

MIRPS SUPPORT PLATFORM

International Solidarity Event

to Strengthen the Protection and Promote Solutions for Forcibly Displaced Persons and Host Communities in Central America and Mexico

September 21, 2022

2:00 - 4:00 PM (EDT)

New York City



As the Second Chair of the Support Platform of the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS, as per its acronym in Spanish), Canada is co-hosting with the United States (U.S.), and in partnership with Honduras as the current MIRPS Pro-Tempore Presidency, a Solidarity Event in September 2022 on the margins of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York. This event will be the culmination of Canada's chairship of the MIRPS Support Platform and signal the transition to the U.S. as the Incoming Chair and Canada's new role as Past Chair under the Troika governance model of the Platform.

OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT

1

Affirm political commitment to the MIRPS Support Platform

as an important convening vehicle to support the needs, priorities, and the regional leadership of MIRPS countries in addressing forced displacement in the region.

2

Expand the Support Platform to include new members

from both State and non-state actors, including development partners and the international financial institutions.

3

Mobilize resources (political, financial, technical, and in-kind commitments)

identified by MIRPS countries and communities that support the advancement of their national action plans.

This Solidarity Event is an important opportunity to raise awareness of: the needs of the most vulnerable, particularly women and girls, in situations of forced displacement in Central America and Mexico; the support required by the communities who so generously host them; the contributions of forcibly displaced populations to these host communities; the need to strengthen efforts towards more predictable responsibility-sharing in the region; and opportunities to advance comprehensive protection responses and durable solutions, in line with the Global Compact on Refugees.

All MIRPS Support Platform Members and MIRPS States are invited to participate in the Solidarity Event at the Ministerial level. Involvement at the most senior levels would be a concrete demonstration of the value of the MIRPS Support Platform in advancing comprehensive refugee responses and durable solutions and contribute to raising awareness of forced displacement in Central America and Mexico.

This Solidarity Event will build on the MIRPS Support Platform Signature Event, which Canada hosted in May 2022 that focused on best practices in programming and models for resettlement, complementary pathways, and integration.

EVENT LOGISTICS

The MIRPS Support Platform Solidarity Event is expected to take place on the margins of UNGA High-Level Week in New York from September 13-27, 2022.

An invitation outlining the date and location will be circulated in late August/early September. Additional logistical details will be provided to invitees closer to September 2022.

FORMAT OF THE EVENT

This event will be held in-person, though a web-stream will be available. The expected duration of this event is two hours. Within this two-hour period, there will be opportunities for participants to learn about the successes and contributions by MIRPS countries and other actors with a view towards supporting solutions for forcibly displaced populations in the region.

In line with Canada and the U.S.' commitment to support the meaningful participation of refugees in processes and decisions that directly affect their lives, the Solidarity Event will also include refugee voices.

EXPECTED LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION

The Solidarity Event will be co-hosted by Canada and the U.S. at the Ministerial level, in partnership with Honduras.

Senior-level participation is also expected from the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and the Organization of American States (OAS), given their support to the MIRPS Support Platform and through the MIRPS Technical Secretariat.

Invitations will be issued to Foreign Ministers of MIRPS countries, relevant Ministers of MIRPS Support Platform States, and other interested States. Invitations will also go to senior representatives of international financial institutions, the private sector, and other stakeholders targeted for membership or engagement in the MIRPS Support Platform.



BACKGROUND – MIRPS SUPPORT PLATFORM

The Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS) is a regional contribution to the Global Compact on Refugees formed by the governments of Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Panama, to strengthen protection and promote solutions for forcibly displaced populations, addressing the underlying causes, and promoting a stable environment that ensures security, economic development and prosperity.

At the 2019 Global Forum on Refugees, the MIRPS Support Platform was established as a mechanism to support the efforts of the MIRPS States and ensure greater responsibility sharing, as provided for in the Global Compact on Refugees. The Support Platform seeks to leverage support from the broadest possible range of states, international financial institutions, the private sector, regional bodies, and other stakeholders.

For further information, please see attached the MIRPS Support Platform Two-Pager and the [MIRPS website](#).

Canada took over the chairship of the MIRPS Support Platform from Spain in July 2021. Under the overarching theme of ‘Protection and Empowerment of Women and Girls on the Move’, Canada aimed to achieve the following objectives:

- Galvanize political, financial, technical and material commitments toward the fulfillment of protection and solutions for forcibly displaced persons MIRPS States.
- Increase international visibility on the forced displacement situation in Central America and Mexico, and promote engagement in the MIRPS from a wider range of actors (i.e. State and non-State actors).
- Reinforce the MIRPS Support Platform as an effective mechanism to mobilize comprehensive responses for the forced displacement situation in the region.

Canada’s MIRPS Support Platform Chair tenure is ending this September 2022 and the U.S. will assume the next Chair position. However, Canada’s involvement will continue through the Troika governance structure of the Support Platform. As our last high-level event, Canada will co-host a Solidarity Event with the United States at the Ministerial level and in partnership with Honduras (MIRPS Pro-Tempore President) in September 2022 on the margins of UNGA.

