



What is the Refugee Participation Pledge?

The Refugee Participation Pledge was launched in 2019, in the lead-up to the first Global Refugee Forum, to galvanize cooperation and support for meaningful refugee participation in policymaking processes. The Pledge was developed through a multi-stakeholder process and agreed by the Global Refugee-Led Network (GRN), UNHCR, the Government of Canada, Government of the Netherlands, Oxfam International, and Independent Diplomat.

The pledge reads:

'In accordance with the commitments established under goal 6 of the Grand Bargain to support a "Participation Revolution"; we pledge to support the meaningful participation of refugees and host communities in decisions that affect their lives. Participation should take into account the diversity within communities, including age, gender, and disability. This pledge will support the agency of those we seek to assist while improving the relevance, quality, transparency, and accountability of that assistance. We furthermore commit to share experiences on the implementation of this pledge at subsequent Global Refugee Forums and/or high-level officials' meetings.'

Who has signed the Pledge?

Five states have signed the Pledge (Australia, Canada, Denmark, the Netherlands, and the USA), and the GRN is in discussions with several other states that are interested in signing ahead of the second Global Refugee Forum, which will take place in December 2023. In addition, we welcome other stakeholders to sign the Pledge. There are approximately 40 signatories representing national and international NGOs, philanthropic organizations, UN agencies and multilateral institutions, private companies, and refugee-led organizations (see [here](#) the full list of signatories).

What are the expectations for being a signatory?

All signatories are expected to take actions that support the meaningful participation of refugees and host communities in decisions that affect their lives. Signatories to the Pledge have adopted a range of approaches for supporting the meaningful participation of refugees, such as sponsoring refugees to attend the Global Refugee Forum, organizing regular consultations with refugees for shaping policy, increasing visibility of the role refugees and refugee-led organizations (RLOs) play in global policymaking spaces, and providing direct funding to RLOs.

In addition, all signatories are expected to regularly share information with UNHCR and the GRN on their progress in implementing the Pledge. This allows us to collectively track progress and share experiences and best practices for advancing the Pledge. For this, signatories are invited to regularly share information by filling out the [Refugee Participation Pledge Progress Rubric](#).

Who can I contact to learn more about the Pledge?

You can contact the GRN at globalrefugeelednetwork@gmail.com, or contact Mia Tong (mia@globalrefugeenetwork.org), the focal point at the GRN for Pledge signatories.