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Session title: ***Follow-up to the Global Refugee Youth Consultations (GRYC)***

Date: ***Wednesday 14 June***

Time/Room: ***11h00 – 12h30 – Room 3***

Background:

The Global Refugee Youth Consultations took place in 23 country locations globally, hearing from refugee young people from many different contexts, including those who had sought asylum in traditional receiving and industrialized country locations and others that had been resettled. The GRYC was a two way process that enabled UNHCR and partners to better understand the challenges that refugee youth face and their considerable capacities and skill in identifying and implementing solutions to those challenges. The GRYC was however also a capacity development process, supporting the young participants to better understand how to analyse their situations, identify and plan solutions and identify and work more effectively with stakeholders. Following on from the GRYC process many of the groups that took part were supported to develop projects targeting young people and other groups in their communities – based on the challenges they had identified. Others took it upon themselves to address issues that they had already been working on or had recognised. The GRYC follow up session will provide the opportunity for young people, local NGO partners and those leading the initiative to feedback their thoughts on how the process worked for them, those they work with and their organisations – highlighting in the process some of the great initiatives they have initiated and supported.

Objectives of the session

- To recap the aims and objectives of the GRYC process
- To share outcomes and learning from the process
- To hear what young people have been doing since the consultations in each country took place and how it has impacted on them and their communities

- To hear about the next steps for working with young people for those involved in the process

Desired outcome of the session:

- Disseminate the positive outcomes and learning from the GRYC process
- Provide opportunities for the panel to answer questions about youth engagement processes and why they are an essential part of response in forced displacement situations

Methodology:

- Panel discussion