

MEMBERS OF UNHCR'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND STATES PARTIES TO THE REFUGEE AND STATELESSNESS CONVENTIONS

UNHCR is governed by the United Nations General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). In 1958, ECOSOC established the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme (ExCom), pursuant to a resolution of the General Assembly. Its main tasks are to approve the High Commissioner's programmes, advise the High Commissioner in the exercise of his functions (mainly on protection issues), and oversee the Office's finances and administration.

ExCom holds an annual session in Geneva every October. The 69th session took place from 1 to 5 October 2018. Meetings of the Executive Committee's Standing Committee are held at various dates throughout the year to carry on the work between plenary sessions.

ExCom membership is on the widest possible geographical basis from those States (members of the United Nations) with a demonstrated interest in, and devotion to, the solution of refugee problems. By the end of 2018, there were 102 ExCom members in the following table - in blue - which also shows the State Parties to the 1951 Refugee Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its Protocol of 1967 and to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.

	Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its Protocol		Conventions on the Status of Stateless Persons and the Reduction of Statelessness	
	1951	1967	1954	1961
Afghanistan	2005	2005		
Albania	1992	1992	2003	2003
Algeria	1963	1967	1964	
Angola	1981	1981		
Antigua and Barbuda	1995	1995	1988	
Argentina	1961	1967	1972	2014
Armenia	1993	1993	1994	1994
Australia	1954	1973	1973	1973
Austria	1954	1973	2008	1972
Azerbaijan	1993	1993	1996	1996
Bahamas (the)	1993	1993		
Bangladesh				
Barbados			1972	
Belarus	2001	2001		
Belgium	1953	1969	1960	2014
Belize	1990	1990	2006	2015
Benin	1962	1970	2011	2011
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	1982	1982	1983	1983
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1993	1993	1993	1996
Botswana	1969	1969	1969	
Brazil	1960	1972	1996	2007
Bulgaria	1993	1993	2012	2012
Burkina Faso	1980	1980	2012	2017
Burundi	1963	1971		
Cabo Verde		1987		
Cambodia	1992	1992		
Cameroon	1961	1967		
Canada	1969	1969		1978
Central African Republic (the)	1962	1967		
Chad	1981	1981	1999	1999
Chile	1972	1972	2018	2018
China	1982	1982	2018	2018
Colombia	1961	1980		2014
Congo	1962	1970		
Costa Rica	1978	1978	1977	1977
Côte d'Ivoire	1961	1970	2013	2013
Croatia	1992	1992	1992	2011
Cyprus	1963	1968		
Czechia	1993	1993	2004	2001
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1965	1975		
Denmark	1952	1968	1956	1977
Djibouti	1977	1977		
Dominica	1994	1994		
Dominican Republic	1978	1978		
Ecuador	1955	1969	1970	2012
Egypt	1981	1981		
El Salvador	1983	1983	2015	
Equatorial Guinea	1986	1986		
Estonia	1997	1997		
Ethiopia	1969	1969		
Fiji	1972	1972	1972	
Finland	1968	1968	1968	2008
France	1954	1971	1960	
Gabon	1964	1973		

Chili and Haiti acceded to the 1954 and 1961 Conventions on statelessness in 2018.

Spain signed the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness in 2018.

Zimbabwe became the 102nd ExCom member in 2018.

	1951	1967	1954	1961
Gambia	1966	1967	2014	2014
Georgia	1999	1999	2011	2014
Germany	1953	1969	1976	1977
Ghana	1963	1968		
Greece	1960	1968	1975	
Guatemala	1983	1983	2000	2001
Guinea	1965	1968	1962	2014
Guinea-Bissau	1976	1976	2016	2016
Haiti	1984	1984	2018	2018
Holy See	1956	1967		
Honduras	1992	1992	2012	2012
Hungary	1989	1989	2001	2009
Iceland	1955	1968		
India				
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1976	1976		
Ireland	1956	1968	1962	1973
Israel	1954	1968	1958	
Italy	1954	1972	1962	2015
Jamaica	1964	1980		2013
Japan	1981	1982		
Jordan				
Kazakhstan	1999	1999		
Kenya	1966	1981		
Kiribati			1983	1983
Kyrgyzstan	1996	1996		
Latvia	1997	1997	1999	1992
Lebanon				
Lesotho	1981	1981	1974	2004
Liberia	1964	1980	1964	2004
Libya			1989	1989
Liechtenstein	1957	1968	2009	2009
Lithuania	1997	1997	2000	2013
Luxembourg	1953	1971	1960	2017
Madagascar	1967	1987	2009	
Malawi	1987	1987	2009	
Mali	1973	1973	2016	2016
Malta	1971	1971		
Mauritania	1987	1987		
Mexico	2000	2000	2000	
Monaco	1954	2010		
Montenegro	2006	2006	2006	2013
Morocco	1956	1971		
Mozambique	1983	1989	2014	2014
Namibia	1995	1995		
Nauru	2011	2011		
Netherlands	1956	1968	1962	1985
New Zealand	1960	1973		2006
Nicaragua	1980	1980	2013	2013
Niger	1961	1970	2014	1985
Nigeria	1967	1968	2011	2011
Norway	1953	1967	1956	1971
Pakistan				
Panama	1978	1978	2011	2011
Papua New Guinea	1986	1986		
Paraguay	1970	1970	2014	2012

	1951	1967	1954	1961
Peru	1964	1983	2014	2014
Philippines	1981	1981	2011	
Poland	1991	1991		
Portugal	1960	1976	2012	2012
Republic of Korea	1992	1992	1962	
Republic of Moldova	2002	2002	2012	2012
Romania	1991	1991	2006	2006
Russian Federation	1993	1993		
Rwanda	1980	1980	2006	2006
Saint Kitts and Nevis	2002			
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1993	2003	1999	
Samoa	1988	1994		
Sao Tome and Principe	1978	1978		
Senegal	1963	1967	2005	2005
Serbia	2001	2001	2001	2011
Seychelles	1980	1980		
Sierra Leone	1981	1981	2016	2016
Slovakia	1993	1993	2000	2000
Slovenia	1992	1992	1992	
Solomon Islands	1995	1995		
Somalia	1978	1978		
South Africa	1996	1996		
Spain	1978	1978	1997	2018
Sudan	1974	1974		
Suriname	1978	1978		
Swaziland	2000	1969	1999	1999
Sweden	1954	1967	1965	1969
Switzerland	1955	1968	1972	
Tajikistan	1993	1993		
Thailand				
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1994	1994	1994	
Timor-Leste	2003	2003		
Togo	1962	1969		
Trinidad and Tobago	2000	2000	1966	
Tunisia	1957	1968	1969	2000
Turkey	1962	1968	2015	
Turkmenistan	1998	1998	2011	2012
Tuvalu	1986	1986		
Uganda	1976	1976	1965	
Ukraine	2002	2002	2013	2013
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1954	1968	1959	1966
United Republic of Tanzania	1964	1968		
United States of America		1968		
Uruguay	1970	1970	2004	2001
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		1986		
Yemen	1980	1980		
Zambia	1969	1969	1974	
Zimbabwe	1981	1981	1998	
Total Parties	145	146	91	73

ACRONYMS

3RP Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan in response to the Syria crisis

AAP Accountability to affected people

AGD Age, gender and diversity

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations

AU African Union

BIMS Biometric Identity Management System

CARICOM Community of Latin American and Caribbean States

CBIs Cash-based interventions

CCCM Camp coordination and camp management (cluster)

CEAS Common European Asylum System

CERF Central Emergency Response Fund

COI Country of origin information

COP Country Operations Plan for UNHCR

COP 24 Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Climate Change

CRIs Core relief items

CRVS Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

CRRF Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework

DAFI German Albert Einstein Academic Scholarship Programme for Refugees

DEVCO Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (EU)

DFID Department for International Development (United Kingdom)

EAC East African Community

EASO European Asylum Support Office (EU)

ECA Economic Commission for Africa (UN)

ECHO Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (EU)

ECOSOC Economic and Social Council (UN)

ECOWAS Economic Community of West African States

ERC Emergency Relief Coordinator (UN)

ERCM Emerging resettlement countries joint mechanism

ETM Emergency transit mechanism

EU European Union

ExCom Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization (UN)

FSD Africa Financial Deepening Sector Africa

GAM Global acute malnutrition

GAVI the Vaccine Alliance (formerly the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization)

GCC Gulf Cooperation Council

GCCFF Global Concessional Financing Facility

GDP Gross domestic product

GDT Global Distribution Tool (for UNHCR)

GNA Global needs assessment (for UNHCR)

GP20 20th anniversary of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement

GPA Global plan of action for sustainable energy solutions in situations of displacement

GPC Global Protection Cluster

GSC Global Shelter Cluster

GSP Global Strategic Priority (for UNHCR)

HALEP High Alert List for Emergency Preparedness (for UNHCR)

HIV and AIDS Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

HLE High-Level Event (on statelessness)

HLP Housing, land and property

HRP Humanitarian response plan

HRWG Human Rights Working Group (UNDG)

IASC Inter-Agency Standing Committee

ICRC International Committee of the Red Cross

ICT Information and communications technology

ICVA International Council of Voluntary Agencies

IDA International Development Association (World Bank)

IDP Internally displaced person

IFRC International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

IGAD Intergovernmental Authority on Development

ILO International Labour Organization (UN)

IMF International Monetary Fund

IOM International Organization for Migration

IPIS Integrated Population Identification System

IPSAS International Public Sector Accounting Standards

IRC International Rescue Committee

IRHIS Integrated refugee health information system (for UNHCR)

IYCF Infant and young child feeding

JICA Japan International Cooperation Agency

JIPS Joint IDP Profiling Service

JPO Junior Professional Officer

LGBTI Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex

MDB Multilateral development bank

MERCOSUR *Mercado Común del Sur* (Common Market of the South)

MINARE *Marco Integral Nacional de Atención y Respuesta a los Refugiados en Costa Rica* (Comprehensive National Response and Assistance Framework for Refugees in Costa Rica)

MIRPS *Marco Integral Regional para la Protección y Soluciones* (Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework)

MoU Memorandum of understanding

MYMP Multi-year, multi-partner (for UNHCR)

MSB Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency

NCA North of Central America

NFIs Non-food items

NGO Non-governmental organization

NRC Norwegian Refugee Council

OAS Organization of American States

OAU Organization of African Unity

OCHA Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN)

OECD Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

OHCHR Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN)

OSCE Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

PAHO/WHO Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization

PDD Platform on Disaster Displacement

PRIMES Population Registration and Identity Management Ecosystem (for UNHCR)

QAI Quality Assurance Initiative

QIEE Quality Initiative in Eastern Europe

RAIS Refugee Assistance Information System (for UNHCR)

RBM Results-based management (for UNHCR)

REMIS Refugee Education Management Information System (for UNHCR)

RMRP Refugee Migrant Response Plan

RRP Refugee Response Plan

RRRP Regional Refugee Response Plan

RSD Refugee status determination

SDC Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

SDG Sustainable Development Goal(s)

SGBV Sexual and gender-based violence

SIDA Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency

SSAR Solutions strategy for Afghan refugees

THW *Technisches Hilfswerk* (German Federal Agency for Technical Relief)

UN Women United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

UNAIDS Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

UNCDF United Nations Capital Development Fund

UNDAF United Nations Development Assistance Framework

UNDG United Nations Development Group

UNDP United Nations Development Programme

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme

UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

UNFCCC United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund

UN-Habitat United Nations Human Settlements Programme

UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund

UNITAR United Nations Institute for Training and Research

UNMAS United Nations Mine Action Service

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

UNOPS United Nations Office for Project Services

UNV United Nations Volunteer(s)

USAID United States Agency for International Development

WASH Water, sanitation and hygiene (cluster)

WBG World Bank Group

WFP World Food Programme (UN)

WHO World Health Organization (UN)

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Luis and Magaly, a Venezuelan couple from Mérida, carry their daughter Izabella along a highway from the border city of Cúcuta. They are heading 450 kilometres south-west to the city of Tunja in the department of Boyacá, Colombia, where Luis has a job lined up in a mechanical workshop.

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