

Statement for the Multi-stakeholder pledge on Meaningful Refugee Participation, delivered during the second informal briefing on the GCR, 1 October 2026

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a brief update on behalf of the co-leads of the Multi-Stakeholder Pledge on Meaningful Refugee Participation.

Following strong, multi-stakeholder momentum around the Meaningful Refugee Participation Pledge at the 2023 Global Refugee Forum and the 2025 GRF Progress Review, our work currently in the lead-up to the 2027 GRF has been focused on convening signatories and cross-cutting stakeholders to transform existing commitments into practical implementation, and strengthen meaningful refugee participation across the broader GCR ecosystem.

One important area of work has been the new MRP Community of Practice on Advancing Refugee Influence Across GRF Pledges, which we launched this year to facilitate multi-stakeholder peer technical exchanges and learning, not just for those of us most active in the MRP pledge itself, but for actors in other sectors and other pledges working to integrate MRP into their actions as well. The Community aims to spotlight how MRP commitments have been understood and operationalized across different structures in the GRF and broader refugee response ecosystem, identifying best practices and support needs, and advancing joint-solutions to common implementation challenges. We hope these can be spaces where we learn together and consider how MRP can be more intentionally integrated across our collective work.

We held our first session on 9 July, focusing on perspectives from other multi-stakeholder pledge leaders. We were encouraged by the strong interest, with more than 45 participants representing governments, refugee-led organizations, UN agencies, donors, civil society, and development partners from across regions. The session spotlighted New Zealand's Refugee Advisory Panel and local level refugee-led steering groups which guide funding decisions for community initiatives; PILNet's work delivering MRP training to legal professionals and enabling RLO access to law firms; the work of the Global Family Reunification Network to center refugee leadership in support of refugee family reunification; and the UK's continuing efforts to support its refugee delegates to contribute substantively to global refugee decision-making forums.

The first session also highlighted that understanding and practical implementation of MRP vary across the refugee response system. Accordingly, our second Community of Practice session will focus on data, evidence and impact measurement, and will be in November this year. We will explore how we understand the difference MRP is making and aim to create a shared methodology to use evidence towards strengthening practice. We warmly invite all multi-stakeholder pledge leads, including governments, refugee-led organizations, UN agencies, civil society partners and others to join us at the next and future Community of Practice sessions.

Finally, we thank you all for your continued engagement with the work of the MRP Pledge. Our pledge is rooted in a spirit of shared responsibility, recognizing that refugee responses are most effective and sustainable when co-shaped by those directly affected. At a time of

hyper-prioritization, it is more important than ever that ground-up needs, as voiced by refugees themselves, are reflected in global policy contexts like the GRF and its pledges. Looking toward GRF 2027, our priority is to sustain the momentum around meaningful refugee participation while transforming commitments into practice.

Thank you.