

# HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS MEETING PROGRAMME



## 14 DECEMBER 2021

8:00 - 9:15 **SPOTLIGHT SESSION** on the support platforms

10:00 - 11:00 Opening of the High-Level Officials Meeting

11:00 - 13:00 Commencement of the Plenary discussion

13:00 - 13:30 LUNCH BREAK

13:30 - 14:45 **SPOTLIGHT SESSION** on the role of the GCR in climate action and displacement

15:00 - 16:00 **PANEL ON PRIORITY 1**  
Expanding support through responsibility sharing

16:00 - 18:00 Plenary discussion (continued)

## 15 DECEMBER 2021

8:00 - 9:15 **SPOTLIGHT SESSION** on the 3-year strategy on resettlement and complementary pathways

10:00 - 11:00 **PANEL ON PRIORITY 2**  
Advancing implementation of pledges and initiatives

11:00 - 13:00 Plenary discussion (continued)

13:00 - 13:30 LUNCH BREAK

13:30 - 14:45 **SPOTLIGHT SESSION** on the role of the GCR in the medium to long-term response to the COVID-19 pandemic

15:00 - 17:00 Plenary discussion (continued)

17:00 - 17:30 **PANEL ON PRIORITY 3**  
Recommendations for the future

17:30 - 18:00 Closing of the High-Level Officials Meeting

**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

### 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

**15 DECEMBER 2021**

## **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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- **H.E. Mr. Jürg LAUBER**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations office and other International Organizations in Geneva
- **Mr. Filippo GRANDI**, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees