

Seventy-seventh meeting of the Standing Committee
10-12 March 2020

Oral update on the Global Compact on Refugees
and outcomes of the Global Refugee Forum

- Ms. Perveen Ali, Head of the Global Refugee Forum Coordination Team, will brief the Committee on the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and outcomes of the first Global Refugee Forum (GRF). The main areas to be covered are outlined below.
- The first GRF took place from 16 to 18 December 2019, involving more than 3,000 participants from governments, international organizations, humanitarian and development actors, the private sector, civil society, sports organizations, faith groups, academia and refugees. More than 1,000 pledges have been documented. In addition, more than 400 examples of good practices were shared, demonstrating how the GCR, with the comprehensive approach that it supports, is already making a difference in the lives of refugees.
- The following mechanisms for responsibility-sharing set out in the GCR were also launched in 2019: three support platforms (for the [MIRPS](#) in Central America and Mexico, the [Nairobi process](#) facilitated by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) in the East and Horn of Africa, and the “Solutions strategy for Afghan refugees”); the Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network; the Asylum Capacity Support Group; the Digital Platform for the GCR; the “Three-year strategy on resettlement and complementary pathways”; and the [indicator framework](#) for the GCR. Progress was also made with respect to the process for measuring the impact of hosting, protecting, and assisting refugees.
- Looking to the future, these commitments and new mechanisms must be translated rapidly into concrete outcomes. This will require the ownership and engagement of governments and other key stakeholders, together with UNHCR, to implement the pledges, work in partnership and report on progress. In 2020, UNHCR will put in place the following measures for follow-up and reporting on the GRF and progress towards the objectives of the GCR over the longer term:
 - **Analysis of pledges:** An analysis of the pledges, including broad outcomes, trends, opportunities for pairing policy pledges and financial commitments, and potential areas for future pledging, is currently underway, with a view to preparing for the 2021 high-level officials meeting to take stock of progress and look ahead to the next GRF. A GRF outcome document will be published online in March 2020.
 - **System for follow-up on pledges:** UNHCR is consulting with relevant stakeholders to develop systems for follow-up and reporting on progress in implementing pledges made at the country, regional and thematic levels, as well as in relation to the key mechanisms developed in 2019. This includes working with the co-convenors and co-sponsors which wish to remain engaged to determine the parameters of future engagement in GRF follow-up and mobilization of support.
 - **Digital platform for the GCR:** UNHCR will expand the functionality of the digital platform for the GCR to include good practices, track pledges, pair pledges, share opportunities for the development of pledges, and cross-reference related websites and other relevant online tools. This will include developing country webpages that contain a consolidated overview of good practices, pledges, progress and analysis that could inform the development of future pledges or partnerships. UNHCR will also develop strategies to keep the platform accessible, dynamic and useful.
 - **Tracking progress:** The [GRF dashboard](#) has been updated to include the full text of the pledges. It will be developed further to track progress on all pledges made at the 2019 GRF and the high-level segment on statelessness held during the seventieth session of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner’s Programme. An online mechanism for tracking progress is under development. The first comprehensive statistical outcome of the GCR indicators will be presented in 2021 at the inaugural high-level officials meeting. This will include a focus on global trends and will be based predominantly on aggregate data.