

## EARIN Workshop on the Global Refugee Forum 8 June 2023 (14.00-16.00 CEST)

### Concept Note

#### Objectives

- Provide an overview about the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR), the Global Refugee Forum (GRF) and the pledging process
- Showcase existing academic-related initiatives and good practices in order to encourage universities, academic and research scholars, students and institutions to participate in the development of new pledges, initiatives and mechanisms in the lead up to the 2023 GRF
- Create a platform for students, scholars, universities, research and academic institutions to share the learnings and experiences in the pledge implementation and connect with other institutions and individuals that are applying academic expertise to change the lives of refugees and their hosts for the better

#### Expected outcomes

- Compilation of recommendations and promising practices on the implementation of pledge by academic stakeholders in Europe
- Matching of existing pledges; development of joint or individual pledges among academic stakeholders and with other relevant stakeholders to enhance the protection of refugees, IDPs and stateless persons in Europe and other regions

#### Format

2-hour online webinar

#### Agenda

Time	Details	Speaker
14.00 – 14.10	<b>Opening remarks</b>	Frederik Smets, Education Officer, UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe
14.10 – 14.50	<b>Overview of the GRF and pledging process; Stocktaking and updates on the 2023 GRF</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the GCR, GRF and the pledging process</li> <li>• Overview of education pledges in Europe, and those made by European academic community</li> <li>• Presentation of some current pledges by UNHCR; refugee protection priorities in education</li> </ul>	Changki Byun, Policy Officer, UNHCR GCR coordination team  UNHCR (TBC)
	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	

<b>14.50 – 15.50</b>	<p><b>Examples of academic-related pledges and emerging opportunities for engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exchange from an academic pledging entity about the lessons learned in pledge implementation, and the impact of the pledge so far</li> <li>• Each One Take One campaign</li> <li>• Localization of knowledge pledge</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>	<p>Hakan Gurcan Sicakkan, Bergen University</p> <p>UNHCR (TBC)</p>
<b>15.50 – 16.00</b>	<p><b>Concluding Remarks</b></p>	<p>Frederik Smets, UNHCR</p>