

APRRN's Meaningful Refugee Participation Pledge

The Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN) has intensified its journey towards more, and more diverse, meaningful and sustainable participation and inclusion of those with lived experiences of forced displacement, both within our own network and promoting the model to external partners in an effort to facilitate a more just and equitable human rights and humanitarian system where policies, programs, and resources are directed by communities of forcibly displaced people with lived intersectional identities and experiences. In April 2023, APRRN transitioned to a co-leadership model through the appointment of two Co-Secretaries General (Co-SG), one of whom has lived experience.

Aligned with the commitments outlined in goal 6 of the Grand Bargain, we commit to fostering the meaningful involvement of both refugees and host communities in decisions shaping their lives. Our commitment emphasizes inclusivity, recognizing the diverse characteristics within these communities, including age, gender, and disability.

This pledge aims to empower those we aim to support, enhancing the pertinence, quality, transparency, and accountability of our assistance efforts. Additionally, we undertake to exchange insights on the implementation of this commitment during subsequent Global Refugee Forums and/or high-level officials' meetings.

APRRN pledges to achieve:

a) by 2025: 25 per cent representation of people with lived experience of forced displacement each within Secretariat Staff, Consultants and APRRN leadership and Governance; by 2027: 30 per cent representation of people with lived experience of forced displacement each within Secretariat staff, Consultants and APRRN leadership and governance

b) By 2027: having facilitated access to a total of 200,000 USD to at least 6 Refugee Led Organizations and Initiatives in the Asia Pacific as unearmarked funding.

c) By 2027 having contributed to improved meaningful refugee participation by NGO's and INGO's in the Asia Pacific after providing and supporting four trainings and mentorship for 10 NGO's or INGO's on good practices when working with RLO/I's.

IMPACT

"Enhanced meaningful, diverse, and sustainable refugee participation at the local, national and international levels in Asia and the Pacific, at all stages of policy-and decision making that concern them."

