

The Global Refugee Forum at a Glance

The first-ever Global Refugee Forum took place from 16 to 18 December 2019, with the aim of translating the principle of international responsibility affirmed in the Global Compact on Refugees into action. Here is a summary of the key outcomes of the event.



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Key Figures



3,000+ participants
including 4 Heads of State/Government, 70+ refugees, 90+ government officials at the ministerial level and above, 130+ private sector participants, 300+ other stakeholders



1,400 pledges
across 6 areas of focus: burden- and responsibility-sharing; education; jobs and livelihoods; energy and infrastructure; protection; and solutions

Pledges to ease pressures on host countries, including:



280+ pledges
contained a financial commitment



40 States
and other stakeholders committed to support green energy and conservation efforts

Pledges to enhance refugee self-reliance, including:



100+ pledges
in support of inclusive national policies



100+ pledges
addressing jobs and livelihoods



180+ pledges
focused on expanding access to quality education

Pledges on solutions, including:



180+ pledges
focusing on achieving lasting solutions, including voluntary repatriation



120+ commitments
aimed at expanding third-country solutions



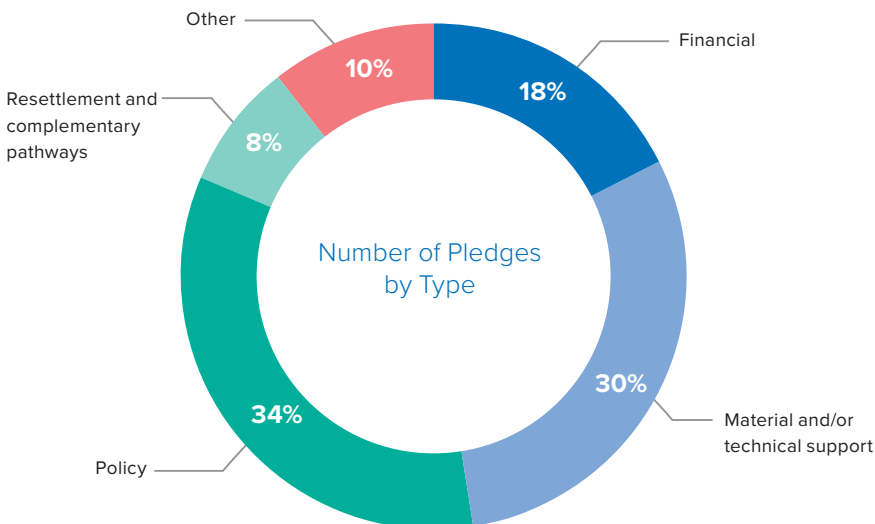
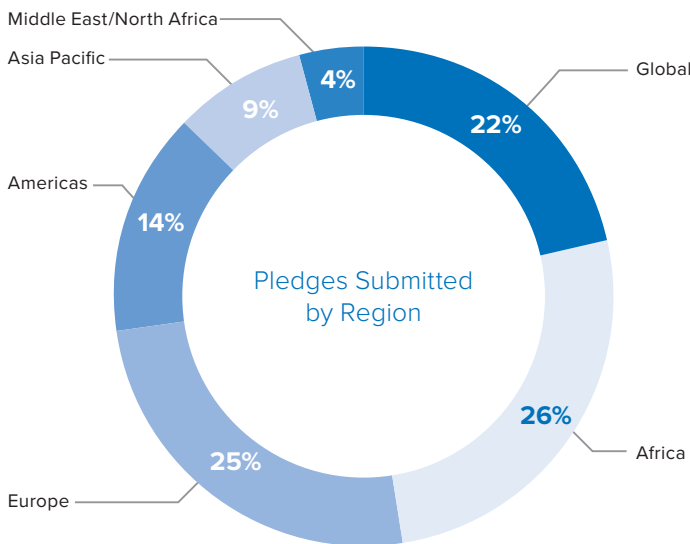
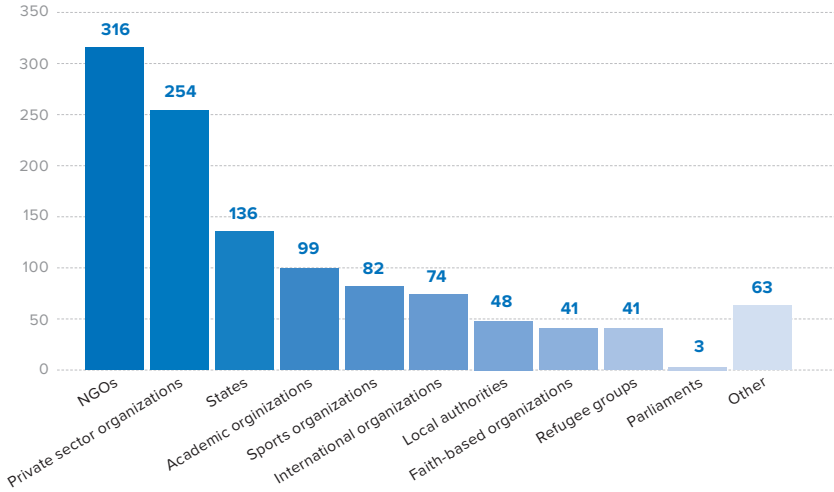
UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi (front-centre, crouching) meets a group of 70 young refugees attending the Global Refugee Forum in Geneva. © UNHCR/Andrew McConnell

10 High-level outcomes related to the Global Compact on Refugees

- 1 Progress in broadening the base of support for **comprehensive refugee responses**.
- 2 Support for the development of more **inclusive national policies** in host countries with a focus on strengthened protection capacity, inclusion in national systems and increased access to jobs and livelihoods, and financial inclusion.
- 3 Launch of **support platforms** focusing on the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework in Central America and Mexico, the Nairobi Process facilitated by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development in the East and Horn of Africa, and the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees.
- 4 Additional **funding** and the effective and efficient use of resources.
- 5 Dedicated support to expand access to **secondary, tertiary and higher education** for refugees.
- 6 Financial, technical and material contributions in support of **sustainable green energy and environmental conservation**.
- 7 **Private sector announcements** in the form of investments, employment, innovation, advocacy and philanthropy.
- 8 Contributions towards **solutions**, including the **3-year resettlement and complementary pathways** strategy, sustainable voluntary repatriation and local integration, where applicable.
- 9 Launch of the **Asylum Capacity Support Group**.
- 10 Launch of the **Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network (GAIN)**.

Overview of the pledges

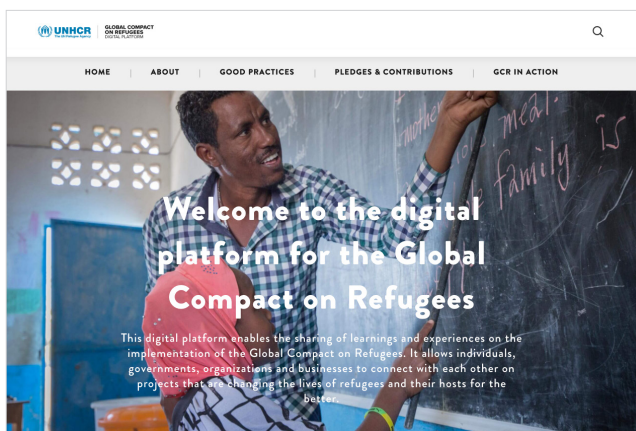
Number of pledging entities



Financial commitments

- **\$2.2 billion** for the International Development Association (IDA19) refugee window (World Bank)
- **\$2.5 billion** to boost the private sector and create jobs in countries affected by fragility, conflict and violence (World Bank)
- **\$1 billion** in financing from the Inter-American Development Bank
- **\$2 billion** from States and other actors
- **\$250 million** from the private sector
- Adoption of a common position on financing for refugee situations
- UN common pledge to include refugees in the new Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework
- Pledge by development banks to maximize its collective development impact for the benefit of the forcibly displaced and their hosts.

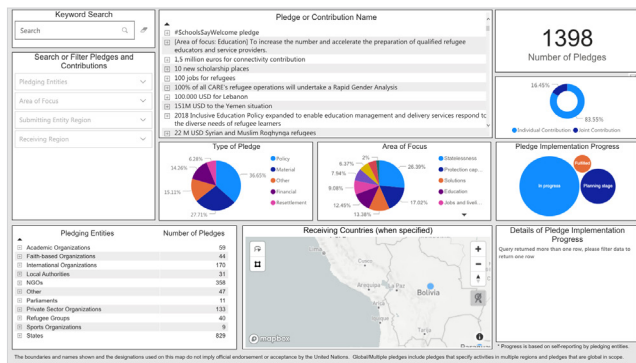
What's next



Join the conversation on the Digital platform for the GCR

The Digital Platform for the Global Compact on Refugees was launched at the Global Refugee Forum. It offers a growing array of resources, including a GCR toolkit, a focus on regional and national initiatives and more than 380 good practices shared by key stakeholders, demonstrating how the Global Compact is making a difference in the lives of refugees and host communities.

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Follow the implementation of the pledges on the contribution dashboard

The full database of pledges and contributions made at the Global Refugee Forum are also available on the Digital Platform. It will enable effective follow-up to the commitments made at the event by displaying and tracking their implementation.

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Pledge implementation & follow-up

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