

## Joint Statement by the Co-Convenors and Co-Hosts of the 2023 Global Refugee Forum

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The Global Compact on Refugees continues to serve as a vital and cooperative framework – one that enables equitable responsibility-sharing, and more effective responses to forced displacement. As co-convenors and co-hosts of the 2023 Global Refugee Forum, **Colombia, France, Japan, Jordan, Switzerland, Uganda, and UNHCR** reaffirm our collective commitment and support for the GCR, underscoring its role in driving multilateral, solutions-oriented responses to refugee situations.

When the Compact was affirmed by the UN General Assembly in 2018, its ambition was anchored in a clear **recognition that: no country can – or should – respond to forced displacement alone**. Today, the drivers of forced displacement have grown more complex and more severe, while evolving funding landscapes and policy shifts have only heightened the challenges we face.

Against this very backdrop – as many have noted– **the Global Compact on Refugees is more relevant today than ever. While legally non-binding**, it remains an important toolkit to mobilize practical measures of burden- and responsibility-sharing across a wide range of actors to support refugees and the communities that host them.

**To demonstrate the whole-of-society approach in action, the Compact is delivering tangible results** through pledges –increasing refugees’ access to education and employment, advancing solutions in countries of origin, and providing better financing and coordination.

As will be highlighted during the dedicated side-event on Wednesday morning, significant progress has already been made, demonstrating how our collective responses can be more effective and sustainable. We invite you all to attend this side event.

To date, over **3,450 pledges** have been recorded by governments, international organizations, civil societies, private sector partners, and many others. Over the past year, nearly **1,400 pledge updates** were received— demonstrating a strong and sustained engagement from all stakeholders, and **93% of the pledge updates received are being implemented**, with further updates expected. Cumulatively, at least **630 pledges have been fulfilled**, while **1,500 of them are in progress or in the planning phase**. **We once again call on States and other actors to use the next two months to redouble efforts towards fulfilling pledges wherever possible.**

This sustained engagement highlights the strength of the **Compact's multi-stakeholder approach, which continues to foster innovative partnerships and offer a platform for even more action to advance the Compact's** noble objectives towards refugee self-reliance, inclusion, and solutions in third countries and countries of origin.

As we look ahead to the Global Refugee Forum Progress Review in December, **we urge all stakeholders to continue building this momentum and work together to demonstrate progress, highlight good practices, and renew commitments to international cooperation**. It will be a key moment to assess opportunities and challenges and identify what more is needed to chart the path toward more **predictable, equitable, and sustainable responses**.

Therefore, let us **continue reporting on progress, engage in stocktaking, develop new high-quality and impactful pledges, and take collective action to advance pledge matching.**

Now more than ever, your **sustained engagement and renewed commitments to the Global Compact on Refugees are essential. Together, we can drive practical, lasting solutions that address the realities of displacement and strengthen our collective response.**

We thank you for your continued solidarity and commitment.