

## High-Level Officials Meeting 2021 Proposed programme

This document sets out the priorities, updated roadmap, and proposed programme for the High-Level Officials' Meeting (HLOM) in 2021. The HLOM comes at the midway point between the first Global Refugee Forum (GRF) at the end of 2019 and the next in 2023. It will be an opportunity for senior government officials and representatives of relevant stakeholder groups to take stock of progress towards translating the ambitions of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) into improvements in the lives of refugees and host communities, with a view to charting the direction for the future.

### Priorities

The process and programme for the HLOM will be structured around the following **priorities**:

- 1. Expanding support for refugees and host countries.** Broadening and deepening the engagement of States, the private sector, and development and other actors are critical to achieving the goals of the GCR. Participants at the HLOM will consider how to:
  - bring more actors to the table to increase support for refugees and host communities
  - facilitate innovative approaches to partnership and solidarity
  - strengthen national arrangements that bring together government departments and partners to address refugee situations comprehensively
  - leverage further regional arrangements, such as the support platforms, to mobilize greater support and concrete outcomes for refugee and host communities
- 2. Advancing implementation of the pledges made at the first GRF.** At the first GRF, States and other actors made pledges to increase support, self-reliance, and solutions for refugees in line with the GCR. Participants at the HLOM will consider how to:
  - advance on the implementation of pledges and address the challenges faced
  - ensure that general or thematic pledges are directed to specific refugee situations
  - ensure that pledges made by host countries to protect and include refugees in their national systems and services can be effectively implemented with financial, technical, and material support from donors, development partners, the private sector, and other actors
- 3. Directing efforts to the areas in need of further support.** The stocktaking, GCR indicator report, and strategies identified to advance implementation of pledges and broaden the base of support will inform future action. Participants at the HLOM will identify where action is needed to address the specific challenges, opportunities, and gaps, including through:
  - the further implementation of current pledges
  - the development of new pledges, including joint pledges, for the next GRF
  - the cultivation of new partnerships and engaging new actors
  - strengthened engagement in refugee situations

## Updated roadmap

### January – November: Stocktaking and preparation of programme for the HLOM

Key dates	Topic
January – November	<b>Regional, thematic, stakeholder-specific stocktaking</b> to identify progress and the areas in need of support, including in light of the pandemic.
27 January	<b>Informal consultation on the HLOM</b> and orientations for the GCR indicator report
28 April	<b>Informal consultation on the programme</b> for the HLOM
May	<b>Request for progress updates</b> through the pledges dashboard
23 June	<b>Informal briefing on outcomes</b> of stocktaking to date
October	<b>Request for progress updates</b> through the pledges dashboard
27 October	<b>Briefing on programme</b> and modalities for the HLOM

### November (tbc) – December: GCR indicator report launch and preparatory roundtables

To bring the outcomes of the regional, thematic, and stakeholder-specific stocktaking to the global discussion and inform the focus of the HLOM, roundtables would be organized to address different aspects of the three priorities for the HLOM outlined above. The roundtables would be forward-looking, considering how to build on progress made to date and advance on these priorities.

Dates	Topic
16 November	<b>Launch of the GCR indicator report</b>
November – December (tbc)	<p><b>2 roundtables on broadening the base of support</b> How can we build on progress to date to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- facilitate further financing and support?</li> <li>- expand partnerships and solidarity arrangements?</li> </ul> <p><b>2 roundtables on implementation of pledges</b> How can we build on progress to date to further implement, direct, and match pledges to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- enhance self-reliance (education, livelihoods, health, protection)?</li> <li>- increase opportunities for solutions (resettlement, complementary pathways, and voluntary repatriation)?</li> </ul>

### December: High-Level Officials Meeting

Dates	Topic
13 December	<b>Advance meetings/events for specific stakeholder groups or GCR initiatives</b>
14-15 December	<b>High-Level Officials Meeting at the CIG in Geneva</b>

## Proposed programme for the HLOM

14 December	
Morning session	<b>Opening of the High-Level Officials Meeting</b>
PLENARY (hybrid)	<p><b>Panel on Priority 1 (broadening the base of support)</b>  <i>How can we build on progress and broaden the base of support through financing, partnerships, and regional and national arrangements? (drawing on outcomes of roundtables)</i></p> <p><b>Plenary discussion</b></p>
LUNCH	<p><b>Spotlight session on emerging issues (hybrid)</b>  <i>The role of the GCR in the medium to long-term response to the pandemic</i></p>
Afternoon session	<b>Short film, keynote speech, or visual presentation to open the session</b>
PLENARY (hybrid)	<b>Plenary discussion</b>
15 December	
Morning session	<b>Short film, keynote speech, or visual presentation to open the session</b>
PLENARY (hybrid)	<p><b>Panel on Priority 2 (implementation of pledges)</b>  <i>How can we build on progress and advance on the implementation and matching of pledges towards self-reliance and solutions? (drawing on outcomes of roundtables)</i></p> <p><b>Plenary discussion</b></p>
LUNCH	<p><b>Spotlight session on emerging issues (hybrid)</b>  <i>The role of the GCR in climate action</i></p>
Afternoon session	<b>Short film, keynote speech, or visual presentation to open the session</b>
PLENARY (hybrid)	<p><b>Dialogue on Priority 3 (areas in need of support)</b>  <i>(Moderated discussion with the High Commissioner on areas in need of support identified in GCR indicator report and previous preparatory roundtables and plenary discussions)</i></p> <p><b>Plenary discussion</b></p> <p><b>Closing</b>  <i>(Drawing on the outcomes of the HLOM to set out directions for pledge development and engagement in the lead-up to the next GRF)</i></p>