

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 71st session took place from 5 to 9 October 2020. 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 2020, there were 106 ExCom members in the following table—in blue—which also shows the States parties to the 1951 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	2019	2019
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		
Colombia	1961	1980	2019	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		

	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			
Malawi	1987	1987	2009	
Mali	1973	1973	2016	2016
Malta	1971	1971	2019	
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
North Macedonia	1994	1994	1994	2020
Norway	1953	1967	1956	1971
Pakistan				
Panama	1978	1978	2011	2011
Papua New Guinea	1986	1986		

	1951	1967	1954	1961
Paraguay	1970	1970	2014	2012
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		
South Sudan	2018	2018		
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				
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	146	147	94	75

In 2020, North Macedonia acceded to the 1961 Convention on the reduction of statelessness.

ACRONYMS

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

3YS Three-year strategy (2019-2021) on resettlement and complementary pathways

AAP Accountability to affected people

BIMS Biometric Identity Management System

BMZ German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development

CCCM Camp coordination and camp management (cluster)

CEB United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

CEC Clean Energy Challenge (for UNHCR)

CEMAC Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa

CERF Central Emergency Response Fund (UN)

COMPASS Planning, budgeting and reporting system (for UNHCR)

COVAX COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access

CRIs Core relief items (for UNHCR, also known as non-food items)

CRISP Sustainable resettlement and complementary pathways initiative 2020-2022 (UNHCR and IOM)

CRRF Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework

DAFI German Albert Einstein Academic Scholarship Programme for Refugees

DRC The Democratic Republic of the Congo

EASO European Asylum Support Office

ECOWAS Economic Community of West African States

ETM Emergency Transit Mechanism (for UNHCR)

EU European Union

ExCom Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme

GAM Global acute malnutrition

GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance

GCR Global Compact on Refugees

GHRP COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan

GP20 Plan of action for the 20th anniversary of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement

GPC Global Protection Cluster

GRF Global Refugee Forum

GSC Global Shelter Cluster

GSPs Global Strategic Priorities (for UNHCR)

HALEP High Alert List for Emergency Preparedness

HIV/AIDS Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

HLP Housing, land and property

HRP Humanitarian response plan

IASC Inter-Agency Standing Committee

ICRC International Committee of the Red Cross

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

IGO Inspector General's office (for UNHCR)

ILO International Labour Organization

IOM International Organization for Migration

IPSAS International Public Sector Accounting Standards

IYCF infant and young child feeding programmes

JDC Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement (UNHCR/World Bank)

JICA Japan International Cooperation Agency

JPO Junior Professional Officer

LGBTIQ+ Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer

MAM Moderate acute malnutrition

MIRPS Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework in Latin America

MUAC Mid-upper arm circumference (nutrition)

NFIs Non-food items (also known as core relief items)

NGO Non-governmental organization

NRC Norwegian Refugee Council

OAU Organization of African Unity (replaced by African Union in 2002)

OCHA Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN)

OECD Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

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

PDM Post-distribution monitoring

PSEA Protection from sexual exploitation and abuse

PPE Personal protective equipment

PRIMES Population registration and identity management ecosystem (UNHCR)

RMRP Regional Refugee and Migrants Response Plan for refugees and migrants from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

RRP Refugee response plan

RSD Refugee status determination

SADC Southern African Development Community

SDGs Sustainable Development Goals

SENS Standardized expanded nutrition survey (UNHCR)

SFCA Strategic framework for climate action (UNHCR)

Sida Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency

SSAR Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees

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

UNAIDS Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

UNDP United Nations Development Programme

UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

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

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

UNRWA United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

UNSDCF United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework

UNV United Nations Volunteers

WASH Water, sanitation and hygiene

WFP World Food Programme

WHO World Health Organization

WRD WORLD REFUGEE DAY (for UNHCR)

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Rofiqua Begum, a refugee in Kutupalong camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, sits in front of the shelter where she lives with her four children.

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