The first Global Refugee Forum, as part of implementing the Global Compact on Refugees African Regional Parliamentary Conference:

Comprehensive Responses to Refugee Situations – Effective Parliamentary Approaches

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What will we be discussing?

- 1. 1st Global Refugee Forum: 17-18 December 2019
- 2. Prioritized areas

- Examples of recent policies operationalizing the Global Compact on Refugees
- 4. Examples of support provided to refugees and refugee hosting areas
- 5. Tools and resources

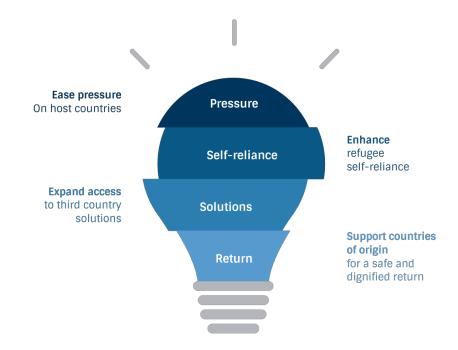




GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM

- Laying the foundation for the longer- term implementation of the GCR
- Organized every 4 years at ministerial level
 - High-level official meetings every 2 years in-between
- 1st GRF in Geneva, 17-18 December 2019
- Pledges, contributions and good practices

FOUR INTERLINKED AND INTERDEPENDENT OBJECTIVES







6 AREAS OF FOCUS

- Burden and responsibilitysharing
- Education
- Jobs and livelihoods
- Protection capacity
- Solutions
- Energy and infrastructure



10 HIGH-LEVEL OUTCOMES

- **Broaden & deepen** the base of support (new donors)
- Inclusive national policies in 20 host countries
- Launch 2 Support Platforms
- Additional/ new funding for refugee responses
- Expand access to secondary/ tertiary education
- Sustainable/ green energy
- Private sector investments, employment, innovation, advocacy & philanthropy
- Additional support for voluntary repatriation and reintegration; local integration; and the 3 year RST Strategy
- Launch Asylum Capacity Support Group
- Launch Global Academic Network



PLEDGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

- Guided by objectives of GCR, areas of focus, and high level outcomes
- Do not need to be directed towards UNHCR
- Can include:
 - Commitments and advocacy
 - Financial, material, and technical assistance

Can be made:

- At national, regional or global levels
- By States and other stakeholders
- As individual, joint or matching pledges



PARTICIPATION

- Co-hosts
- Co-convenors
- UN Secretary-General
- States & other stakeholders
- Refugees
- Co-sponsorship groups
- Regional & country consultations



PARTICIPATION (2)

- High-level dialogues
- Statements from the floor
- Spotlight sessions
- Speakers' corner
- Digital portal
- Media interviews
- Marketplace exhibits

Tools and indicators to measure progress

- Development of GCR indicators
- Measuring the impact of hosting, protecting and assisting refugees



EXAMPLES OF LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CHANGE

Continental

- African Union 5th Annual Humanitarian Symposium on the GCR and the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (Nairobi, November 2017)
- African Union Executive Council Decision (Jan. 2018): requests Member States to include refugees, IDPs and persons at risk of statelessness into civil registration and vital statistics systems (EX.CL/Dec.988(XXXII)rev1)
- African Union Year 2019 on refugees, internally displaced persons and returnees



EXAMPLES OF LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CHANGE (2)

Regional

- IGAD Nairobi Declaration & Plan of Action (March 2017): regional comprehensive refugee response that combines efforts of countries of asylum and origin
- ➤ IGAD thematic declarations and action plans on education (2017) and jobs and livelihoods (2019) promoting inclusion of refugees, while seeking international responsibility-sharing and easing the burden on host countries
- Roadmap on Ivorian refugee situation (2018), Abuja Action Statement on Lake Chad Basin Situation (2019), Kampala ministerial statement on Great Lakes region (2019)
- SADC engagement in Southern Africa



Interphase between national and regional efforts







MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS

DJIBOUTI DECLARATION ON REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON REFUGEE EDUCATION IN IGAD MEMBER STATES

Theme:

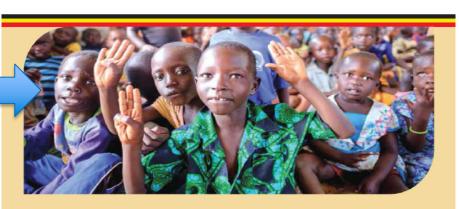
"Regional Quality Education Standards and Inclusion into National Systems for refugee children in line with CRRF, SDG 4 and Agenda 2063 on Education"

14 December 2017

Preamble

We, the Ministers in charge of Education in the IGAD Member States, convening in Djibouti on 14th December 2017 at the Regional Conference on Education for Refugees in IGAD Member States:

1. Recalling relevant national, regional and international strategies, frameworks and initiatives, notably the Nairobi Declaration on Durable Solutions for Somali Refugees and Reintegration of Returnees in Somalia, and its accompanying Plan of Action; the IGAD Regional Migration Policy Framework and the Migration Action Plan; the African Union's Agenda 2063 on Education; the 2016 New York Declaration on Refugees and Migrants, including its Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF); and the Sustainable Development Goals, notably Goal 4;



EDUCATION RESPONSE PLAN FOR REFUGEES
AND HOST COMMUNITIES IN UGANDA

September 2018

EXAMPLES OF LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CHANGE (3)

National

- Ethiopia:
 - New refugee law (2019) in line with enactment of 2016 Leaders' Summit commitments gradual out of camp policy, access to work, national service delivery
 - Amendment of Vital Events Registration Agency Proclamation (2017) to include refugees
- Djibouti:
 - new refugee law (2017) and two decrees for implementation:
 - Sector-specific MOUs between government and partners to guide implementation of refugee inclusion e.g. in health, education
- Zambia: 2017 new refugee law with more progressive provisions, policy under preparation



Examples of predictable support offered to refugee hosting areas: for hosts and refugees

- World Bank's IDA18 sub-window for refugees and host communities \$2 billion (June 2017- July 2020)
- Support by other Multilateral Development Banks: African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, Islamic Development Bank, etc
- Bilateral support by institutions such as JICA, SIDA, DEVCO, GIZ, etc.
- Partnership with private sector engagement, such as national and regional chambers of commerce, private companies, to support both refugees and hosts.



For more information ...

- Global Compact on Refugees: <u>full text in English</u>, <u>French</u> + <u>website</u>
- Website on the Global Refugee Forum with all documents issued
 - Guidance note on pledges, contributions and good practices
- <u>"Highlights of progress towards comprehensive refugee responses since the adoption of the New York Declaration"</u> (2019)
- 2-year progress assessment of the CRRF approach (2018)



TO BE LAUNCHED AHEAD OF THE 1ST GRF:

GLOBAL COMPACT ON REFUGEES

GOOD PRACTICES

PLEDGES & CONTRIBUTIONS

COUNTRIES

Welcome to the digital Platform for the Global Compact on Refugees

This site enables the sharing of learnings and experiences on the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees. It allows people to connect with each other on projects that are changing the lives of refugees and their hosts for the better.

What would you like to do next?

GOOD PRACTICES

PLEDGES & CONTRIBUTIONS

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Questions and Comments

