

DELIVERING THE GLOBAL COMPACT ON REFUGEES

LOCAL APPROACHES TO INCLUSION

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At the heart of the Global Compact on Refugees is the idea that refugees should be included in the communities from the very beginning.

When refugees gain access to education and labour markets, they can build their skills and become self-reliant, contributing to local economies and fuelling the development of the communities hosting them.

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WHAT:

“Delivering the Global Compact on Refugees: Local Approaches to Inclusion” is a regional government-to-government conference which brings together States and stakeholders from the Horn and East Africa from 31 October – 1 November 2019 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The aim of the Conference is to foster cross-national sharing of experiences and identify forward-looking opportunities to achieve the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees, with a focus on local approaches to the inclusion of refugees within their host communities. The Global Compact on Refugees is considered a game changer in the collective approach to refugee protection and assistance, with the international community committed to supporting this transformation in the spirit of solidarity and burden sharing.

WHY:

As we approach the one-year anniversary of the adoption of the Global Compact on Refugees by the UN General Assembly, and two years since the launch of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF), it is an apt moment to take stock of the change processes underway within national refugee responses and to provide a platform for government-to-government experience sharing.

The outcomes of the Conference seek to complement wider IGAD Nairobi Action Plan stock-taking events taking place in September 2019 and support the preparation of Regional States ahead of the Global Refugee Forum (GRF) on 17-18 December 2019; a unique opportunity to define key areas of national investment in support of refugees and their host communities in the year ahead.

WHO:

The Conference is being organized under the patronage of the Ethiopian Ministry of Peace, and in partnership with the Danish Government and the UN Refugee Agency – UNHCR. Ethiopia - who will serve as one of five convening countries at the GRF - invites the CRRF countries of Djibouti, Kenya,

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Somalia and Uganda, as well as the remaining IGAD Member States of Eritrea, Sudan and South Sudan who have shown impressive commitment and action towards the objectives in the Global Compact on Refugees. The Conference will also be attended by Donors, UN agencies, and NGOs.

States are encouraged to ensure broad-based participation from across government, including the highest level of representation from concerned national ministries, together with sub-national government counterparts supporting local responses and solutions to the needs of refugees and their host communities. A comprehensive briefing note will be shared defining all administrative and logistical arrangements.

PROGRAMME:

The agenda for the Conference will be informed by the following themes, which include: ‘Investing in national services to support host communities and the inclusion of refugees’, ‘Advancing the self-reliance agenda for refugees and their host communities’, and ‘Expanding the whole-of-government approach, ensuring local ownership and adequate financing to the Global Compact on Refugees.’ Targeted technical consultations under the respective themes will be informed by a series of thought pieces that will be shared for the preparation of participating States ahead of the Conference.

