

Asylum Capacity Support Group (ACSG) Stocktaking Event – Promoting partnerships to build asylum systems that operate with fairness, efficiency, adaptability and integrity

Tuesday, 12 October 2021, 15:00 to 16:30 hours CET

Introduction and objectives

The objectives of the stocktaking event are to: i) provide an opportunity for reflecting on the progress made towards achieving the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees through the work of the Asylum Capacity Support Group (ACSG) since its launch at the 2019 Global Refugee Forum (GRF); and ii) identify areas where more support is needed from States and others to strengthen the capacity of national asylum authorities to meet existing and new needs in the context of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The event will highlight existing as well as emerging ACSG collaborations and the advantages of such cooperation. It will also help determine priorities and mobilize offers of support that will advance the implementation of GRF pledges in preparation for the High-level Officials Meeting in December 2021.

Expected outcome

1. Demonstrate the ways in which asylum capacity needs of States can be effectively addressed through State-to-State collaborations as well as those between States and other expert entities offering support;
2. Facilitate the sharing of technical knowledge and expertise including through highlighting good practices and tools on the [ACSG online portal](#);
3. Highlight the areas where more pledges of support are needed through the ACSG Mechanism.

Programme

The event will include an overview and update of the ACSG activities. This will be followed by presentations from panellists who will speak to different areas of ACSG engagement, including State-to-State support, remaining needs and collaboration with other stakeholders. Participants will then have the opportunity to make a brief intervention and/or announce commitments. A more detailed programme with the names of the panellists will be made available closer to the date of the event.

Output

UNHCR will produce an outcome document, providing a summary of the key findings of the stocktaking event with actionable recommendations and priorities. It is intended to inform the strategic direction of the ACSG Mechanism and will, therefore, not include any specific references to individual States. The document will be circulated to all States and other relevant stakeholders.

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