



PARALLEL HIGH-LEVEL EVENT

MIRPS AND THE MIRPS SUPPORT PLATFORM: PROTECTION AND SOLUTIONS IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO

13 DECEMBER 2023, 13:30 – 15:00 (CET) | GENEVA

Background on the Global Refugee Forum

The Global Refugee Forum 2023 will take place from 13 to 15 December at the Palexpo in Geneva, Switzerland, with linked events held in other locations from 12 December onwards.

Held every four years, the Forum is the world's largest international gathering on refugees. It is designed to support the practical implementation of the objectives set out in the Global Compact on Refugees: Ease pressures on host countries, enhance refugee self-reliance, increase access to third-country solutions and improve conditions in countries of origin.

It provides the opportunity for States and stakeholders to announce concrete pledges and contributions, highlight progress made, share good practices and take stock of the challenges and opportunities ahead.

The 2023 Forum is co-convened by five States – Colombia, France, Japan, Jordan, and Uganda, and co-hosted by the Government of Switzerland and UNHCR.

View the [updated concept note](#) and the [latest programme](#) for the GRF 2023.

Parallel High-Level Event:

MIRPS and the MIRPS Support Platform: Protection and Solutions in Central America and Mexico

13 December, 13:30 – 15:00 CET, PALEXPO, Room P

The development of the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS), followed by the launch of the MIRPS Support Platform at the First Global Refugee Forum has brought the application of the Global Compact on Refugees to life in Central America and Mexico.

Rooted in the adoption of the San Pedro Sula Declaration in 2017, the MIRPS represents the joint commitment of Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Panama to promote protection and solutions to situations of forced displacement. While the region has faced increasingly complex mixed movements in the years that followed, MIRPS has progressively guided the delivery of strategic results at regional and national levels. Building on the advances of the previous rotating Pro Tempore Presidencies (PPT), Panama holds the 2023 PPT, to be succeeded by Belize in 2024.

Since the MIRPS Support Platform's launch at the Global Refugee Forum in 2019 -- alongside the SSAR and IGAD-- it has raised the visibility of the situation of forced displacement in Central America and Mexico and fostered new alliances with development actors and other strategic partners at the regional level that achieve results for protection and durable solutions.

The United States of America is the Chair-in-Office of the MIRPS Support Platform from September 2022 – December 2023, a role previously held by Spain and Canada. Its Chair strategy prioritizes efforts to strengthen local integration as a durable solution throughout the region and to spotlight the positive contributions displaced persons bring to their host communities.

This side event will spotlight how GRF pledge cultivation in the framework of the MIRPS and matching with Support Platform Members has resulted in the development of pledges that represent joint MIRPS commitments for 2024 and beyond. These MIRPS Pledges, to be applied concretely at the national level, will also guide the forthcoming annual MIRPS Regional Action Plans and Chair Strategies for the MIRPS Support Platform.

Two panels will bring together representatives of MIRPS States, MIRPS Support Platform Members, displaced persons, the private sector, and civil society to illustrate their commitments and perspectives on protection and solutions in Central America and Mexico.

Pledges will be presented around the following themes:

- MIRPS Pledge on Asylum – linked to Multistakeholder Pledge on Asylum Capacity Strengthening, through the MIRPS Working Group on Strengthening Asylum Systems, led by Mexico
- MIRPS Pledge on Integration of Displaced Persons – linked to Mega-Pledge on Economic Inclusion and Social Protection, through the Working Group on Jobs and Livelihoods led by Costa Rica
- MIRPS Pledge on Local Governance – linked to Multistakeholder Pledge: Call to Local Action for Migrants and Refugees
- MIRPS Pledge on Statistical Inclusion – linked to the Multistakeholder Pledge: Inclusion of Forcibly Displaced and Stateless Persons in National Statistical Systems and Surveys

The four MIRPS regional pledges are complementary to other ambitious national pledges made by MIRPS States.

Format

The programme includes remarks at the podium, and two thematic panels to spotlight pledges made on the two pillars of MIRPS, protection and solutions. Interventions from the floor to participate in the panel discussions are welcomed. A brief video will be screened, showcasing the work of the Support Platform under U.S. leadership in 2023.

Simultaneous interpretation in English, French, and Spanish will be available.