

GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM PROGRESS REVIEW 2025

PROGRAMME: 15 – 17 December

DAY 1

MONDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2025

10:00 - 12:00	Opening Session Guiding Refugee Responses in a Changing World			
12:00 - 13:00	Commencement of Plenary Discussion			
13:00 - 13:30	Plenary Break	Speakers' Corner focused on lived experience		
13:30 - 15:00		Side Event Impact and Benefits of Resettlement: Perspectives from host and resettlement countries	Side Event From Commitment to Impact: Advancing Gender Equality and Ending Violence against Refugee Women and Girls	Strategic Dialogue Rethinking Refugee Finance: Innovation in an era of mounting pressures
15:00 - 16:15	Spotlight Session Scaling Refugee Employment: Policy, Partnerships, and Labour Mobility			
16:15 - 16:30	Plenary Pledge Announcements			
16:30 - 18:00	Plenary Discussion	Side Event Delivering Better: How the GCR contributes to UN80 and the Humanitarian Reset through Efficiency and Collective Impact for Refugee Inclusion – The UN Common Pledge 2.0	Side Event Accelerating HDP Nexus Approaches in Forced Displacement Settings	Strategic Dialogue Sustaining Momentum: Leveraging Insights from the Global Compact on Refugees Indicator Report and the Role of Data and Statistical Systems

DAY 2

TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2025				
9:00 – 9:15	Pledge Announcements			
9:15 – 11:45	Plenary Discussion	9:30 – 11:00		
		Side Event	Side Event	Strategic Dialogue
		Safe pathways for Refugees: Unlocking international mobility for a sustainable future	From Pledges to Progress: Cities Turning GCR Commitments into Local Impact	GCR Mechanisms: Support Platforms
11:45 – 13:00	Spotlight Session		Side Events	
			11:30 – 13:00	
	Refugee Inclusion in National Health, Social Protection and Digital Identity Systems: Bridging Gaps, Strengthening Systems, Fostering Well-being		Route-based Approach in Action under the GCR	Connected and Protected: Safeguarding Digital Protection in the AI era
13:00 – 13:30	Plenary Break	Speakers' Corner focused on lived experience		
13:30 – 15:00		Side Event	Side Event	Strategic Dialogue
		Human Settlements as Foundations for Inclusive and Resilient Futures	Implementation of the GCR in Latin America and the Caribbean	Rohingya Multi-Stakeholder Pledge: re-energizing support and accelerating solution
15:00 – 15:15	Pledge Announcements			
15:15 – 16:45	Plenary Discussion	Side Event	Side Event	Strategic Dialogue
		Meaningful Refugee Participation in Practice: Scaling impact and shaping the path forward	Multi-Year Financing for Refugee Education: A Shared Responsibility to Secure Sustainable Futures	Turning Dialogue Into Action: Lomé Dialogue sub-regional Strategy for Protection and Solutions
16:45 – 18:00	Spotlight Session			
	Making Returns Sustainable and Supporting Reintegration in Today's World			

DAY 3

WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2025				
9:00 - 11:00	Plenary Discussion	9:30 - 11:00		
		Side Event		Side Event
		From Vulnerability to Leadership: Reshaping the Narrative of Syrian Refugees, Addressing Root Causes, and Fostering Durable Solutions		Legal Identity for All: Addressing statelessness to achieve SDGs
11:00 - 11:15	Pledge Announcements			
11:15 - 13:00	Plenary Discussion	11:30 - 13:00		
		Side Event	Side Event	Strategic Dialogue
		Sudan Regional Crisis: Scaling Up Development Action and Localization	Shaping the Future: Making Localization Work	GCR Mechanisms: Strengthening the Pledge Framework
13:00 - 15:00	Lunch	Speakers' Corner focused on lived experience		
		Spotlight Session 13:30 - 14:45 Strong and Sustainable Asylum Systems: Addressing Challenges, Enabling Protection and Solutions		
15:00 - 16:30	Plenary Discussion	Side Event 15:00 - 16:00 Driving Change: National Leadership for advancing Sustainable Responses		
16:30 - 18:00	Closing Session			

MONDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2025

OPENING OF THE GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM PROGRESS REVIEW

9:00 - 13:00

Central European Time

OPENING PLENARY SESSION

Mr. Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

H.E. Mr. Ignazio Cassis, Federal Councillor of Switzerland

Ms. Zakia Khudadadi, Paralympic medalist and UNHCR High Profile Supporter

Opening statement on behalf of the GRF 2023 Co-Hosts and Co-Conveners
delivered by: **Mr. Aggrey David Kibenge**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Gender,
Labour and Social Development of Uganda

Statement by the United Nations Secretary-General **Mr. António Guterres**
(recorded)

Interventions from **Multi-stakeholder Leaders**: “Guiding refugee responses in a
changing world”

Global Refugee Statement | Delivered by **Ms. Nour Jarrouj**, Member, Advisory Board
to the UNHCR Task Team on Engagement and Partnership with Organizations led by
Forcibly Displaced and Stateless Persons, and Senior Engagement Manager
(Advocacy), Moving Minds Alliance

Mr. Naoki ANDO, Senior Vice President, Japanese International Cooperation Agency

H.E. Mr. Saeed Al Eter, Chief Executive Officer, Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum
Global Initiatives

Ms. Eléonore Caroit, Minister Delegate to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs
of France

H.E. Mr. Magnus Brunner, EU Commissioner for Internal Affairs and Migration

Ms. Charlotte Slente, Secretary General, Danish Refugee Council

PLENARY DISCUSSION

MONDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2025

PLENARY BREAK | SPEAKERS' CORNER

13:00 - 13:30

Central European Time

SPEAKERS OF THE DAY

Mr. Galal Yousif – Spotlighting the Sudan Regional Crisis Through Art

Mrs. Zainab Ali El Faki – Protecting Refugees and Migrants at Risk: Lessons from Libya

Ms. Dim Dim Lian – From Displacement to Innovation: A Personal Journey Through the Asia-Pacific Refugee Crisis and Community-driven Integration in Japan

PARALLEL SIDE EVENTS

13:30 - 15:00

Impact and Benefits of Resettlement: Perspectives from host and resettlement countries | Room E/F | English, French

Moderators:

- **Mr. Daniel Gamboa**, Refugee Advisory Group to the CRCP and CEO, New Zealand National Refugee Youth Council
- **Ms. Vivian Shaima**, Refugee Advisory Group to the CRCP and Refugee Guidance Counselor, World University Service of Canada

Panelists:

- **Mr. Victor Corso Semple**, Director of Migration, Ministry of Justice, Government of Brazil
- **Mr. Jean-Marc Gionet**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), Government of Canada
- **Mr. David Herrero Gomez**, Director of Resettlement, Ministry of Inclusion, Security and Migration, Government of Spain
- **Ms. Bahati Kanyamanza**, Global Partnerships Director at the International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP)
- **Mr. Colm Purcell**, Assistant Principal Officer, Irish Refugee Protection Programme, Ministry of Justice, Government of Ireland

From commitment to impact: Advancing gender equality and ending violence against refugee women and girls | Room 6/7 | English, French, Spanish

Moderator: Ms. Barbara Romero, Spokesperson and Co-Founder of Global Independent Refugee Women Leaders, Member of the Action Network on Forced Displacement

Keynote Remarks:

- **Ms. Nathalie Estival-Broadhurst**, Director of the United Nations, International Organizations, Human Rights, and Francophonie, Government of France
- **Ms. Khalida Popal**, co-founder and former player with the Afghanistan women's national football team, Founder & CEO of the Girl Power Organization
- **Ms. Emily Roper**, Ambassador and Deputy Head of Mission, Australian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva, Government of Australia

Panelists

- **Ms. Tonni Brodber**, Head of Secretariat, Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund
- **Mr. Tormod C. Endresen**, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Government of Norway
- **Ms. Claudia Fuentes Julio**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations Office at Geneva, Government of Chile
- **Ms. Cecile Pango**, Founder and Director of Women for Action, Malawi (RWLO) and Chairperson of African Refugee Women-Led Organization Network (ARWNET)
- **Ms. Ruvendrini Menikdiwela**, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR

Closing Remarks

- **Ms. Judith Herbertson**, Head of the Girls' Education Department, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Government of the United Kingdom
- **Ms. Sofia Calltorp**, Director Geneva Office and Chief of Humanitarian Action, UN Women
- **Mr. Nikolaos Sitaropoulos**, Head of Division, Division on Migration and Refugees, DGI, Council of Europe

Rethinking Refugee Finance: Innovation in an era of mounting pressures | Room 4 |
English, French

Master of Ceremonies and Closing Remarks: Ms. Stellah Nikuze, Co-Founder, Hodari Foundation

Moderator: Ms. Dominique Hyde, Director of External Relations, UNHCR

Opening Remarks: Ms. Kelly T. Clements, Deputy High Commissioner, UNHCR

Panelists:

- **Mr. Aristarque Ngoga**, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry in charge of Emergency Management, Government of Rwanda
- **Ms. Bilan Osman Jama**, Deputy Director, Humanitarian Assistance, Sida Sweden
- **Mr. Gideon Kazumbe Babadi**, Programme Director, Transformation Innovation Hub
- **Ms. Erica Gerretsen**, Director for Human Development, Migration, Governance, and Peace, DG INTPA, European Union
- **Mr. Thomas Husson**, Head of Investing in Frontier Markets, Proparco
- **Ms. Hayley Kornblum**, Programme Manager, Refugee Livelihood Portfolio, IKEA Foundation
- **Ms. Ana Kreacic**, Chief Knowledge Officer, Oliver Wyman
- **Mr. Kim Nøhr Skibsted**, Executive Director, Grundfos Foundation

SPOTLIGHT SESSION | 1

Scaling Refugee Employment through Sustainable Responses: Policy, Partnerships, and Labour Mobility

15:00 - 16:15

Plenary ABCD | Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian Spanish

Opening Remarks: Mr. Peter Schuurman, Special Envoy for Migration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the Netherlands

Moderator: Ms. Jumoke Jogun, Dokunmu, Chief Investment Officer & Head of Fragility, Africa at IFC

Panelists:

- **Mr. Francesco Baroni**, President, Assolavoro
- **Ms. Bahati E. Maganjo**, Member of the Refugee Advisory Committee to the Global Task Force on Refugee Labour Mobility
- **Mr. David Crawford**, Senior Partner, Fragomen
- **Mr. Aggrey Kibenge**, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Government of Uganda
- **Mr. Andrew Kiley**, First Assistant Secretary, Refugee, Humanitarian and Settlement Division Immigration Group, Department of Home Affairs, Government of Australia
- **Ms. Manuela Tomei**, Assistant Director General, International Labour Organization

Featured Statements of Support

Closing Remarks: **Ms. Zahra Kassam**, Head of Private Sector Partnerships, Amahoro Coalition

PLEDGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

16:15 - 16:30

Central European Time

- **H.E. Ms. Caroline Ziadeh**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Lebanon
- **Mr. Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari**, CEO of Qatar Charity
- **Mr. Jake Jones**, Senior Vice President of Impact and Sustainability, LIV Golf
- **Mr. Jamal Al-Nouri**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Sheikh Abdullah Al-Nouri Charity
- **Mr. Saeed Baroud**, Director, Department of International Organizations and Conferences at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, the Syrian Arab Republic
- Building Better Futures pledge announcement, co-delivered by **Ms. Jessica De Rothschild**, Co-Chair of USA for UNHCR's Women's Committee at USA for UNHCR; **Rachael Jarosh**, USA for UNHCR's Chair of the Board of Directors; and **Krista Rivas**, DAFI Scholar

GENERAL DEBATE | PARALLEL SIDE EVENTS

16:30 - 18:00

Special Remarks: Mr. Philippe Lazzarini, Commissioner-General, United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees

PARALLEL SIDE EVENTS

16:30 - 18:00

Delivering Better: How the GCR contributes to UN80 and the Humanitarian Reset through Efficiency and Collective Impact for Refugee Inclusion – The UN Common Pledge 2.0 | Room E/F | English, French

Moderator: Ms. Kelly T. Clements, Deputy High Commissioner, UNHCR

Panelists:

- **Ms. Fatimetou Mint Abdallahi Dicko**, Représentante des Femmes et des Filles, Comité des Femmes Ressources
- **Ms. Jin Dawood**, CEO, Peace Therapist
- **Mr. Yacoub El Hillo**, Regional Director for Africa, United Nations Development Coordination Office
- **Ms. Valerie Guarnieri**, Assistant Executive Director, Programme Operations, United Nations World Food Programme
- **Mr. Ramesh Rajasingham**, Head and Representative of OCHA in Geneva, Director of the Humanitarian Sector Division, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
- **Mr. Marcelo Viegas**, Director, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Brazil

Accelerating HDP Nexus Approaches in Forced Displacement Settings | Room 6/7 | English, French

Moderator: Mr. Raouf Mazou, Assistant High Commissioner (Operations), UNHCR

Opening Remarks:

- **Ms. Toshimi Nishizaki**, Ambassador for Humanitarian Assistance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- **Mr. Ole Thonke**, Undersecretary on Development Policy, Government of Denmark

Panelists:

- **Mr. Naoki Ando**, Senior Vice President, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- **Ms. Erica Gerretsen**, Director of Human Development, Migration, Governance & Peace, European Union
- **Ms. Jumoke Jagun-Dokunmu**, Chief Investment Officer & Head of Fragility for Africa, IFC
- **Ms. Foni Joyce**, Programme Coordinator, Global Refugee Youth Network
- **Ms. Shoko Noda**, UN Assistant Secretary General and Crisis Bureau Director, UNDP
- **Mr. Lev Plaves**, Investment Director, KIVA
- **Mr. Yusuke Taishi**, Head of Adaptation Programming, UNDP
- **Government of Ethiopia**

Closing Remarks:

- **Ms. Shoko Noda**, Assistant Secretary-General and Crisis Bureau Director, UN Development Programme (UNDP)

Sustaining Momentum: Leveraging Insights from the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) Indicator Report and the Role of Data and Statistical Systems

| Room 4 | English, French

Moderator: **Ms. Noor Azizah**, Co-Director, Rohingya Maïyafuïnor Collaborative Network

Panelists:

- **Mr. Cyprien Fabre**, Head of the Conflict, Crisis, and Fragility Unit, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- **Mr. Charles Ogolla**, Head of Statistics, Planning, Coordination and Partnerships Division Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
- **Ms. Christina Hartler**, Deputy Head of Department, Department for Results, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
- **H.E. Mrs. Aicha Vall Verges**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2025

PLEDGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

09:00 - 09:15

- **Mr. Kim SKIBSTED** Executive Director of Grundfos Foundation
- **H.E. Mr. Amr ELSHERBINI** Ambassador and Assistant Foreign Minister for Multilateral Affairs and International Security Egypt
- **Mr. Jakob OSTER** Executive Director of Last Mile Climate
- **Mr. Sandro KNÖPFEL**, Global Business Development Lead of the Cardano Foundation
- On behalf of Slovenia, Ms. Valeriya **VERSHYNINA**, Executive director, CF Stabilization Support Services and Ukrainian.
- **Prof. Siobhán MULLALLY**, Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children representing the Platform of Independent Experts on Refugee Rights
- The distinguished representative of **Peru** – (speaker TBC)

GENERAL DEBATE

09:15 - 11:45

PARALLEL SIDE EVENTS

09:30 – 11:00

Safe pathways for Refugees: Unlocking international mobility for a sustainable future | Room E/F | English, French

Moderator: Ms. Sara Kuwatly, Representative, Refugee Advisory Group to the CRCP and Program Officer, World University Service of Canada

Panelists:

- **Mr. Jean-Christophe Dumont**, Head of the International Migration Division, Direction for Employment, Labour, and Social Affairs, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- **Mr. Edward Fu**, Head of Government Affairs, Duolingo
- **Ms. Ruvendrini Menikdiwela**, Assistant High Commissioner (Protection), UNHCR
- **Mr. Patrick Mura**, Head of the Migration and Asylum Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Italy
- **Ms. Jennifer Wilson**, Director for Third Country Solutions, RefugePoint

Cities Turning GCR Commitments into Local Impact | Room 6/7 | English, French, Spanish

Panelists:

- **Ms. Safak Pavey**, Senior Policy Officer, UNHCR
- **Ms. Emilia Saiz**, Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)
- **Mr. Jamal Haddad**, Council Member, Ramallah Municipality, State of Palestine
- **Mr. Abdoulaye Garba Maïga**, President de l'Association des Régions du Mali
- **Ms. Maggie Powers**, Director of Advocacy and Policy, Mayors Migration Council
- **Mr. Temístocles Villanueva Ramos**, Coordinator General for Human Mobility, Mexico City, Mexico
- **Mr. Oscar Igaida**, Chief Officer, Department for Youth, Talent and Sports, Nairobi City County, Kenya
- **Mr. Jean Paul B. Kasik**, Executive Director of RELON-Kenya

GCR Mechanisms: Support Platforms | Room 4 | English, French, Spanish

Moderator: **Mr. Raouf Maou**, Assistant High Commissioner for Operations, UNHCR

Keynote Address: **Ms. Andrea Koulaimah**, Director - Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and Caribbean, South, East and South-East Asia and Pacific, EU ECHO

Panelists:

- **Ms. Judith Maas** - Head of Migration and Displacement Division - Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

- **H.E. Mr. Gustavo GALLÓN**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations Office in Geneva
- **Mr. Abdouraouf Gnon Konde**, UNHCR Regional Bureau Director for West and Central Africa
- **H.E. Amb. Moussa Ali Meigague**, Director, Health and Social Development, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
- **Dr. Benjamin Farouk Abdallah**, Director, Rediscovering Humanity and Health (refugee expert to speak on IGAD SP)
- **Ms. Laura Trejo**, Director, Asmovilidad A.C.

PARALLEL SIDE EVENTS

11:30 – 13:00

Route-based approach in action under the GCR | Room E/F | English, French, Spanish

Opening Remarks: **Ms. Ruvendrini Menikdiwela**, Assistant High Commissioner (Protection), UNHCR

Panelists:

- **Mr. Ola Henricksson**, Director, Migration and Asylum Department, Ministry of Justice, Government of Sweden
- **Ms. Caroline Holt**, Director of Disaster, Climate and Crisis Department, International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
- **Ms. Tasha Gill**, Global Lead for Migration and Displacement, UNICEF
- **Mr. Andrew Kiley**, First Assistant Secretary, Migration, Citizenship and Humanitarian Policy, Government of Australia
- **Ms. Tajma Kurt**, Director of Border Management, Return and Readmission Division, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- **Ms. Madiha Ali Mangezi**, Former member of Refugee Advisory Group, Consultations on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways
- **Ms. Xadeni Méndez Márquez**, Director of Comisión Mexicana de Ayuda a Refugiados (COMAR), Government of Mexico

Connected and Protected: Safeguarding digital protection in the AI era | Room 6/7
| English, French

Moderator: Ms. Kelly T. Clements, Deputy High Commissioner, UNHCR

Panelists:

- **Mr. Anton Aschwanden**, Head of Government Affairs & Public Policy for International Organizations in Europe, Switzerland and Austria, Google
- **Ms. Patrizia Danzi**, Director General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Government of Switzerland
- **Ms. Hege Halaand**, Director General, Department of Sustainable Development, Government of Norway
- **Mr. Ally Mulumba Ntumba**, Director, Patchwork Indy, and Delegate, Refugee Congress USA
- **Mr. Sifiso Ngobese**, Director of School Safety, Department of Basic Education, Government of South Africa
- **Ms. Pavitra Ramanujam**, Social and Environment Justice Programme Manager, Association for Progressive Communication, India

SPOTLIGHT SESSION | 2

Refugee Inclusion in National Health, Social Protection and Digital Identity Systems: Bridging Gaps, Strengthening Systems, Fostering Well-being

11:45 – 13:00

Plenary ABCD | Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish

Keynote Speaker & Moderator: Ms. Elizabeth Tan, Director of International Protection, UNHCR

Panelists:

- **Ms. Sanne Frost Helt**, Senior Director for Policy, Programme, and Partnerships, World Diabetes Foundation
- **Dr. Chikwe Ihekweazu**, Executive Director, Health Emergencies Programme, World Health Organization
- **Mr. David Karorero**, Founder, Burundian Youth for a Bright Future (RLO)
- **Mr. Jeremy Konyndyk**, President, Refugees International

- **Dr. Elke Löbel**, Commissioner for Refugee Policy, Director for Displacement and migration; crisis prevention and management, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Government of Germany
- **Ambassador James Waweru**, Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya, Government of Kenya

Featured Statements of Support

PLENARY BREAK | SPEAKERS' CORNER

13:00 - 13:30

SPEAKER'S OF THE DAY

- **Mr. Juan Enamorado "JC Rock"** – Arts, Culture and Sports as a Pathways to Resilience and Inclusion for Displaced Communities
- **Ms. Nosizi Dube and Mr. Nikolai Levasov** – Stateless-Led Leadership: Challenges and Opportunities
- **Ms. Nyajima Gatloth Gatlihah, Mr. Hasen Ali Kalla and Ms. Yana Lyubimova** – Building a National Voice from Local IDP Councils

PLENARY BREAK | SIDE EVENTS

13:30 - 15:00

Central European Time

Human Settlements as Foundations for Inclusive and Resilient Futures | Room E/F |
English, French, Arabic

Opening Remarks: Government of Ethiopia

Moderator: Mr. Sajjad Malik, Director, UNHCR

Panelists:

- **Mr. Cheikh Abdallahi Ewah**, Coordinator of the Hodh Charqui Development Unit, Government of Mauritania
- **Mr. Ngoga Aristarque**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry in charge of Emergency Management, Government of Rwanda

- **Mr. Dyfed Aubrey**, Chief of Office for the European Union, United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat)
- **H.E. Mme. Sabine Bakyono Kanzie**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, Government of Burkina Faso
- **Ms. Patricia Danzi**, Director General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Government of Switzerland
- **H.E. Mr. Salomon Eheth**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Cameroon to the United Nations Office at Geneva, Government of Cameroon
- **Mr. Abdoulaye Garba Maïga**, President of the Association of Regions of Mali, President of the Regional Council of Mopti, Government of Mali
- **Ms. Dorong Grace**, Executive Director, Root of Generations
- **Ms. Soraya Goga**, Lead Urban Specialist, Urban, Disaster Risk Management, Resilience & Land Global Practice, World Bank
- **Mr. Barkai Hamid Barkai**, General Director of Humanitarian Affairs, Government of Chad
- **Mr. Kim Nøhr Skibsted**, Executive Director, Grundfos Foundation
- **Government of Kenya**

Implementation of the GCR in Latin America and the Caribbean | Room 6/7 |
English, French, Spanish

Moderator: Mr. Raouf Mazou, Assistant High Commissioner for Operations, UNHCR

Panelists

- **Mr. Francisco Carvajal**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, Government of Chile
- **Mr. Jean-Marc Gionet**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Protection and Family Programs (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada), Government of Canada
- **Amb. Christian Guillermet**, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, Government of Costa Rica
- **Ms. Gaia Mormina**, Secretary General, Scalabrinian Foundation
- **Mr. Felipe Muñoz**, Head of the Migration Unit, Inter-American Development Bank
- **Ms. Ana Valle**, Articulating Group of Refugee Led Organizations (GARLOS)

Rohingya Multi-Stakeholder Pledge: Re-energizing Support and Accelerating Solutions | Room 4 | English, French

Moderator: Mr. Ewan Watson, Head of Global Communications Service, UNHCR

Keynote Remarks: Ambassador Asad Alam Siam, Foreign Secretary, Government of Bangladesh

Panelists:

- **Mr. Paulito C De Jesus**, State Counsel IV and Assistant Head, Refugees and Stateless Persons Unit, Department of Justice, Government of the Philippines
- **Mr. Xavier Devictor**, Advisor for the Fragility, Conflict and Violence Group, World Bank
- **Mr. Peter Elder**, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Government of Australia
- **Ms. Hafsar Tameesuddin**, Co-Secretary General, Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN)

Round Table Speakers:

- **Ms. Ayako Oi**, Senior Director and Head of Peacebuilding Office, JICA
- **Ms. Andrea Koulaimah**, Director, DG ECHO, European Commission
- **Ms. Shoko Noda**, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Crisis Bureau, UNDP

PLEDGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

15:00 – 15:15

- **Ms. Christina Ling**, Vice President of ANTA
- **Dr. Elke Löbel**, Commissioner for refugee policy, Director for Displacement and migration; crisis prevention and management, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany
- **Mr. Daniel GAMBOA**, CEO at the New Zealand National Refugee Youth Council; and **Ms. Sara KUWATLY**, Program Officer at World University Service of Canada, on behalf of the **Refugee Advisory Group to the Consultations on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways**,
- **Mr. Jintae KIM** Representative Director of Welcome Japan
- **Ms. Laura ARANGO BLANCO** Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Colombia

GENERAL DEBATE | PARALLEL SIDE EVENTS

15:15 – 16:45

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15:15 – 16:45

Meaningful Refugee Participation in Practice: Scaling impact and shaping the path forward | Room E/F | English, French, Spanish

Opening Remarks: Ms. Ruvendrini Menikdiwela, Assistant High Commissioner (Protection), UNHCR

Moderators

- **Ms. Anila Noor**, Managing Director, New Women Connectors
- **Mr. Muranga Kandanda**, Managing Director, Youth Initiative for Development (YID) and Co-lead of the Multi-stakeholder Pledge on Meaningful Refugee Participation

Panelists:

- **Ms. Xadeni Méndez Márquez**, Coordinator General, COMAR, Government of Mexico
- **Amb. Moussa Ali Meigague**, Director of Health and Social Development, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
- **Ms. Gisela Esperanza Serrano Barco**, Vice President, Fundación Mahuampi Venezuela, and Member, Grupo Articulador de Organizaciones Lideradas por Personas Refugiadas y Desplazadas a la Fuerza para Latinoamérica y el Caribe (GARLOS)
- **Mr. Richard Garratt**, Counsellor, Humanitarian and Migration, UK Mission to the WTO, UN and Other International Organisations
- **Ms. Liliane Mukidi**, Director, Umoja Skills Development, and Member, African Women's Refugee-Led Network
- **Mr. Murtaza Sarem**, Capacity Development Officer and Coordinator of the Migration Research Committee, Afghanistan Hazaras Culture and Solidarity Association (AHCSA)
- **Ms. Najeeba Wazefadost**, Executive Director, Asia Pacific Network of Refugees (APNOR), and Working Group Member, Independent Declaration on the Right to Participate
- **Dr. Sanya Kirk Wilson**, Mayor, Koboko Municipality, Uganda

- **Ms. Dina Randrianasolo**, Director, Strategic Partnerships & Innovation, Mastercard Foundation

Closing Keynote Speaker:

- **Amb. Patrizia Danzi**, Director-General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
- **Mr. Emirhan Darcan**, Refugee Representative, Swiss Government delegation, and Board Member, AsyLex

Multi-Year Financing for Refugee Education: A shared responsibility to secure sustainable futures | Room 6/7 | English, French

Opening Remarks: **Ms. Judith Herbertson**, Head of the Girls' Education Department, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Government of the United Kingdom

Moderators:

- **Ms. Rebecca Telford**, Head of Education, UNHCR
- **Ms. Dieuwerke Luiten**, Global Grant Manager, Porticus

Panelists

- **H.E. Houda Babah**, Minister of Education and the Reform of the Education System, Government of Mauritania
- **Amb. Salomon Eheth**, Permanent Representative of Cameroon to the United Nations Office at Geneva
- **Ms. Tasha Gill**, Global Lead Migration and Displacement, UNICEF
- **Ms. Sonia Grigt**, Advisor for Research, Policy, and Advocacy, Education International
- **Ms. Asia Jabarkhil**, Founder, Refugees Income Integration through Skills and Education (RISE)
- **Ms. Hrachuhi Katvalyan**, Deputy Representative of Armenia to the UN Office at Geneva, Government of Armenia
- **Ms. Recho Kibet**, Principal, Blue State Secondary School Kakuma, Kenya
- **Ms. Margarita Focas Licht**, Director, Partnerships, Global Partnership for Education
- **Ms. Katie Murphy**, Interim Director, Moving Minds Alliance
- **Ms. Dianah Nelsen**, Chief of Education at Education Cannot Wait
- **Ms. Mary Joy Pigozzi**, Chief of Education, Education Above All Foundation
- **Mr. Abdoul Kadir Bello Mamadou**, Youth Representative, Chad

Closing Remarks: Mr. Felipe Muñoz, Inter-American Development Bank and Chair,
Multilateral Development Bank Platform

Turning Dialogue into Action: Lomé Dialogue sub-regional Strategy for Protection and Solutions | Room 4 | English, French

Moderator: Mr. Abdouraouf Gnon-Konde, Regional Director for West and Central Africa, UNHCR

Panelists:

- **S.E. Mme. Sabine Bakyono Kanzie**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso in Geneva
- **S.E.M Emmanuel Fiegolo**, Ambassadeur, Directeur d'Aide et d'Assistance aux Réfugiés et Apatrides (DAARA), au Ministère des Affaires Etrangères, de l'Intégration Africaine et des Ivoiriens de l'Extérieur, Government of Côte D'Ivoire
- **Mr. Vondoly Akago Kodjo Djidjonu**, Commissaire divisionnaire de police de classe exceptionnelle, Conseiller du Ministre de l'Administration Territoriale, de la Gouvernance Locale et des Affaires Coutumières, Gouvernement de Togo
- **Mr. Yafradou Adam Taïrou**, Directeur Adjoint du Cabinet du Ministre de l'Intérieur et de la Sécurité Publique, Gouvernement du Bénin
- **Mr. Felix Sesay**, Network Lead, Tertiary Refugee Student Network
- **Ms. Larba Aminatou Tchede Issa**, Executive Director, Club des Femmes des Savanes
- **Mr. Yacoub El Hillo**, Regional Director for Africa, UN Development Coordination Office (DCO)
- **Ms. Ana Polanco Porras**, Expert in Migration, Displacement & Development, Human Mobility Team, ENABEL, Belgium
- **Ms. Charleine Mbuyi-Lusamba**, Regional Fragility and Resilience Coordinator for West Africa, Transition States Coordination Office (RDTs), African Development Bank Group
- **Government of Ghana**

SPOTLIGHT SESSION I 3

Making Returns Sustainable and Supporting Reintegration in Today's World

16:45 – 18:00

Plenary ABCD | Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian Spanish

Opening Remarks: H.E. **Ambassador Gustavo Adolfo Galló Giraldo**, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Moderator: Mr. Raouf Mazou, Assistant High Commissioner (Operations), UNHCR

Panelists:

- **Mr. Saad Baroud**, Director of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Government of Syria
- **Ms. Nyakuma Peter Gatkuoth Riak**, Founder and Director, Together South Sudan
- **H.E. Ambassador Salomon Eheth**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cameroon to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva
- **Ms. Shoko Noda**, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Crisis Bureau, UN Development Programme (UNDP)
- **Mr. Indrika Ratwatte**, Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan
- **Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)**

Featured Statements of Support

Closing Remarks: Ms. **Judith Maas**, Head of Division, Development Approaches to Forced Displacement Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the Netherlands

WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2025

PLENARY GENERAL DEBATE

09:00 – 11:00

PARALLEL SIDE EVENTS

09:30 – 11:00

From Vulnerability to Leadership: Reshaping the Narrative of Syrian Refugees, Addressing Root Causes, and Fostering Durable Solutions | Room E/F | English, French, Arabic

Opening Remarks: Mr. Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees

Moderator: Ms. Kelly T. Clements, Deputy High Commissioner, UNHCR

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Saad Baroud, Director of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Syrian Arab Republic Government of Syria

Panelists:

- **Mrs. Enas Alnajjar**, Head of Refugee Portfolio, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Syrian Arab Republic Government of Syria
- **Mr. Nawaf Al Hammadi**, Assistant CEO for Programmes and Communications, Qatar Charity
- **Mr. Jan Egeland**, Secretary General, Norwegian Refugee Council
- **Mr. Mustafa Alio**, Co-Managing Director, R-SEAT

Legal Identity for All: Addressing statelessness to achieve SDGs | Room 6/7 | English, French, Arabic

Moderator: Ms. Aleksandra Semeriak Gavrilenok, Vice-Chair, European Network on Statelessness

Panelists:

- **Ms. Thandeka Chauke**, Southern African Nationality Network and Advocacy Lead, Global Movement Against Statelessness

- **Ms. Tasha Gill**, Global Lead Migration and Displacement, UNICEF
- **Ms. Ruvendrini Menikdiwela**, Assistant High Commissioner (Protection), UNHCR
- **Mr. Melvin Suarez**, State Counsel, Department of Justice of the Philippines, Government of the Philippines
- **Mr. Jean Demascene Rusanganwa**, Director for Citizen Services, Directorate General of Immigration and Emigration, Government of Rwanda

PLEDGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

11:00 - 11:15

GENERAL DEBATE | PARALLEL SIDE EVENTS

11:30 - 13:00

PARALLEL SIDE EVENTS

11:30 - 13:00

Sudan Regional Crisis: Scaling up Development Action and Localization

| Room E/F | English, French, Arabic

Opening Remarks: **Mr. Filippo Grandi**, UN High Commissioner for Refugees

Moderator: **Mr. Yacoub El Hillo**, Regional Director for Africa, UN Development Coordination Office

Panelists:

- **Ms. Mervat Hamadelneil Osman Bakheit**, Executive Director, Sudanese Center on People Empowerment (SCOPE)
- **Mr. Yero Baldeh**, Director of the Transition States Coordination Office, African Development Bank
- **H.E. Mr. Hassan Hamid Hassan**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Sudan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

- **H.E. Ambassador Amr El-Sherbini**, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Multilateral Affairs and International Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Emigration and Expatriates, Government of Egypt
- **Dr. Elke Löbel**, Commissioner for Refugee Policy, Director for Displacement and migration; crisis prevention and management, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Government of Germany
- **Ms. Roaa Al Mershed**, Economist Specialist, Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development

Shaping the Future: Making Localization Work | Room 6/7 | English, French, Spanish

Moderators:

- **Mr. Ishimwe Jean Marie**, East Africa Regional Lead, R-SEAT
- **Ms. Dominique Hyde**, Director, Division of External Relations, UNHCR
- **Keynote Speakers:**
- **Ms. Kelly T. Clements**, Deputy High Commissioner, UNHCR
- **Ms. Helen Bugaari**, Director, Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) Secretariat, Uganda

Panelists

- **Mr. Edras Levi Suazo**, Communications Coordinator, Jóvenes contra la Violencia (Honduras), and member of REJUMOVI
- **Mr. Chocho Isaac Fashingabo**, Executive Director, Youth Voices Community (Kenya)
- **Mr. Paul Kitima**, CEO, Bondeko Refugee Livelihoods Center
- **Ms. Judith Maas**, Head of Division, Development Approaches to Forced Displacement Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands
- **Mr. Lukendo Mbokani Mparha**, Executive Director, RELON Uganda
- **Ms. Ana Polanco Porras**, Expert in Migration, Displacement & Development, Belgian Development Agency, Enabel
- **Ms. Barri Shorey**, Sr. Program Officer, Refugees Initiative and Disaster Program, Conrad Hilton Foundation
- **Ms. Sarah Nduku Nzau**, Chief of Staff and Head of Governance and Humanitarian Diplomacy, Kenya Red Cross Society
- **Dr. Ndaga Yvonne Endam**, Founder and CEO, Endam Home of Hope

GCR Mechanisms: Strengthening the pledge framework | Room 4 | English, French

Moderator: Ms. Mary Namono Kibere, M.Counselor, Head Human Rights and Humanitarian Division, Government of Uganda

Opening Remarks: Mr. Nicolas Brass, GCR Section Chief

Panelists

- **Ms. Bushra Ghazanfar**, Senior Advisor, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
- **Ms. Boriana Benev Ode**, Consejera, Government of Chile
- **Eng. Jamal Abdul-Khaleq Abdullah Al Nouri**, Chairman and Head of the Relief Committee of Kuwait Society for Relief, Sheikh Abdullah Al Nouri Charity Society
- **Ms. Jasmine Simperingham**, Program Director, Forced Displacement, PILnet
- **Mr. Toshifumi Ishida**, Head of Humanitarian Affairs Section/First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Japan
- **Ms. Caroline Seargeant**, Consultant, World Bank
- **Government of Ethiopia**

PLENARY BREAK | SPEAKERS' CORNER

13:00 - 13:30

SPEAKER'S OF THE DAY

- **Ms. Souzan Hussein** – Skill-based Pathways for Refugee Youth: Lessons from Japan and Beyond
- **Ms. Gaudence Mutabazi Uwizeye** – Promotion of gender equality and protection of GBV among refugee women communities
- **Mr. Muombamungu James** – Advancing Inclusive Humanitarian Response for Refugees with Disabilities

PLENARY BREAK | SPOTLIGHT SESSION

13:30 – 14:45

Central European Time

SPOTLIGHT SESSION | 4

Strong and Sustainable Asylum Systems: Addressing Challenges, Enabling Protection and Solutions

13:30 – 14:45

Plenary ABCD | Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian Spanish

Moderator: Mr. David Manne, CEO & Principal Solicitor, Refugee Legal (Australia)

Panelists:

- **H.E. Ambassador Amr El-Sherbini**, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Multilateral Affairs and International Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Emigration and Expatriates, Government of Egypt
- **Ms. Nina Gregori**, Executive Director, European Union Agency for Asylum
- **Ms. Lizbeth Guerrero**, Founder, MERLOS
- **Mr. Christian Guillermet Fernández**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations
- **Ms. Ruvendrini Menikdiwela**, Assistant High Commissioner (Protection), UNHCR
- **Government of Chad**

Featured Statements of Support

GENERAL DEBATE

15:00 – 16:30

PARALLEL SIDE EVENTS

15:00 – 16:00

Driving Change: National leadership for advancing Sustainable Responses | Room E/F | English, French

Opening Remarks: Mr. Filippo Grandi, High Commissioner, UNHCR

Moderator: Mr. Raouf Mazou, Assistant High Commissioner for Operations, UNHCR

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Panelists:

- **Ms. Louange Akossiwa Koffi**, Founder and Director, Ange Aid Foundation
- **Dr. Yero Baldeh**, Director of the Transition States Coordination Office, African Development Bank
- **Mr. Cheikna Beddad**, Director General of Development Strategies and Policies
- **H.E Ms. Usana Bernanda**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations Office at Geneva, Government of Thailand
- **Mr. Felipe Muñoz Gomez**, Head of the Migration Unit, Inter-American Development Bank
- **Mr. Marcelo Viegas**, Director, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Brazil

Supporting Remarks:

- **Mr. Ngoga Aristarque**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry in charge of Emergency Management, Government of Rwanda
- **Mr. Xavier DeVictor**, Advisor and Head of UNCHR/World Bank Joint Team on Sustainable Responses
- **Dr. Elke Löbel**, Commissioner for Refugee Policy, Director for Displacement and migration; crisis prevention and management, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Government of Germany
- **Ms. Heloise Raudel**, Senior Technical Specialist on Crisis Migration at International Labour Organization, International Labour Organization
- **Ms. Thomas Thomsen**, Chief Advisor on Nexus and Displacement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Denmark
- **Dr. Sintiki Uge**, Director of Humanitarian and Social Affairs, ECOWAS

CLOSING CEREMONY

16:30 - 18:00

PLENARY SESSION | Mr. Filippo GRANDI, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

DISCUSSIONS WITH REFUGEE LEADERS

- **Moderator:** Ms. Monicah Malith, Advocacy Lead, Tertiary Refugee Student Network
- **Panelist:** Mr. Filippo Grandi, High Commissioner for Refugees
- **Panelist:** Ms. Cecile Pango Losamandjo, Founder, Women for Action
- **Panelist:** Ms. Krista Belén Rivas Gutierrez, Member, Grupo Articulador de Organizaciones Lideradas por Personas Refugiadas y Desplazadas a la Fuerza para Latinoamérica y el Caribe
- **Panelist:** Mr. Majdi Laktinah, Refugee Advisor, Germany

Whole-of-society speakers

- Mr. Thomas Bach, Chair, Olympic Refugee Foundation
- Prof. Jaya Krishnakumar, Board Member, Dharma Alliance
- Mr. Felipe Muñoz, Chair, Multilateral Development Bank Coordination Platform on Economic Migration and Forced Displacement and Chief, Migration Unit, Inter-American Development Bank (tbc)
- Mr. Sanya Wilson, Mayor of Koboko Municipality, Uganda
- Ms. Rose Nyomo Daniel, Vice President, Network of Women with Disabilities (NWD) Nigeria (tbc)
- Mr. Jamie Munn, Executive Director and CEO, International Council of Voluntary Agencies

Closing statement on behalf of the GRF 2023 Co-Hosts and Co-Conveners

H.E. Ambassador OIKE Atsuyuki, Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Closing remarks by the Co-Host

Mr. Vincenzo Mascioli, State Secretary for Migration of Switzerland

Closing remarks

Mr. Filippo Grandi, High Commissioner for Refugees