



**High-Level
Officials Meeting**

Side Event: Meaningful Refugee Participation

The Side Event on meaningful refugee participation will provide an opportunity for organizations led by people of concern, States, NGOs, and other actors to take stock of the implementation of pledges made in 2019, share good practices that enhance the effectiveness of refugee responses through meaningful refugee participation, and inspire action from other stakeholders. The discussion will also allow participants to identify existing gaps and make recommendations on meaningful participation for the 2023 Global Refugee Forum (GRF)

Monday 13 December 2021

13:30–14:45 CET [Click here to check your time zone.](#)

Interpretation will be provided in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish and International Sign Language

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This event is co-organized by UNHCR's Task Team on meaningful participation & The Interim Advisory Group of Organizations-led by People of Concern

Call To Action

Invite INGOs, international organisations, governments, private sector and other stakeholders to invest in and empower refugee-led organisations at the global, regional, national, and local level.

The side event findings will feed into the High-Level Officials Meeting (HLOM) outcome document that will inform the development of pledging guidance for the next GRF in 2023.

Moderator

Ms. Najeeba Wazefadost, Founder/Executive Director of Asia Pacific Network of Refugees (APNOR), Co-founder of Global Refugee-led network (GRN) and Global Independent Refugee Women Leaders (GIRWL).

Key Speakers

Opening Remarks

Ms. Gillian Triggs, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR
Mr. Abbas Karimi, High profile supporter, UNHCR

Panel: From Pledge to Action

Ms. Andira Kara, Kenya Lead Researcher, LERRN/RSC Project on Refugee-Led Organizations in East Africa and the Middle East.

Mr. Hannes Einsporn, Senior Project Manager Migration, Global Issues, Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH Foundation.

Ms. Shaza Al Alrihawi, Co-founder, Steering committee member and Chairwoman of Global refugee led Network and co-founder of Global Independent Refugee Women Leaders (GIRWL).

Ms Marriet Schuurman, Director of Humanitarian Aid of the Netherlands.

Mr. Mohamed Ahmed, Programs Director, St. Andrew's Refugee Services and member of the Resourcing Refugee Leadership Initiative.

Panel: Localizing the Global Compact on Refugees

Ms. Liliane Mukidi, founder of UMOJA FOR AFRICA.

Ms. Alix Devilliers, Urban Refugees Executive Director / Xavier Project consultant.

Panel: Cultivating New Pledges / Planning for the Future

Ms. Rez Gardi, Co-Managing Director, Refugees Seeking Equal Access at the Table (R-SEAT).

Mr. Marc Banzet, Counsellor, Government of Canada.

Ms. Seyran Khalili, the Reference Group of the Refugee Re-connect Speakers.

Ms. Noella Bidikukeba Ilunga, ZAMBIA, DAFI (President of DAFI Club), DRC and member of the Tertiary Refugee Student Network (TRSN).

Closing Remarks

Ms. Hafsar Tameesuddin, Asia Pacific Network of Refugees (APNOR).