

# GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM (GRF) PROGRESS REVIEW 2025



# R-SPACE

LEADERSHIP ROOTED IN REFUGEE REALITIES

TENTATIVE DRAFT AGENDA

Dec 15- Dec 17, 2025

Impact Hub, Rue Fendt 1, 1201 Genève, Switzerland



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Day 1: Dec 15, 2025				
Time	Grand Salon		Petite Salon	Small Rooms
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Light Breakfast			
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Welcoming and Opening Remarks			<div>Free expert guidance, coaching:</div> <div>1– GRF Review Rapid Support Sessions,</div> <div>2– Organizational Brainstorm Sessions</div> <div>3– Legal Health Check-ins</div> <div>Brainstorming, Study&amp; Impact Rooms</div> <div>offered by Aropa Consulting, Refugee Emergency Fund, PILnet, and APNOR.</div> <div>Sign up here</div>
10:00 am – 11:30 am	<b>Reimagining Refugee Leadership: Social Cohesion, Peer Learning, and Self-Reliance in a Changing Humanitarian Landscape</b>  International Council for Refugees and Immigrants, inc, Refugee Self-Reliance Initiative, Panamerican and Caribbean Union for Human Rights (PACUHR)	<b>Beyond Present Rhetoric and Exceptionalism: Centering Refugee Leadership and Refugeedom in a Transformational Humanitarianism</b>  Refugee Youth Education Hub		
	Translation: Spanish <> English	Translation: None		
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Room Transition			
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>Beyond the Funding Crisis: RLOs Leading Systemic Change</b>  Coalición por Venezuela Fundación Refugiados Unidos, ODI Global, Basmeh & Zeitooneh	<b>Refugees At Work: New tools to fight workplace injustice</b>  Refugees at Work		
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1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Room Transition			
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Advancing Inclusion and Participation of Refugees with Disabilities in the GRF Pledges: Stock Taking the progress, Road mapping the Future</b>  Global network of refugees with Disabilities and International Refugee Assistance Project	<b>Localisation in Action: Bridging National and Refugee-Led Leadership</b>  Oxfam, Afro Roads Consultancy (a refugee-led consultancy partnership); Bondeko Refugee Livelihoods Center; International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA), Refugees International , Voices of Ezidis, Coalition of Venezuela		
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3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Room Transition			
4:00pm – 5:30 pm	<b>Refugee-Led Economic Models: From Entrepreneurship to Cooperative Futures</b>  Robo Co-op (Japan), Yaran Foundation Lighthouse Legal Media, Qurus, Free Ukraine Global, Singa, UkraineNow.ch, Hechoxrefugiados	<b>Building Bridges Across Regions: Refugee-Led Dialogue Between East Africa and Latin America</b>  LERRN: The Local Engagement Refugee Research Network, R-SEAT, RYEH, Coalición por Venezuela		
	Translation: Spanish <> English	Translation: None		
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Room Transition			
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm		<b>From insights to action – the road to GRF 2027</b>  Equal Asia Foundation (Thailand), Afghan LGBT Organisation (Czech Republic), Forcibly Displaced People Network (Australia)		
		Translation: None		
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Reception, Grand Salon and Cafe			

Day 2: Dec 16, 2025			
Time	Grand Salon	Petite Salon	Small Rooms
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Light Breakfast		
09:00 am – 10:30 am	<b>From Pledges to Practice: Refugee-Led Pooled Funds that Deliver</b>	<b>Advancing Meaningful Refugee Participation in scholarship and education assistance at All Levels</b>	<div>Free expert guidance, coaching:</div> <div>1– GRF Review Rapid Support Sessions,</div> <div>2– Organizational Brainstorm Sessions</div> <div>3– Legal Health Check-ins</div> <div>Brainstorming, Study&amp; Impact Rooms</div> <div>offered by Aropa Consulting, Refugee Emergency Fund, PILnet, and APNOR.</div> <div>Sign up here</div>
	Resourcing Refugee Leadership Initiative (RRLI), Asylum Access, Asylum Access	Ethiopian multinational community in Japan, Unifamily organization, Connection Ubuntu. Meca ministry and Refugee led organization	
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10:30 am – 11:00 am	Room Transition		
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	<b>Redes que transforman: : Participación Significativa, Cooperación Regional y Liderazgos LGBTIQ en América Latina y el Caribe/ Networks that Transform:</b>	<b>Beyond Borders, Building Power Together: Stateless and Refugee Movements in Solidarity</b>	
	Articulating Group of Organizations Led by Refugees, Displaced and Stateless Persons (GARLOS), Instituto sobre Migracion y Refugio LGBTIQ para Centroamerica IRCA CASABIERTA	Global Movement Against Statelessness, Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion	
Translation: Spanish<>English		Translation: None	
12:30 pm –1:00 pm	Room Transition		
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>MENA Voices in Action: Reimagining Refugee-Led Responses to Forced Migration</b>	<b>Refugee Leadership in Action: Financing, Evidence, and Systemic Change for Meaningful Participation</b>	
	11.11.11, Independent Diplomate, Olive Branch, IGAM, Door beyond War, Basmeh & Zeitooneh, SMK, Support to Life, ARDD (Jordan), Al Watan Syria (Egypt), AHCSA (Türkiye)	Asia Pacific Network of Refugees (APNOR)	
Translation: Arabic <> English		Translation: None	
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Room Transition		
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Meaningful Refugee Participation Under Pressure: Models, Accountability, and Redefining Impact?</b>	<b>Advancing Meaningful Participation Through RLO-Led Equitable Partnerships: Insights from East Africa, Asia, and Latin America</b>	
	Refugee Advisory Board (RAB) Germany ,United States Refugee Advisory Board	Young African Refugees for Integral Development (YARID- East Africa), Refugiados Unidos (RU- Latin America), Asia Pacific Network of Refugees (APNOR- Asia-Pacific), and Asylum Access	
Translation: None		Translation: Spanish<>English	
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Room Transition		
5:00 pm – 6:15 pm	<b>Centroamérica en el Centro</b>	<b>The Resettlement Campus Movement: How Higher Education Can Transform Refugee Resettlement and Integration (workshop)</b>	
	Fundación Arias para la paz y el progreso humano, Fundación Sin Límites, Alianza Vencer Costa Rica	Every Campus A Refuge	
Translation: Spanish <> English		Translation: None	



Day 3: Dec 17, 2025			
Time	Grand Salon	Petite Salon	Small Rooms
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Light Breakfast		
9:00 am – 10:30 am	<b>Voices Forward: Refugee-Led Movements for Shifting Power, Learning, and Change</b> Tertiary Refugee Student Network , UNHCR, The Refugee-Led Research Hub, Global Refugee Youth Network, Danish Refugee Council	<b>Countering Hate Speech Against the Rohingya: A Refugee Women-Led Response</b>  Rohingya Maïyafuïnor Collaborative Network	<b>Free expert guidance, coaching:</b>  <b>1- GRF Review Rapid Support Sessions,</b>  <b>2- Organizational Brainstorm Sessions</b>  <b>3- Legal Health Check-ins</b>  <b>Brainstorming, Study&amp; Impact Rooms</b>  offered by Aropa Consulting, Refugee Emergency Fund, PILnet, and APNOR.  <b>Sign up here</b>
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10:30 am – 11:00 pm	Room Transition		
11:00 pm – 12:30 pm	<b>Beyond Participation: Institutionalizing Refugee Leadership for Sustainable Solutions</b>  RefugePoint, International Refugee Assistance Project, Global Family Reunification Network (FRUN), RELON-Kenya, Refugee Self-Reliance Initiative, Youth Voices Community	<b>Displaced Voices in Decision-Making: Building Inclusive and Resilient Communities</b>  CO Stabilization Support Services , E-Mentor	
	Translation: None	Translation: None	
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Room Transition		
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>The Power Within: Displaced youth and women redefining self-reliance, Inclusion, dignity, &amp; policy change.</b>  Empower HER Initiative, African Youth Action Network (AYAN) Similar Ground (SG), Refugee Women-Led Network (REWON) Youth Voice Community (YVC), Solidarity Initiative for Refugees (SIR)	<b>Prevention or Protection? The True Cost of Displacement Diplomacy &amp; Externalization</b>  R-SEAT	
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2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Room Transition		
3:00pm – 4:30 pm	<b>From Survival to Leadership: Centering Black, Racialised, LGBTQI+ and other marginalised Refugee Voices in Global Policy, Funding, and Humanitarian Response</b>  Cohere, Hope for Refugees International, Girl Power Action Initiative, Canada, and Minority Inclusion Front (MIF) UK, Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto, Canada (MCC Toronto), and Rainbow Railroad	<b>Resilience and impact: Refugee-led action in South East Asia</b>  Yayasan Cita Wadah Swadaya (YCWS), Same Skies, Hope Learning Centre, Refugee Talent Program,Animation Project for Humanity, Emplace Initiative, HELP for Refugees, Jakarta Bersatu Project, Refugee Learning Nest), Refugee Network Center), Teen Health International.	
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4:45 pm – 6:00 pm	Closing Event		

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R-Space is a refugee-led forum for critical dialogue that shifts away from state-centric conversations toward solutions driven by impacted communities. It brings lived experience into policy rooms and pushes past tokenism toward genuine influence and co-governance.

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