

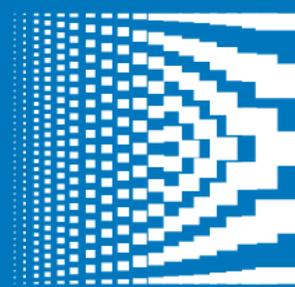
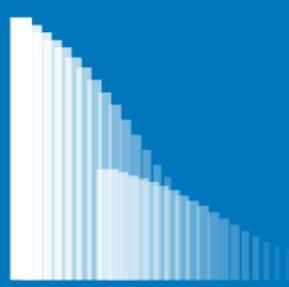
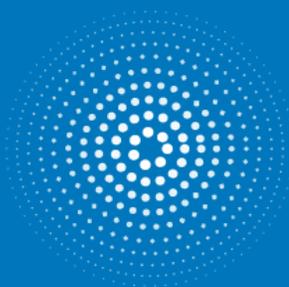
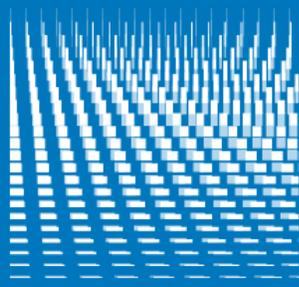
# Localization & Climate Action

UNHCR GLOBAL CONSULTATIONS WITH NGOS

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## Summarized Agenda

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## Message from the High Commissioner to the 2022 UNHCR Global Consultations with NGOs

Dear friends,

The challenges faced by refugees, displaced and stateless people have multiplied since we last met in person in 2019. Two years of a pandemic that has had devastating health and socio-economic consequences, especially for the most vulnerable, have been followed by a senseless war in Ukraine that has pushed global displacement over the 100 million mark and is having severe global ramifications. Food, fuel and fertilizer are in short supply, with punishing consequences for those already struggling to make ends meet. Economies are stuttering, and – as we saw with COVID – those with the least are most affected. The climate crisis is also having dramatic consequences, compounding suffering, squeezing land and livelihoods along the way, and even fomenting conflict and furthering displacement.

Our protection and assistance work is therefore as important and urgent as ever. And while the global picture remains bleak, we *can* make an enormous difference to the people we serve, especially by working closely together.

I am happy that – following regional consultations – we can come together in person this week to discuss these challenges and what we can do – collectively – to better respond. I am also pleased that this year's NGO consultations, as requested by our partners, will focus on localisation and the climate emergency. The outcomes of the regional consultations will be the foundation for our discussions over the next four days.



Bangladesh. High Commissioner on mission to Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar.



Since we last met three years ago, we have deepened our partnerships, strengthening local engagement, including with national and local NGOs, as well as with refugee led organisations. This is evident today with more than 100 national and local actors, including 25 refugee led organisations, joining international NGOs, faith-based actors and UNHCR for these Global Consultations. We have also simplified our partnership agreements and introduced a standard 4% overhead for local actors. A grants programme specifically for refugee led organisations has been established as has a fund – set up jointly with ICVA - specifically for community-based organisations in need of resources to work on PSEA.

Yet our work is not yet done. We all recognize that national and local NGOs play a crucial role in preparedness, emergency response, and responding to protracted crises. They are often the first to mobilize, the first to provide support to those in need, and the last to leave. During this year's consultations we will discuss how to further enhance our collaboration with local organizations, particularly those led by refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced and stateless people both in terms of operational response and advocacy.

Our focus on localization is critical not only to respond to traditional crises, but also to prepare ourselves for these and other drivers of displacement, including those compounded by the growing climate emergency. Today, 90% of refugees come from countries on the frontlines of the climate emergency while 40% of refugees and 70% of people internally displaced by conflict now live in countries highly vulnerable to climate change and which have the least capacity to adapt to an increasingly hostile environment.

While UNHCR is strengthening its humanitarian and protection response, including having published its strategic framework for climate action, much more is needed to operationalise it and help the displaced and their hosts prepare, adapt, prevent, and respond to climate related displacement. As climate change exacerbates pre-existing inequalities, it is important that local voices, especially those of otherwise marginalised communities, are amplified and that our actions are shaped by their concerns and perspectives. We will continue to do this, as well as rely on and support local communities, leadership and expertise as we respond to the climate emergency.

With the many challenges facing the world and especially the displaced, the [2022 UNHCR Global Consultations with NGOs](#) are an important opportunity for humanitarian partners, local and international NGOs and others, to come together to discuss how we can - together - better protect and assist the tens of millions of people we serve.

I look forward to continuing to work closely with you and hearing more from the deliberations over these coming days.

Best wishes,

Filippo Grandi  
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

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### 2022 UNHCR Global Consultations with NGOs

Tuesday 7 June 2022 to Friday 10 June 2022 @Maison de la Paix (Geneva) and Online  
Event closed to the public

#### 07 June 2022

#### Advanced side events – ONLINE only

TIME (CET)	TOPIC	ORGANIZER
09:00 10:30	<p><b>Climate Change and Localization: A View from the Ground</b></p> <p>Addressing key issues relating to displacement from the perspective of localization and climate change with a focus on the views of most affected communities.</p>	Oxfam, Global Refugee Network (GRN), Independent Diplomat (ID), Refugee Council of Turkey (TMK), Development DI, UNHCR's Task Team on Meaningful Engagement, and its Interim Advisory Board
	<p><b>Sustainable supply chain: reducing emissions and raw plastic</b></p> <p>The session's objective is to elevate the dialogue on the vision of improving the sustainability of the end-to-end supply chain through sustainable procurement and increasing recyclable and biodegradable content on core relief items.</p>	UNHCR – Division of Emergency Security and Supply (DESS)
10:30- 11:00	Break	
11:00 12:30	<p><b>Afghanistan: Needs and Next Steps in Neighboring Countries</b></p> <p>APRRN and NGO leaders from Afghanistan, Iran, and Pakistan invite you to a discussion on the challenges facing refugee communities and the organizations seeking to assist them as part of the wider search for solutions.</p>	Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN)
	<p><b>Global Campaigns Lab: Climate Action, Right to Seek Asylum, and #IBelong</b></p> <p>It is aimed to develop a collaborative dialogue and joint solutions on three global campaign topics: Climate</p>	UNHCR – Global Campaigns Hub

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	Action, The Right to Seek Asylum & #IBelong to end statelessness.	
12:30 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30- 14:30	<p><b>Innovative Finance Models for Greening Humanitarian Premises</b></p> <p>The speakers of this session will reflect on their experiences about setting up innovative financing models for the solarisation of ICRC and UNHCR premises and what challenges they have faced so far.</p>	UNHCR- Division of Financial and Administrative Management
14:30 16:00	<p><b>Climate-smart economic and social inclusion: Uganda case study</b></p> <p>Experts across economic and social inclusion and climate resilience will discuss effective program design that addresses this nexus for people affected by extreme poverty and displacement.</p>	Trickle Up, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Community Empowerment for Rural Development (CEFORD), International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)
	<p><b>The female face of climate displacement: Women's crucial role in addressing the climate crisis and strengthening local community resilience</b></p> <p>This event aims to contribute to the debate on the implementation of the UNHCR Strategic Framework for Climate Action by raising awareness and sharing experiences.</p>	Caritas, Federazione Organismi Cristiani Servizio Internazionale Volontario (FOCSIV), Consejo Episcopal Latinoamericano (CELAM), Act Alliance, Red Eclesial Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Migración, Desplazamiento, Refugio y Trata de Personas (CLAMOR), International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network (REPAM)
16:00 16:30	Break	



16:30 17:50	<p><b>Double Vulnerability: Supporting, Empowering and listening to displaced children in a changing climate</b></p> <p>This event will ensure that the views and recommendations of migrant, refugee and displaced children on how to prioritize the protection of their rights in the context of climate change are fully heard, while highlighting examples of local action and innovative education approaches.</p>	Save the Children, Plan International
16:30 18:00	<p><b>Impact of climate change on the internally displaced in Honduras (WVI)</b></p> <p>This event focuses on the impact of climate change on populations previously internally displaced in Honduras, specifically those impacted by hurricanes ETA and IOTA in the context of humanitarian response to COVID-19.</p>	World Vision International

## 08 June 2022

### Advanced side events – ONLINE only

TIME (CET)	TOPIC	ORGANIZER
10:00 11:30	<p><b>Working with Refugee Youth: Strengthening refugee youth leadership and youth-led organizations at the local level</b></p> <p>This event aims to share some of the good practices necessary to support refugee youth leading and working on initiatives at the local level and to explore how humanitarian organizations can adapt and adopt the IASC youth guidelines for use in their own context.</p>	Global Refugee Youth Network (GRYN)
	<p><b>The Role of NGOs in the Global Compact: Preparing for the Global Refugee Forum 2023 and Launch of the NGO Reference from for the GRF</b></p> <p>This session aims to consult CSOs on the preparations, pledge mobilization, and fulfilment of pledges submitted at the GRF in 2019. The main topic will be the launch of a “NGO Reference Group” covering networks from all regions globally.</p>	UNHCR – Global Compact on Refugees Coordination Team

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### Main Event – in Person @ Maison de la Paix (Geneva) and online on Zoom

- All sessions for the main event, online and in person, include interpretation in English, French, Arabic and Spanish supported by NaTakallam, an Award-winning language learning, translation, interpretation & cultural exchange services, powered by refugee talent & host community members.
- All online services are coordinated by the International Association of Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP).

TIME (CET)	TOPIC	DETAILS
12:00 13:30	Welcome coffee and registrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribution of badges to participants</li> <li>• Soft opening of Art exposition</li> <li>• Welcome coffee</li> </ul>
13:30 14:15	<b>Opening session</b> with High-Commissioner, Mr Grandi, and ICVA's Executive Director, Mr Packer Moderated by Ms. Nelufar Hedayat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on 2021 Regional Consultations</li> <li>• Objectives of 2022 Global Consultations</li> </ul>
14:15 15:00	<b>2022 NGO Innovation Award Ceremony for Women-led Organizations</b>  With Assistant High Commissioner for Operations & the Director of External Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of the award and short video on winners</li> <li>• Declaration of 7 winners with short introduction for each organization</li> </ul>
15:00 15:30	Coffee Break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MADE 51 video</li> <li>• Music/art/dance video from one refugee operation displayed online and on conference screen</li> </ul>
15:30 17:30	<b>Special session on partnerships</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Led by UNHCR's Division of Strategic Planning and Results (DSPR) this session will contextualize localization in UNHCR's programmatic reform</li> </ul>
17:30 18:00	Transfer from Maison de la Paix to the reception venue (in-person participants)	
18:15 20:30	<b>Reception – in person @ L'IceBergues</b> with SET members, UNHCR staff, Ambassadors, the Award Winners & NGO participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designed to facilitate networking of participants, bringing attention to the added value brought by refugees in culture, food, and art.</li> <li>• Lighting of the Jet d'eau in blue</li> </ul>

09 June 2022

Main Event - in Person @ Maison de la Paix (Geneva) and online on Zoom

TIME (CET)	TOPIC	DETAILS
09:00 10:30	<p><b>Panel on Localization</b></p> <p><i>The roles NGOs, INGOs and UNHCR play in helping to create the space for organizations led by refugees, internally displaced and stateless persons to lead or engage in advocacy on systems and policy changes at national and international levels.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panelists from National NGOs and Refugee Led Organizations (RLOs) and NGO consortia will bring perspectives on the opportunities and recommendations for improvement on inclusion in coordination and advocacy, with examples from Afghanistan, Kenya and the international levels.</li> </ul>
10:30 11:00	Coffee break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music/art/dance video from one refugee operation displayed online and on conference screen</li> </ul>
11:00 12:30	<p><b>Main Session on Localization with UNHCR's Assistant High-Commissioner for Protection</b></p> <p><i>Removing barriers to the recognition of organizations led by refugees, internally displaced and stateless persons to ensure stronger response systems through representation, participation, and access.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This session will look looking at regulatory and structural barriers as well as levels of awareness and approaches that could change to enable capacity to be supported and better recognized.</li> </ul>
12:30 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 15:30	<p><b>Main session on Climate Action with UNHCR's Assistant High-Commissioner for Operations</b></p> <p><i>Protection through Actions: How do we enhance preparedness, anticipatory action and forecasting to promote resilience of forcibly displaced people and their hosts to disasters?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This session will take stock of existing risk analysis, early warning, and preparedness mechanisms, as well as forecasting models at global, regional and local levels. They will further discuss links with Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and resilience measures that aim to reduce and mitigate the risk of displacement and increase the resilience of forcibly displaced communities and their hosts to cope with disasters. Special attention will be paid to synergies that can meaningfully inform local action and programming.</li> </ul>

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16:00 17:30	<p><b>Panel on Climate Action</b></p> <p><i>Protection through Law and Policy: How national legislation can most effectively protect and support solutions for people displaced in the context of disasters and climate change.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An opportunity to further mobilize contributions from UNHCR and NGOs to enhance protection through law and policy, in line with the first Pillar of the UNHCR Strategic Framework for Climate Action.</li> </ul>

## 10 June 2022

Main Event – in Person @ Maison de la Paix (Geneva) and online on Zoom

TIME (CET)	TOPIC	DETAILS
10:30 11:30	<p><b>Closing Session</b> with Deputy High-Commissioner, Ms Clements and ICVA's Executive Director, Mr Packer.</p> <p>Moderated by Ms. Nelufar Hedayat.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of recommendations and ways forward</li> </ul>