol</i>, closing the <i>Digital Gender Gap</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Localisation through a <i>Localisation pledge</i> on funding and including local actors in decision making processes, a <i>Call to Local Action and Solidarity in Secondary Cities & Local and Regional Governments</i>, and <i>Advancing Localisation of Research</i>.
Situational focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>ReSolve</i> to expand solutions and enhance the resilience of displaced Afghans in Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan, and the communities hosting them. ▪ <i>Comprehensive Solutions and Climate Action</i> to create conducive and enabling environments for comprehensive solutions and climate adaptation in IGAD countries. ▪ <i>Enhanced Resilience, Expanded Solutions</i> to ease the pressure on host countries through enhancing resilience and expanding solutions for Rohingya refugees.

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