

High-Level Officials Meeting 2021



Reflecting on progress and charting the future

14-15 Dec 2021

Applications for the HLOM Virtual Space

Submission deadline: Friday 10 December 2021

Background

The [High-Level Officials Meeting](#) (HLOM) is part of the [Global Compact on Refugees](#) (GCR) process and is one of the keys to building long-term engagement with States and other actors in refugee situations. Held as a mid-term review, the meeting is an opportunity to see where we stand on the progress made, and work towards achieving our shared objectives. [Priorities for the 2021 HLOM](#) include: expanding support through responsibility sharing for refugees and host countries, the implementation and matching of pledges made at the 2019 [Global Refugee Forum](#) (GRF) and identifying areas in need of support with a view to preparing for the next GRF in 2023.

This year, the HLOM will be organized in a hybrid format (in-person/virtual). To give visibility to the efforts leading up to this mid-term review, the [Digital Platform for the Global Compact on Refugees](#) will offer a virtual space – a digital one-stop-shop that will allow participants to share content in line with the 2021 HLOM theme of “reflecting progress and charting the future”. By sharing content on progress on the Digital Platform, participants will benefit from an increased visibility of their efforts that will live beyond the event itself.

Objectives

- **Create a dedicated space for partners and stakeholders** to showcase their work towards the objectives of the GCR and its impact.
- **Offer new resources to participants** to further the discussion started during the stocktaking, preparatory roundtables, and the HLOM.
- **Extend the HLOM experience online** so that all participants (virtual and in-person) have access to the same level of information and access a diverse range of content sorted by their interests.

Who can participate?

All stakeholders involved in the implementation of the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees and the Global Refugee Forum pledges.

Content to be submitted

To make this space as inclusive as possible, any format that will help illustrate the efforts made since the 2019 GRF will be considered for publication. This includes, but is not limited to: Videos; Written stories; Photos; Podcasts; Reports; Webinars and Infographics

Content should **highlight progress made since the Global Refugee Forum**:

- What progress has been made for the past two years?
- How has the pandemic affected your pledge or commitment to the Global Compact on Refugees? What are you doing to address these challenges?
- Do you have a call to action?
- How can we translate the learning from your content into concrete action?



Submission Deadline

Submissions need to be sent to hqgcr@unhcr.org by **10 December 2021, 18:00 CET** (Central European Time) in order to be published by the beginning of the HLOM (14-15 December 2021). UNHCR reserves the right to reject an application for any reason (i.e.: application does not meet the criteria, incomplete applications, applications containing false information, etc.). Notification will be sent to successful applicants when their content is published. For further information, please contact the GCR Coordination Team at: hqgcr@unhcr.org.

Application formats

Format criteria

- Formats accepted: PDF, JPG or JPEG, PNG, EXE, DOC or DOCX, TXT, ODT, RTF, MP4, MP3, MOV, FLV, WEBM
- Files shared should be named in the following format “HLOM-VirtualSpace-NameOfSubmitter-Organization”
- Headlines for all content should be under 8 words long.
- Written stories should have a maximum of 1,000 words.
- Content should not be promotional, but informational.
- All content shared should be correctly copyrighted. Submitters are responsible for obtaining permission to use all content including video, images, words, and music.
- UNHCR encourages the use of closed captioning on videos.
- UNHCR welcomes submissions in different UN languages.

Video format

All videos would ideally be previously published on a video sharing platform (YouTube, Vimeo, Dailymotion, etc.). The video will then be embedded on the GCR Digital Platform by using the link shared with UNHCR. If you are unable to do so, kindly refer to the guidance below.

File submission video quality:

- HD resolution of 1920 x 1080 pixels in an aspect ratio of 16:9.
- 50 frames per second known as 1080/50, top field first; color sub-sampled at a ratio of 4:2:2 (8 bits per channel with 10 bits per channel preferred). As is common with MPEG4 or MOV files.

Audio

- The preferred bit depth for audio recording is 24 bits per sample. The minimum bit depth is 16 bits per sample.
- All audios should be recorded at a minimum sample rate of 48 KHz. Recording or digitizing audio using an uncompressed lossless codec, such as WAV-PCM is encouraged.
- Sound must be recorded with appropriately placed microphones, giving minimum background noise and without peak distortion.
- The audio must be free of spurious signals such as clicks, noise, hum, and any analogue distortion.

Once the video is finished and the editing properly done, please follow the instructions below.

1. Go to [WeTransfer.com](https://www.wetransfer.com)
2. Upload the video using the “+” sign and fill in the information required.
3. Please indicate in the “Message” field the country/organization, name of submitter, theme of the video, and length of the video.
4. Send an email to hggcr@unhcr.org to inform us that you have shared a video with us for the HLOM Virtual Space.



Please verify that your content application meets one, or more, of the following criteria:

- Relates to the Global Compact on Refugees, the Global Refugee Forum, and/or related initiatives, e.g., the Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network, Support Platforms, Clean Energy Challenge, 3-year Strategy on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways, and the Asylum Capacity Support Group.
- Demonstrates the Global Compact on Refugees in action by highlighting initiatives, successes, or challenges overcome, as well as how this has affected the lives of refugees and host communities.
- Provides an example of progress on pledge implementation or meaningful refugee participation.
- Involves a Member State or other actors in the spirit of a multi-stakeholder approach.