



Information note

as of 27 November 2023

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OVERVIEW

The **Global Compact on Refugees** calls for a periodic Global Refugee Forum (GRF) to be convened at the ministerial level for all United Nations Member States, together with relevant stakeholders, to announce concrete pledges and contributions towards the objectives of the Global Compact and to consider opportunities, challenges and ways in which burden- and responsibility-sharing can be enhanced. The second Global Refugee Forum in 2023 will be dedicated to receiving formal **pledges and contributions**, as well as to highlighting key achievements and **good practices**.

CO-HOSTS | Switzerland • UNHCR

CO-CONVENORS | Colombia • France • Japan • Jordan • Uganda • UNHCR

The **United Nations Secretary-General** will be present at the opening plenary.

Resources and other information may be found on the **Global Refugee Forum webpage**.
Please check back regularly for updates.

 **PALEXPO, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND**

 **13 - 15 DECEMBER 2023**

PARTICIPATION

PARTICIPATION IN THE FORUM IS BY INVITATION ONLY

INVITEES ARE REQUESTED TO CONFIRM THEIR PARTICIPATION BY 1 DECEMBER 2023

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While there is no restriction on delegation size, security has advised that discretion should be exercised due to the limited size of the venue. Delegations are, therefore, encouraged to limit the number of people present at Palexpo to **between 3 and 5** at any given time

By participating in the Global Refugee Forum, you consent to your image, voice and name potentially being used in materials produced by UNHCR and partners.

REGISTRATION

EVERYONE, INCLUDING PEOPLE HOLDING A UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT GENEVA (UNOG) BADGE, MUST REGISTER ONLINE THROUGH INDICO

INDICO WILL CLOSE ON 1 DECEMBER 2023

- The **Indico registration link** will be shared separately with all invitees.
- Please use **Firefox, Chrome** or **Edge** browser to register.
- The same email address **cannot be used for multiple participants**.
- A **digital passport-like picture** must be attached to the registration form.
- A copy of the **letter of accreditation** submitted to UNHCR must be attached. A template may be found on the Indico registration site.
- In the case of **individuals participating in their personal capacity**, a copy of the signed invitation letter matching the name of the participant may be used instead.

Once the Indico registration has been approved, participants will receive a **digital QR code (or e-badge)** by email. Participants will be asked to scan their e-badge from their mobile phone at the entrance of Palexpo.



Participants with special needs who require assistance to enter Palexpo or with respect to seating and other arrangements are invited to contact the Secretariat for support at hqgovern@unhcr.org.

PLENARY SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

- The **United Nations General Assembly** affirmed the Global Compact on Refugees, which calls for a periodic Global Refugee Forum to be convened for all United Nations Member States, together with relevant stakeholders.
- Seating for the Forum will, therefore, be organized accordingly and in line with the seating arrangements for the **78th session of the United Nations General Assembly**.
- After the co-host and co-convenor States, the first seat will be occupied by North Macedonia and follow in English alphabetical order. Intergovernmental organizations, United Nations entities and other entities with observer status in the General Assembly will follow.
- Other stakeholders, including representatives of academia, city networks, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, organizations led by forcibly displaced and stateless persons, religious leaders, sport organizations, refugees, and parliamentary networks, will have **dedicated seating**.
- Due to the size of the plenary room, seating will be limited. **States** will be allocated **2 seats per delegation**, both at the table. **Participants representing an organization** invited to the GRF will have **1 seat per delegation**, which will be at the table. This also applies to those attending in their individual capacity.



INTERPRETATION

Interpretation will be provided in all six UN languages | Arabic • Chinese • English • French • Russian • Spanish

CATERING

Various catering options will be made available across the venue. Participants will be able to choose sandwiches or eat from one of the three food trucks or two Palexpo restaurants. A special collaboration with **Cuisine lab** which works with refugees from around the world will also be proposed.

IN CASE OF QUESTIONS

Please email the Global Compact on Refugees Coordination Team (hqgcr@unhcr.org).

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For more information regarding entry into Switzerland, please click on [this link](#).