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Regional NGO Consultations

in the East and Horn of Africa and Great Lakes (EHAGL) Region

28 JUNE - 1 JULY

The UNHCR Bureau for East, Horn of Africa, and the Great Lakes, in collaboration with the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA), is organizing the 2021 Regional NGO Consultations.

Themes

- Localization of Humanitarian Action and Engagement with Communities in the COVID-19 Context;
- Implementation of the Global Refugee Forum Pledges;
- Socio-Economic Inclusion of Refugees; and
- Climate Action.

Objectives and outcomes

These first Regional Consultations will pursue the following objectives:

- Analyze collective responses to the challenges and opportunities of engaging with refugee communities (innovative approaches, new synergies, ways of working more efficiently) in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, identify critical gaps and define key steps for the way forward.
- Discuss the progress NGOs made in advancing the implementation of relevant GRF pledges, in particular those related to promoting resilience and inclusion of refugees and localization where relevant - and discuss contributions of NGOs as part of a multi-stakeholder/whole of society process.
- Share UNHCR' framework for climate action and learn about NGO initiatives to address climate-related changes in the context of forced displacement.
- Develop recommendations to inform future collaboration between UNHCR and NGOs and feed in to UNHCR's 2021 Executive Committee Session, the 2021 GRF High-Level Officials Meeting, the 2022 Global NGO Consultations and the High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection in 2022.



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Agenda

Monday, 28 June 2021

- 09:00 - 09:30** Opening remarks by the Director of the Regional Bureau and ICVA
- 09:30 - 12:30** Localization of humanitarian action and engagement with communities in the COVID-19 context
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Tuesday, 29 June 2021

- 09:30 - 12:30** Operationalization of the Global Compact on Refugees and the role of NGOs in advancing implementation of the GRF pledges – Stocktaking and Contributions to the High-Level Officials Meeting in December 2021
- 14:30 – 16:30** Side Event co-organized with the Poverty Alleviation Coalition on the Socio-Economic Inclusion of Refugees
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Wednesday, 30 June 2021

- 14:00 – 17:00** UNHCR's Climate Action Framework and NGO initiatives to address climate-related changes in the context of forced displacement
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Thursday, 1 July 2021

- 09:30 – 11:00** Conclusions of the NGO Consultations and Closure

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