



GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM NGO EVENTS and LINKED EVENTS

12 December 2023

Centre International de Conférences Genève (CICG)

Plenary Room E+F

08.40 – 10.30 **Locally Led Action to Address Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies:
In person** **Leadership of Women-Led & Refugee Women-Led Organisations**

The event is organised by CARE International and co-sponsored by the Ministry of Multilateral Affairs of the Republic of Colombia and the United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. The event is led by representatives of the Comité des Jeunes Filles Leaders, Hope Restoration South Sudan, the Inamahoro Movement for Women and Girls, and the Rohingya Women's Welfare Society.

Four leaders from women-led organizations from Bangladesh, Burundi, Niger, and South Sudan will lead this discussion of how local actors play a central role in preventing and responding to gender-based violence in crisis-affected settings. Gender-based violence in emergencies (GBViE) persists as a widespread violation and, despite their key contributions, local women, women-led, and refugee women-led organisations are often excluded from planning, decision-making, and resource allocation.

With opening remarks from H.E. Elizabeth Taylor Jay, Colombia's Vice Minister of Multilateral Affairs, and closing observations from Diana Dalton, FCDO's Head of Gender and Equalities Department, the linked event will identify barriers that prevent local leaders from taking their place at the centre of action against GBViE and recommend solutions to overcome those barriers.

*Coffee and croissants served at 8.40am and event to run from 9.00 – 10.30am.
Simultaneous interpretation in English-French-Spanish.*

Registration link for in-person attendance: <https://gbvie-grf-linked-event.eventbrite.ch>

Break

Refreshments will be provided ahead of the below event

11.00 – 13.00 **Leveraging the Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus and Improving
Hybrid** **Protection through a Whole-of-society Approach: Good Practices from the
Asia-Pacific**

The event is co-sponsored by The Korea International Cooperation Agency, Good Neighbors International, Act for Peace, Korea NGO Council for Overseas Development and Cooperation, The Japan Platform, BRAC, The Asia Pacific Network of Refugees

Based on pioneering research and participatory action by development and humanitarian actors from the Asia Pacific, panelists representing refugees, governments, and NGOs will share best practices for implementing the whole-of- society approach to: strengthen refugee self-reliance; integrate HDP Nexus in refugee solutions; and promote refugee-led initiatives for protection.

In the first part of the panel discussion, speakers will share how development actors from RLOs, local communities, government agencies and NGOs are converging their effort to strengthen the socio-economic self-reliance, resilience, peaceful cohesion and durable solutions for refugees. In the following segment, panelists will look at improving protection responses through ground up approaches across a whole-of-society approach by showcasing pioneering research that maps the contributions of refugee-led initiatives in strengthening protection through the Afghan and Rohingya refugee crisis.

Both sessions will highlight the engagement of diverse actors in the Asia Pacific engaged in the local and international level across various jurisdictions. Participants will share and discuss challenges and good practices, share and debate strategies, and consider future prospects to strengthen refugee rights.

Registration link for online participation: <https://forms.office.com/r/p8QpZSuSZL>

Break

14.00 – 16.00 In person	Advancing Refugee Leadership and Participation as a Core Element of the ‘Whole-of-Society Approach’
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This event is co-organized by Act for Peace, The Asia Pacific Network of Refugees, The Asia Pacific Network of Refugees, The Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, and The International Council of Voluntary Agencies

This session will explore how we can more effectively work to advance refugee leadership and participation in humanitarian and development responses as a part of a 'whole-of-society' approach and showcase recent research and guidelines now widely endorsed on the topic.

Research indicates that while refugees and other displaced communities possess unique knowledge, skills, and perspectives that can significantly contribute to effective solutions in international development, their expertise and experiences are often overlooked or marginalized within the top-down governance models that exist. The session will consider and help to address the inequitable nature of knowledge production, funding, and power dynamics more broadly within the humanitarian system.

Registration link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RSVP_NGOEVENT_GRF

Break

16.30 – 18.30 In person	Bridging the Gap between Climate Action and Forced Displacement: Connecting COP28 and the Global Refugee Forum
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The event is sponsored and organised by The Global Refugee Led Network, Independent Diplomat, The International Federation of the Red Cross, Oxfam

December 2023 marks a critical juncture in global commitments to address the intertwined challenges of climate change and forced displacement. COP28, which will take place from 30 November to 12 December, will provide a platform for States to collaborate on ambitious climate action initiatives against the backdrop of rapidly rising global temperatures and an increase in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather-related emergencies. Directly following COP28, the Global Refugee Forum (GRF) will convene from 13-15 December, offering an opportunity for the international community to build on the progress made towards the implementation of the Global

Compact on Refugees, in the context of staggering levels of forced displacement across the world.

This panel discussion - which will take place as COP28 concludes in Dubai and the GRF starts in Geneva - aims to bring the insights and discussions that emerged during COP28 into the GRF space, acknowledging where the agendas converge and where shared learnings may result. Through this discussion, organised by the Global Refugee-Led Network, the IFRC and Oxfam, we bring together refugee leaders, NGOs, policymakers and other stakeholders to explore the direct implications that the climate crisis is having on global patterns of forced displacement and promote joined-up policy-making in this area. As these crises converge, the need for collective action and shared responsibility has never been more urgent.