



CONFERENCE

18TH – 19TH JUNE 2019

BERLIN



GLOBAL COMPACT ON REFUGEES ACADEMIC NETWORK

A network which aims to add value and contribute to the fulfilment of the objectives of the global compact

AT A GLANCE

- The Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) provides in paragraph 43 that *"a global academic network on refugee, other forced displacement, and statelessness issues will be established, involving universities, academic alliances, and research institutions, together with UNHCR and other relevant stakeholders, to facilitate research, training and scholarship opportunities which result in specific deliverables in support of the objectives of the global compact."*
- *Efforts will be made to ensure regional diversity and expertise from a broad range of relevant subject areas."*
- The GCR Global Academic Network (GAN) is one of the GCR's proposed **specific arrangements** for burden and responsibility sharing.
- **GAN will be formally established on 17th and 18th December 2019** during the first Global Refugee Forum.
- GAN will have **three working groups** focusing on:
 1. Research related to the **objectives of the GCR**
 2. **Teaching on refugee** and displacement issues
 3. Education and **support for refugee students and scholars**, including through scholarships

CORE OBJECTIVES

1. Build on and complement (rather than duplicate or compete with) the activities of **existing networks**
2. Help **young academics** and those in regions less well-served by existing networks to 'plug in' to global networks and discussions
3. Broaden the **geographical and thematic scope** of disciplines and academics working on refugee and GCR-related challenges
4. Ensure real and effective participation and **involvement of persons of concern** in academic work which has the potential to affect and/or address challenges relating to them.

ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

- UNHCR convened a **consultative meeting** on 13-14 November 2018 with a wide range of people, including academics, researchers and university teachers. The four objectives of the GAN were agreed.

FURTHER INFO

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