

Agenda item 2: Programme of action: Mechanisms for burden- and responsibility-sharing (Part III.A)

- We expect the GCR to clearly set out mechanisms for concrete action in order to achieve predictable, effective and equitable burden and responsibility sharing. This should be the backbone of the GCR if it is to bring real change.
- Therefore, we support the stronger language in this section as well as the highlight that such mechanisms will necessarily go beyond “business as usual”.
- The good faith and common trust in this new way of doing business are indeed crucial.
- We welcome the clarifications and streamlining of the mechanisms for burden and responsibility sharing, namely the Global Refugee Forums, Support Platforms and Solidarity Conferences.
- We also welcome the periodicity set as 4 years, by creating some complementarity with the Global Compact on Migration which foresees to convening of the International Migration Review Forum also every 4 years.
- However, we do wish to have flexibility for this mechanism to be operationalized if and when deemed necessary for cases of large refugee crisis.
- Convening regular high level meetings on refugees will be functional in collecting new pledges, taking stock of and reviewing the implementation of the GCR. Such meeting are also important to raise political commitment.
- The Global Compact should set a roadmap to states as to how they could contribute to the global refugee response. We therefore welcome the clarification and simplification on the functioning and tools of the mechanisms put forward.
- We welcome the details on the functioning of the support platform. It is important to highlight the sovereignty of host states in this section. The explicit consent of the affected host states is crucial for its activation as well as its composition.

- We believe that solidarity conferences on a specific refugee situation could be essential in channeling broad based support in a swift manner. Engagement of development actors, civil society, local communities and the private sector in the solidarity conferences should clearly be called upon.
- We agree that funding and effective and efficient use of resources is key for the successful implementation of the GCR. We welcome the elaboration on the possible contributions by the private sector.
- An additional amendment to this end would be to add a reference to the GFMD Business Mechanism which is the unique platform bringing together States and businesses.
- We also agree that the success of the Global Compact also requires a multi-stakeholder approach. We welcome the inclusion of humanitarian and development actors as well as the UN system among the stakeholders and partners.
- However, we should not rule out the national laws and regulations of states and the need for both consultation and coordination with relevant state institutions of host countries on these exercises.
- Similarly, in terms of accessing data and evidence, national laws and regulations of states should not be disregarded and the protection of personal data should always be taken into account.
- Thank you.