

The Global Refugee Forum 2019

Template for Pledges and Contributions

States and other stakeholders may use this online template to indicate the pledges and contributions (hereafter "contributions") that they plan to submit for the first Global Refugee Forum in Geneva, Switzerland on 17 and 18 December 2019.

States and other stakeholders are encouraged to complete the template **as early as possible**, so as to facilitate UNHCR's collation of the contributions in time for the Global Refugee Forum. However, as necessary, templates may still be sent to UNHCR at any time in advance of or during the Forum. Contributions will be compiled for showcasing at the Global Refugee Forum and inclusion in the outcome document for the Forum.

Once completed, this template can be e-mailed (preferably in Word format) to hqgrf@unhcr.org

Background information

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Contribution information

The second page of this template provides you with the opportunity to provide details of the contributions that you would like to announce as part of the first Global Refugee Forum.

If you would like to announce additional contributions, please copy and paste the entirety of the page 2 for each further contribution. Further information can be found in the Guidance Note: Pledges and Contributions and Good Practices ([here](#)).

Member States and other stakeholders who have further questions can contact UNHCR in their country/region or email the Global Refugee Forum Coordination Team at Headquarters in Geneva at hqgrf@unhcr.org

Partners in a joint contribution should select **ONE** actor to submit the joint contribution on their behalf. The template allows for **each actor to be individually named** as part of the submission. Partners in a joint contribution **should not** fill in separate templates with the same contribution. Matching contributions, that is, where different stakeholders make separate contributions towards a pre-agreed common area of focus **should be entered as individual contributions** by each stakeholder.

The form begins below this line

Contribution 1

Name of contribution (20 words):

Please give your contribution a title of no more than 20 words.

Mobilizing the Global Legal Community to Protect and Find Solutions for Refugees and others Forcibly Displaced

Is this an individual or joint contribution?

Joint

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If this is a joint contribution, please describe all partners and stakeholders and their location.

Please select one or more option(s) that apply to this specific contribution.

State(s)
Please list:

Refugees, host communities and diaspora
Please list:

Private sector
Please list:
1. Korea Law Firm Public Interest Network (South Korea)

International organisation
Please list:

Civil society organisation
Please list:
1. Advocates for Public Interest Law (South Korea)
2. Act for Peace
3. Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network - Legal Aid and Advocacy Working Group (US)
4. Asylum Access (Global)
5. Branches of Hope (Hong Kong)
6. Coalition for the Rights of Refugees and Stateless Persons (Thailand)
7. Centre for Asia Pacific Refugee Studies (New Zealand)
8. Centre Libanais des Droits Humains - Lebanese Center for Human Rights (Lebanon)
9. Companion - Lawyers for Public Interest (South Korea)
10. Danish Refugee Council (Denmark)
11. DIGNITY Kwanza (Tanzania)
12. Dongcheon Foundation (South Korea)
13. Duroo - Association for Public Interest Law (South Korea)
14. Egyptian Foundation for Refugee Rights (Egypt)
15. Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Asia - ESCR Asia (Pakistan)
16. European Lawyers in Lesbos (Greece)
17. FJSS Group (UK)
18. Flemington & Kensington Community Legal Centre (Australia)
19. Fortify Rights (Thailand)
20. GongGam Human Rights Law Foundation (South Korea)
21. Hotline for Refugees and Migrants (Israel)
22. Human Rights Lawyers Association (Thailand)
23. Human Rights Organization of Nepal (Nepal)
24. Immigrants Advocacy Center GAMDONG (South Korea)
25. International Refugee Assistance Project (US)
26. Justice Centre Hong Kong (Hong Kong)
27. Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, UNSW Sydney (Australia)
28. Lawyers for Human Rights (South Africa)

29. Legal Clinic for Migrants and Refugees at Diego Portales University (Chile)
30. Legal Researchers (Pakistan)
31. Migration & Asylum Project/The ARA Trust (India)
32. Migration to Asia Peace (South Korea)
33. Migrant Center Friend (South Korea)
34. NANCEN Refugee Rights Center (South Korea)
35. Naripokko (Bangladesh)
36. Pakistan International Human Rights Organization (Pakistan)
37. Norwegian Refugee Council ICLA programme (Norway)
38. Queer Sisterhood Project (Australia)
39. Refugee Consortium of Kenya
40. Refugee Legal
41. Refugee pNan (South Korea)
42. Refugee Rights Turkey (Turkey)
43. Refugee Solidarity Network (US)
44. Rural Empowerment and Institutional Development - REPID (Pakistan)
45. Ruwad al Houkoku FR - Frontiers Rights (Lebanon)
46. Sin Fronteras IAP (Mexico)
47. Step Ahead (Thailand)
48. SUAKA - Indonesia Civil Society Association for Refugee Rights Protection (Indonesia)
49. Taiwan Association for Human Rights (Taiwan)
50. The Humanitarian Group (Australia)
51. The Jung, a public interest corporation (South Korea)
52. University of Cape Town, Refugee Rights Unit (South Africa)
53. Center for the Protection of Refugees and Immigrants (Brazil)

Faith-based organisation

Please list:

Local authority/city

Please list:

Other

Please list:

Submitting Entity

Please select the option that best describes the entity you represent.

Civil society organisation

If other, please explain:

Type of Contribution

Please select one or more option(s) that apply to this specific contribution..

Policy

Financial

Material and/or technical support

Resettlement and complementary pathways

Other

Please list:

What area of focus does this contribution target?

Please select the one (1) that **best describes** the area of focus targeted by this contribution.

Protection capacity

If other, please explain:

Please describe the receiving entities and their location.

Please select one or more option(s) that apply to this specific contribution.

- State(s)
Please list:
- Refugees, host communities and diaspora
Please list:
- Private sector
Please list:
- International organisation
Please list:
- Civil society organisation
Please list:
- Faith-based organisation
Please list:
- Local authority/city
Please list:
- Other
Please list:

Please provide a brief description of this contribution (200 words).

Please provide a succinct description of the contribution (no more than 200 words). Where relevant, please note the specific refugee populations and host countries and communities that the contribution is intended to benefit. Where possible, please also quantify the contribution (for example, approximate value of financial assistance, number of refugees to be included in national systems, or number of resettlement places to be provided).

We, members of the global legal community, hereby commit to supporting efforts to protect and find solutions for refugees, asylum-seekers, stateless persons, and other forcibly displaced persons in solidarity with each other and other stakeholders as part of a multi-stakeholder and partnership approach. And to this end, we pledge: to initiate and engage in an ongoing dialogue among the global legal community including lawyers, law firms, in-house counsel, law societies, bar associations, law schools, NGOs and other civil society groups, clearinghouses, networks, and all relevant stakeholders in order to better leverage material and increased resources, including pro bono hours, that can dramatically increase the number of refugees, asylum-seekers, stateless persons, and other forcibly displaced persons around the world who have equal access to justice (in line with the GCR and Sustainable Development Goal 16 "Equal Access to Justice for All"), while contributing to State capacity; fairness, efficiency, adaptability and integrity of procedures; and more effective laws, policies, and practices. And furthermore, we pledge to coordinate and monitor the impact of such efforts.

Has the contribution already been announced?

No

If yes, please provide details:

States and other stakeholders are encouraged to make contributions that are new or additional (which also could include strengthening and building upon good practices or ongoing commitments, particularly since 2016, when the development of the Global Compact on Refugees commenced).

Please indicate the anticipated timeframe for follow-up on this contribution.

First mid-term senior officials meeting (2021)

Please specify details: Follow-up will be ongoing, but it is envisioned that the mid-term stocktaking will provide an initial point of reflection, with an opportunity for further development at the next GRF in 2023.

The Global Compact on Refugees provides for follow-up on the implementation of contributions at subsequent Global Refugee Forums (which will take place every four years) and during the mid-term senior officials' meetings (which will take place between forums).

If you are submitting more than one individual or joint contribution, please use the supplementary form below to provide information on any additional joint or individual contribution(s), up to a maximum of 10 contributions. When complete, please return this form to hqgrf@unhcr.org

Supplementary Form: Pledges and Contributions for the First Global Refugee Forum

Contribution _____

Name of contribution (20 words):

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State(s)
Please list:

Refugees, host communities and diaspora
Please list:

Private sector
Please list:

1. Allen & Overy (Global)
2. Apisan Legal Office (Thailand)
3. Arthur Cox (Ireland)
4. Ashurst LLP (Global)
5. Baker McKenzie (Global)
6. Bloomberg LP
7. BNP Paribas
8. Debevoise & Plimpton LLP
9. DLA Piper (Global)
10. Gibson Dunn (Global)
11. Herbert Smith Freehills (Global)
12. Landers & Rogers (Australia)
13. Legal Rights and Environmental Protection Association (Thailand)
14. Linklaters (Global)
15. McCarter & English (Global)
16. Microsoft (Global)
17. Morgan Lewis (Global)
18. Morrison & Foerster (Global)
19. NSP Legal Office (Thailand)
20. Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP (Global)
21. Reed Smith LLC (Global)
22. Russell Kennedy Lawyers (Australia)
23. SheppardMullin (Global)
24. Sidley Austin (Global)
25. The Lighthouse Solicitor and Business Company Limited (Thailand)
26. Tilleke & Gibbins (Asia)
27. White & Case

International organisation
Please list:

Civil society organisation
Please list:

Faith-based organisation
Please list:

Local authority/city
Please list:

Other
Please list:

1. Avocats Barreau-Paris - Paris Bar (France)

Submitting Entity

Please select the option that best describes the entity you represent.

Civil society organisation

If other, please explain:

Type of Contribution

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- Policy
- Financial
- Material and/or technical support
- Resettlement and complementary pathways
- Other
Please list:

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We, members of the global legal community, hereby commit to supporting efforts to protect and find solutions for refugees, asylum-seekers, stateless persons and other forcibly displaced persons by pledging to:

- Commit an annual total of 127,930 pro bono hours and increased resources in support of high-quality, ethical work on behalf of persons of concern that includes, but is not limited to, our other pledges below;
- Provide legal advice, representation, or research to persons of concern and organizations that support them in relation to their asylum claims, exercise of legal rights (such as access to justice, livelihoods, education, medical care, documentation), and pursuit of solutions;
- Provide legal advice on organizational and financial matters to organizations that support persons of concern;
- Second legal professionals to organizations that support persons of concern;
- Raise awareness of refugee and statelessness issues in the legal community and among clients;

- Support the development of legal aid and clinical legal education programs benefitting persons of concern, as well as a stronger national capacity and pro bono culture in the jurisdictions where we work; and/or
- Partner with other NGOs, lawyers, and law firms to coordinate and monitor the impact of such pro bono work at global, regional, and local levels.

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