

Asylum Capacity Support Group dialogue platform meeting Concept note and agenda

Date: Thursday, 30 March 2023

Time: 9:00-11:00 am CET (with English and French interpretation)
and 3:30-5:30 pm CET (with English and Spanish interpretation)

Format: Virtual

As a special initiative of the Global Compact on Refugees, the Asylum Capacity Support Group created the dialogue platform to help address the challenges facing national asylum systems, in the spirit of burden- and responsibility-sharing and the “whole-of-society” approach. The dialogue platform aims to increase knowledge-sharing by facilitating relationship-building among States and reinforcing linkages among key stakeholders working on asylum capacity. The dialogue platform will also play a critical role in mobilizing and matching pledges on asylum capacity in the lead-up to the 2023 Global Refugee Forum.

The first global meeting will provide an opportunity to: (i) introduce the dialogue platform and its four workstreams; (ii) define the scope of work of the dialogue platform and share experiences in relation to the four workstreams; and (iii) request expression of State interests in the workstreams. Background information on the dialogue platform and its four workstreams is available on the Asylum Capacity Support Group online portal (<https://acsg-portal.org/acsg-dialogue-platform/>) in [EN](#) | [FR](#) | [ES](#).

Draft agenda of the meeting

The meeting will start with welcome and opening remarks by UNHCR and an outline of the goal of establishing this virtual space for discussion and engagement on asylum issues. This will be followed by an update on Asylum Capacity Support Group activities, and a presentation on the dialogue platform and its workstreams by the Asylum Capacity Support Group Secretariat. The Global Compact on Refugees coordination team will briefly present on the preparations for the 2023 Global Refugee Forum and the role of the workstreams in mobilizing asylum capacity pledges. Several Member States and other stakeholders will be invited to intervene about their engagement on asylum capacity issues and their interest in participating in one or more of the workstreams. There will also be time for more informal comments and feedback on the various aspects of the dialogue platform.

The programme will be structured as follows:

- I. Opening remarks by Ms. Elizabeth Tan, Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR
- II. Presentation on the dialogue platform and workstreams by Asylum Capacity Support Group Secretariat
- III. Comments, feedback and discussions by Member States and other stakeholders on the workstreams
- IV. Presentation on the preparations for the 2023 Global Refugee Forum by Global Compact on Refugees coordination team
- V. Floor opens for questions, interventions and additional statements
- VI. Summary and closing

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