


# **Third Quarterly Preparatory Meeting for the Global Refugee Forum Progress Review 2025**

16 September 2025  
15:00 – 17:00 CEST

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# AGENDA

## Opening Remarks

H.E. Mr. Julien Thöni, *Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations Office at Geneva*

Ms. Ruvendrini Menikdiwela, *Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR*

## Updates on Global Refugee Forum Progress Review Roadmap and Preparations

Mr. Nicolas Brass, *Senior Policy Adviser and Head of the Global Compact on Refugees Coordination Team, UNHCR*

## Discussion and Interventions

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Julien Thöni, *Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations Office at Geneva*

## Closing Remarks

Ms. Ruvendrini Menikdiwela, *Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR*

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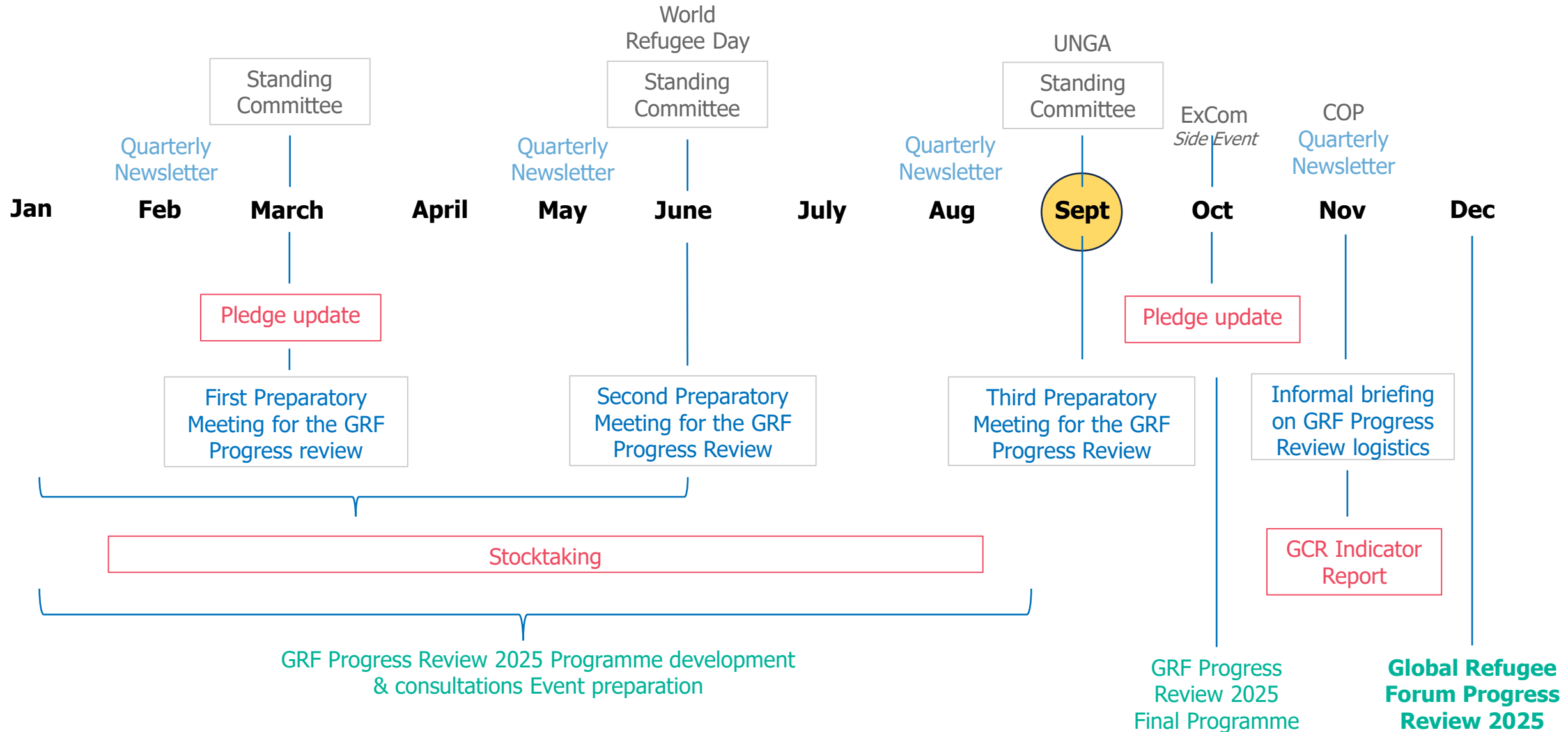
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# Updates on the Global Refugee Forum Progress Review Roadmap and Preparations

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# Global timeline GRF Progress Review - 2025



# Update on Pledge Implementation

— **Strong engagement:** Since October 2024, more than **1,400 individual updates** were received

— Cumulatively, **3,453 pledges** recorded:

- 626 pledges have been **fulfilled**
- 1,379 are **in progress**
- 98 at the **planning** stage

— **Bilateral outreach continues**

— The **next pledge progress outreach** planned for October (reporting continuously open)

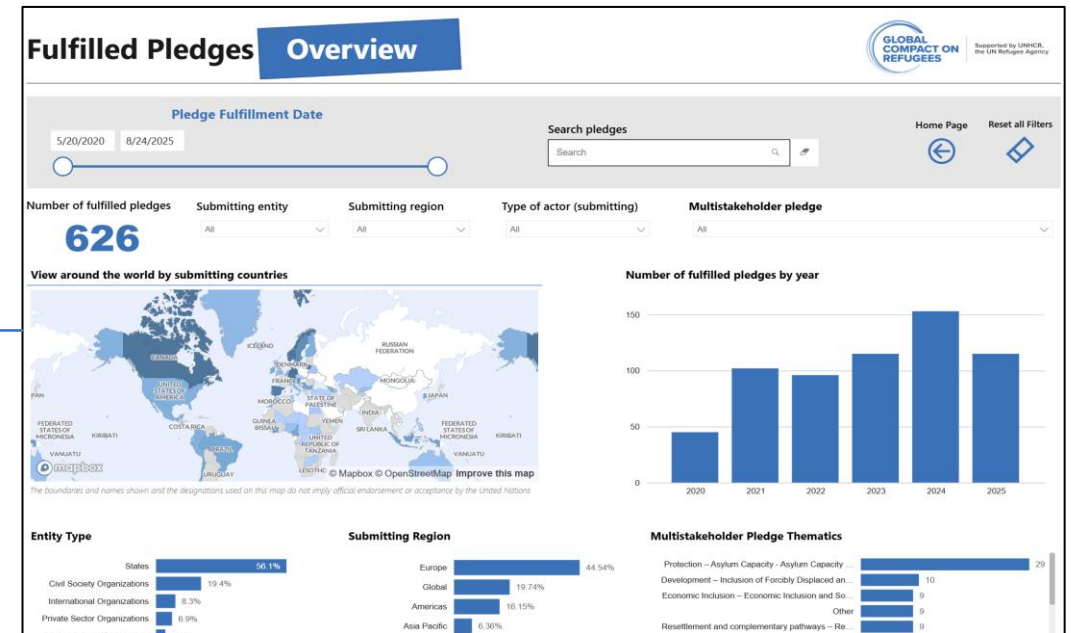
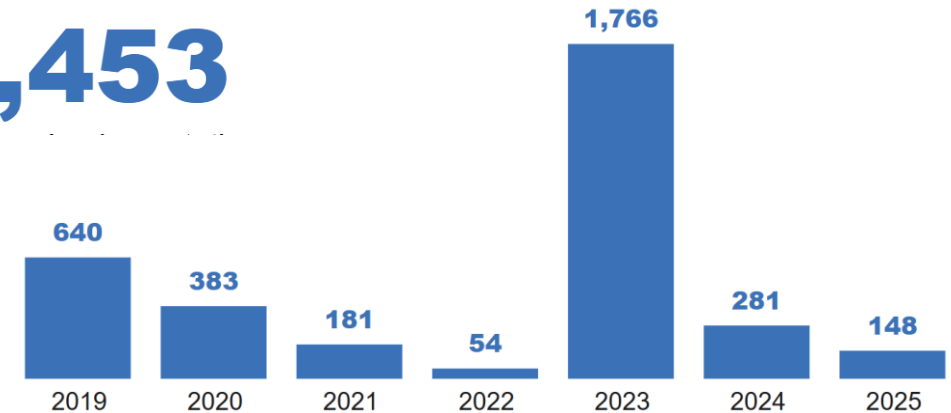
**New fulfilled pledges** dashboard

As of 10-09-2025

Number of pledges

**3,453**

Number of pledges by year





## Non-Exhaustive Takeaways from Stocktaking (to-date)

- Inclusion in national systems (**health/MHPSS, education, GBV, social protection, child protection**) is **advancing but still uneven** → funding is a constraint.
- **Economic inclusion is growing**, yet legal/work barriers as well as issues related to access to finance persist.
- **Asylum systems are modernizing** through regional cooperation and digitization — but need sustained support.
- **Third-country solutions:** progress on family reunification – but risk reductions in 2025/26
- Advancing housing and property for **returnees**, and combatting **misinformation, disinformation, hate speech**, but picture is still incomplete on Obj. 4.
- **Regional/Support platforms and pledges have been instrumental** in advancing protection, inclusion, MRP (MIRPS, Chile Plan of Action, IGAD, SSAR, Rohingya)

## Update on Pledge Matching

**Matching has evolved** → need to adopt a strategy which is **fair, pragmatic, and driven by lessons learned**

### **Key Elements of Revised Strategy – 3 Pillars**

1. While still identifying core matches, **acknowledge existing contributions**, outside of GRF process
2. Enhance efforts towards **costed policy pledges and linkages to national development plans** → linkages to budget cycles and Sustainable Responses (SR)
3. Redouble efforts towards **broadening the base of support and financing** to ease pressures, including:
  - **Innovative financing**, not to substitute, but to complement in easing pressures
  - **Development cooperation** in terms of financing and instruments.

### **Proposed Next Steps:**

- **Bi-annual pledge matching review exercise**, aligned to existing reporting process
- **Light-touch working group** on matching
- Proposal to convene **dedicated consultation before GRF PR on matching**

# Global Refugee Forum Progress Review 2025 Overview

- **Dates:** 15-17 December 2025
  - **Venue:** CICG, Geneva
  - **Participation:** Senior officials of States and multi-stakeholder partners
  - **Programme:** Dynamic mix of plenary sessions (opening/closing ceremonies, panels and spotlight sessions, discussion and multi-stakeholder pledge moments) and “ecosystem” beyond plenary
  - **Meaningful refugee participation** will be a key feature throughout the programme
- 🔗 For more on the GRF Progress Review 2025, explore the [\*\*Frequently Asked Questions.\*\*](#)





# Programme format

## Plenary sessions

- Opening & closing ceremonies
- Floor interventions by States and other stakeholders (3min each)
- “Spotlight” sessions on strategic themes
- Pledge announcements/moments

## Parallel side events

**Speakers' corner** focused on lived experience of forced displacement

**Linked events** (organized by partners off-site)

**Digital space**



# Programme Overview

Monday 15 December Day 1		Tuesday 16 December Day 2		Wednesday 17 December Day 3	
<b>Plenary Opening Ceremony</b>  <b>Special guests</b>  <b>General debate</b>		<b>Plenary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pledge updates</li> <li>- Spotlight session</li> <li>- General debate</li> </ul>	<b>Parallel side events</b>	<b>Plenary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pledge updates</li> <li>- Spotlight session</li> <li>- General debate</li> </ul>	<b>Parallel side events</b>
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		<b>Nansen Award Ceremony</b>			

# Programme: Event Mapping

## Objective 1: Easing Pressures

**Multi-Year Financing:  
Education Inclusion**

**Innovative Financing**

**Pledge Matching and  
Framework**

**Strengthening  
Asylum Systems**

**Route Based Approach**

**Meaningful Refugee  
Participation**

**Localization**

## Objective 2: Refugee Self-Reliance

**Scaling Refugee Employment:  
Partnerships, Policy, and Labour Mobility**

**Enabling Inclusion:  
Health/MHPSS, Social  
Protection and Identity**

**Human Settlements**

### Enabling/Cross-cutting

**Advancing the  
HDP Nexus**

**Leveraging Regional  
& Political Mechanisms**

**Support Platforms**

**GCR Indicator Report &  
Statistical Inclusion**

## Objective 3: Third-country Solutions

**Safe pathways for  
refugees: Unlocking  
international mobility**

**Impact and Benefits of  
Resettlement**

**Delivering Better:  
UN Common Pledge 2.0**

**Preventing & Resolving  
Statelessness**

**Whole of Society:  
Cities**

## Objective 4: Conditions for Return

**Building Peace: Refugee  
Women & Girls**

**Creating Conditions for  
Voluntary Repatriation &  
Sustainable Reintegration**

**Digital Protection &  
Hate Speech**

### Situational

**Sudan Situation**

**Rohingya Situation**

**Syria Situation**

**GCR Implementation in  
Latin America**



## Ways to Engage

- **Contribute to event preparations**, including through engaging in existing and ongoing **stocktaking processes**
- Engage actively through the **multistakeholder pledge process**, including enhancing efforts to show how the MSP can be **transformative**
- **Deliver and report on existing pledges** demonstrating measurable impact and lessons learned
- Upscale efforts to **support host country policy commitments** including through **pledge matching**
- **Sustain momentum by speaking to GCR/GRF in key policy fora**
- **Announce new high-quality pledges** at the GRF Progress Review, in response to changing trends/challenges but also to **reaffirm support**



# Discussion and interventions

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# Closing remarks

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# Thank you