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DISCUSSION PAPER

Session title: ***Making the global compact work for all refugee women and girls***

Date: ***Thursday 15 June***

Time/Room: ***16h30 – 18h30 – Room 4***

Background:

This thematic session will focus on the concrete opportunities that the global compact on refugees (GCR) provides to promote the rights and address the needs, risks, and capacities of women and girls in refugee responses, which are often overlooked. The four thematic areas of the comprehensive refugee response framework (CRRF) present openings to highlight good practice, concrete commitments and new ideas to be included in the global compact and its programme of action.

The session will start with a brief panel discussion providing different perspectives on how the global compact can address women's and girl's rights. The panel will set the stage for participants to then break into four working groups organised along the CRRF themes:

1. Reception and admission
2. Support for immediate and ongoing needs
3. Support for host countries and communities
4. Durable solutions

Objectives of the session:

Participants will work together in facilitated working groups to identify specific commitments for the different stakeholders to promote the rights of refugee women and girls in one of the four thematic areas.

Desired outcome of the session:

- 1) Suggest concrete commitments to include in the global compact and its Programme of Action;
- 2) Identify strategies to bring these suggestions to the GCR thematic consultations, to States, and other stakeholders; and
- 3) Agree ways to ensure that there is a strong focus on the needs of women and girls in the CRRF implementation in case study/pilot countries.

Methodology:

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