# High-Level Officials Meeting Programme 2021

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| 17:00 - 17:30 | **Panel on Priority 3**  
Recommendations for the future                                                            |
| 17:30 - 18:00 | Closing of the High-Level Officials Meeting                                           |

*as of 12 December 2021*
14 DECEMBER 2021

SPOTLIGHT SESSION ON THE SUPPORT PLATFORMS

8:00 – 9:15
Central European Time

CHAIR | Mr. Filippo GRANDI, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

SPEAKERS

- Mrs. Asrar Ahmed ELSIDDIG, Deputy Head Sub Regional Organization Department, Sudan
- H.E. Mr. Mario Alberto FORTÍN MIDENCE, Permanent Representative of Honduras in Geneva (Pro Tempore Presidency MIRPS), Honduras
- Dr. Workneh GEBEYEHU NEGEWO, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Authority on Development
- Mr. Pervaiz Ahmed JUNEJO, Secretary, Ministry of States and Frontier Regions, Pakistan
- H.E. Ms. Leslie E. NORTON, Permanent Representative of Canada in Geneva (Chair of the MIRPS Support Platform), Canada
- Ms. Paola PAMPALONI, Director, Deputy Managing Director, Asia & Pacific, European Union External Action Service (EEAS), European Commission

OPENING OF THE HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS MEETING

10:00 – 11:00
Central European Time

WELCOMING REMARKS | H.E. Mr. Ignazio CASSIS, President-Elect, Swiss Confederation

JOINT STATEMENT BY THE GRF CO-HOSTS AND CO-CONVENORS | H.E. Mr. Sadik ARSLAN, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative, Government of Turkey

JOINT STATEMENT BY REFUGEES | Ms. Nathaly Raquel MACHADO VELASCO, Social Worker & DAFI Scholar, Tertiary Refugee Student Network

Mr. Cheng Laban NDOH, Founder, Great Step Initiative

OPENING STATEMENT | Mr. Filippo GRANDI, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
COMMENCEMENT OF THE PLENARY DISCUSSION

11:00 – 13:00
Central European Time

CO-HOSTS

H.E. Mr. Manuel BESSLER, Ambassador, Deputy Director General of the Development and Cooperation Directorate SDC, Head of Swiss Humanitarian Aid, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

Mr. Filippo GRANDI, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Moderator)

GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM CO-CONVENOR

H.E. Mr. Sadık ARSLAN, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva

SPOTLIGHT SESSION ON THE ROLE OF THE GCR IN CLIMATE ACTION AND DISPLACEMENT

13:30 – 14:45
Central European Time

MODERATOR | Ms. Catherine-Lune GRAYSON, Policy Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross

OPENING STATEMENT | Mr. Andrew HARPER, Special Adviser on Climate Action, UNHCR

SPEAKERS

• Ms. Esther ANYAKUN DAVINIA, Minister of State for Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees in the office of the Prime Minister (OPM), Uganda

• Ms. Merete Fjeld BRATTESTED, Director General, Department for Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway

• Ms. Than DAR AUNG, DAFI Scholar, University Delhi

• Ms. Joanna DARMANIN, Head of Unit, Humanitarian Aid Thematic Policies, European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)

• Mr. Mateus DE MELO NUNES GUIMARÃES, Sustainable Projects Analyst, Fraternidade sem Fronteiras

• Mr. Raouf MAZOU, Assistant High Commissioner (Operations), UNHCR

• H.E. Ms. Mette THYGESEN, Head of Department, Humanitarian Actions, Civil Society, and Engagement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark

• Ms. Sarah ROSENBERG-JANSEN, Senior Adviser to the Coordination Unit, Global Platform for Action on Sustainable Energy in Displacement Settings
**PANEL ON PRIORITY 1**

**EXPANDING SUPPORT THROUGH RESPONSIBILITY SHARING**

**15:00 – 16:00**

*Central European Time*

**MODERATOR** | Ms. Kelly CLEMENTS, Deputy High Commissioner, UNHCR

**OPENING STATEMENTS** | Ms. Henrietta FORE, Executive Director, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)

| Mr. Guy RYDER, Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO) |

**SPEAKERS**

- Brigadier General Tareq AZAR, Director, Syrian Refugee Affairs Directorate, Jordan
- Mr. Andrew DUNNETT, Director, SDGs, Sustainable Business and Foundation, Vodafone Group Plc.
- Ms. Soukeyna KANE, Director, Fragility, Conflict and Violence Group, the World Bank Group
- Ms. Fatma ŞAHIN, Mayor of Gaziantep, President of the Union of Turkish Municipalities
- H.E. Ms. Sibylle Katharina SORG, Director-General for Crisis Prevention, Stabilization, Peace Building and Humanitarian Assistance, Germany

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**PLENARY DISCUSSION, CONTINUED**

**16:00 – 18:00**

*Central European Time*

**CO-HOSTS**

Ms. Barbara DAETWYLER SCHEUER, Head of Division, Multilateral Division, Humanitarian Aid, Directorate for Development and Cooperation DOC, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

| Mr. Filippo GRANDI, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Moderator) |

**GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM CO-CONVENOR**

H.E. Mr. Zenebe Kebede KORCHO, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva
SPOTLIGHT SESSION ON THE 3-YEAR STRATEGY ON RESETTLEMENT AND COMPLEMENTARY PATHWAYS

8:00 – 9:15
Central European Time

MODERATOR | Mr. David MANICOM, Special Adviser on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways, UNHCR

SPEAKERS

• Ms. Cécilia BRASSIER-RODRIGUES, Director of the Information and Communication Department, University of Clermont Auvergne, France
• Ms. Bahati Ernestine HATEGEKIMANA, Continuing Care Assistant, Glen Haven Manor, Nova Scotia, Canada
• Mr. Chris CLEMENTS, Chair, RESET, United Kingdom
• Ms. Nabila Oumar HASSAN, MA Student, University of Clermont Auvergne
• Mr. Iikka SAUNAMÄKI, Senior Specialist, Ministry of Interior, Finland

PANEL ON PRIORITY 2
ADVANCING IMPLEMENTATION OF PLEDGES AND INITIATIVES

10:00 – 11:00
Central European Time

MODERATOR | Ms. Nelufar HEDAYAT, Journalist, United Kingdom

OPENING STATEMENT | Mr. Achim STEINER, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

SPEAKERS

• Ms. Fathia ALWAN, Director of Health and Social Development, Intergovernmental Authority on Development
• Mr. Julien BOUCHER, General Director, Office Français de Protection des Réfugiés et Apatrides, France
• Ms. Margarita FOCAS LICHT, Manager, Effective Partnerships, Global Partnership for Education
• Ms. Nancy IZZO JACKSON, Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, United States of America
• Mr. Asif SALEH, Executive Director, Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee
PLENARY DISCUSSION, CONTINUED
11:00 – 13:00
Central European Time

CO-HOSTS
Ms. Anne DE RIEDMATTEN, Head of Section, Humanitarian Affairs, Swiss Mission to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland
Mr. Filippo GRANDI, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Moderator)

GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM CO-CONVENOR
H.E. Mr. Khalil-ur-Rahman HASHMI, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva

SPOTLIGHT SESSION ON THE ROLE OF THE GCR IN THE MEDIUM TO LONG-TERM RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
13:30 – 14:45
Central European Time

MODERATOR | Ms. Gillian TRIGGS, Assistant High Commissioner (Protection), UNHCR
OPENING STATEMENT | Mr. Arafat UDDIN, Psychosocial volunteer, Kutupalong Camp, Bangladesh

SPEAKERS
- Ms. Esther ANYAKUN DAVINIA, Minister of State for Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees in the office of the Prime Minister (OPM), Uganda
- Mr. Yero BALDEH, Director, Transition States Coordination Office, African Development Bank
- H.E. Mr. Paulino Franco DE CARVALHO NETO, Secretary for National Sovereignty and Citizenship, Brazil
- Mr. Björn GILLSÄTER, Head, World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement (JDC)
- Ms. Maki KATSUNO-HAYASHIKAWA, Director of Education 2030 Division, UNESCO
- Dr. Ibrahima SOCÉ FALL, Assistant Director-General for Emergency Response, World Health Organization
PLENARY DISCUSSION, CONTINUED

15:00 – 17:00
Central European Time

CO-HOSTS

H.E. Mr. Jürg LAUBER, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

Mr. Filippo GRANDI, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Moderator)

GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM CO-CONVENOR

H.E Ms. Shara DUNCAN VILLALOBOS, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva

PANEL ON PRIORITY 3

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

17:00 – 17:30
Central European Time

MODERATOR | Prof. Dr. Azza KARAM, Secretary-General, Religions for Peace

OPENING STATEMENT | Ms. Jutta URPILAINEN, Commissioner for International Partnerships, European Union

SPEAKERS

• Mr. Sérgio PIMENTA, Regional Vice-President for Africa, International Finance Corporation, the World Bank Group

• Ms. Maria Carmelina LONDOÑO LAZARO, Vice-Minister of Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Colombia

• Ms. Asma RABI, Student Leader, Tertiary Refugee Student Network

CLOSING OF THE HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS MEETING

17:30 – 18:00
Central European Time

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• Mr. Filippo GRANDI, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees