

# CONCEPT NOTE

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### I. The Cartagena Process

In 1984, the Cartagena Declaration on Refugees was adopted, marking a new milestone in the region's longstanding tradition of solidarity, asylum, refugee protection, and regional cooperation in the Americas. It established an innovative and flexible framework for comprehensive responses to the legal and humanitarian challenges of international protection. Notably, it recommended the adoption of an expanded refugee definition, extending protection to persons forced to flee under circumstances beyond those covered by the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.

Following this Declaration, since 1994, the region initiated the practice of commemorating its adoption every ten years, giving rise to the "Cartagena Process" and inspiring what has come to be known as the "Spirit of Cartagena". This spirit is characterized by a focus on refugee protection and comprehensive solutions; convergence with existing protection mechanisms and frameworks; a peaceful and humanitarian approach to protection challenges; an evolving, pragmatic, flexible, and forward-looking nature of refugee and stateless persons' protection. It is grounded in a human rights-based approach, recognizing the linkages between international human rights law and international refugee law, including the contributions of the Inter-American Human Rights System to the development of standards and principles, as well as the principles of solidarity, shared responsibility, and burden-sharing among States. These elements have been consolidated throughout the various phases of the Process.

### II. Context in Latin America and the Caribbean

Over the past decade, the region has witnessed a steady increase in both the scale and complexity of forced displacement. These large-scale movements are mostly mixed in nature, comprising both people who migrate and those in need of international protection, who often travel along the same routes and use the same means of transport. Along the way, they face growing risks such as extortion, kidnapping and death in route, as well as gender-based violence, forced recruitment, exploitation, and human trafficking. The risk of statelessness has also increased, due to the difficulties in accessing birth registration, acquiring nationality at birth, and obtaining documentation to prove nationality, among other challenges.

The consequences of the global financial crisis, violence, the proliferation of transnational organized crime groups, conflicts, human rights violations, the lasting socioeconomic impacts of the pandemic, and the adverse effects of climate change and disasters have all been among the causes of displacement in the Americas.

As a result, the region has sought to strengthen an integrated protection approach — enhancing protection and solutions in countries of origin, transit, destination, and return — addressing the full spectrum of needs throughout the displacement cycle, according to the causes of displacement

and the specific needs of affected persons. This requires coordinated articulation among States and their internal institutions.

The Chile Plan of Action (PAC) aligns with the principles, objectives, and tools of the 2018 Global Compact on Refugees, particularly through the Global Refugee Forum, where the [multi-stakeholder regional pledge on Cartagena+40](#) was presented. It is also consistent with the route-based approach, sustainable responses, and inclusive participation.

The year 2025 presents a complex scenario marked by the liquidity crisis within the United Nations system and the reorganization of agencies, funds, and programmes. The region has been particularly impacted by the reduction in funding for programmes and projects that provide protection and direct assistance to displaced persons, as well as technical support from the UN system, while protection needs persist.

In this context, the UN Country Teams (UNCTs) and Resident Coordinators have assumed a critical role in strengthening UN coordination and assistance efforts. Systemic articulation and concentration of long-term impact actions have become indispensable to improve governmental assistance, protection, and durable solutions processes, and to promote self-reliance among affected populations.

### III. Background: The Cartagena+40 Process

- *Follow-up and Coordination Mechanism of the PAC*

Following the consensus and acclamation-based adoption of the Chile Declaration and Plan of Action 2024–2034 on 12 December 2024, the Follow-up and Coordination Mechanism (MSC) of the PAC was established, comprising the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean under the Presidency of Chile, the Vice-Presidency of Mexico, and the Technical Secretariat led by UNHCR.

The MSC held its first meeting on 17–18 July 2025 in a hybrid format from Santiago, Chile. During this session, the Terms of Reference of both the Mechanism and the Support Platform were approved, and **15 priority areas were defined for the 2025–2027 biennium—five for each thematic chapter of the PAC**—selected from among the 101 recommendations of the Plan based on **three criteria**:

- Promoting the innovative areas of the PAC.
- Strengthening synergies and complementarities with other regional and subregional fora addressing related matters.
- Prioritizing areas that enable harmonization of standards and coherent, coordinated, and solidarity-based regional progress.

The list of priorities is contained in **Annex 1**.

- *PAC Support Platform*

Chapter 5 of the PAC, on Cooperation of Other Stakeholders, establishes the creation of a Support Platform “*inspired by the Global Compact on Refugees, tailored to the implementation needs of the Chile Plan of Action and the Global Compact on Refugees.*” This Platform seeks to coordinate international cooperation and stakeholder engagement in implementing the PAC, in line with the biennial priorities defined by the MSC.

The Support Platform brings together Latin American and Caribbean States, donor and partner countries, international and development financial institutions, the private sector, refugee, displaced and stateless persons led organizations, civil society, academia, local actors, UN agencies, funds and programmes, and other interested stakeholders. Its **main objective is to establish an effective space for technical, material, and financial cooperation and coordination to advance, in a coherent and sustainable manner, towards concrete results** in international protection, assistance, and durable solutions for refugees, displaced, and stateless persons in the region.

#### IV. Objectives of the First Meeting of the Support Platform

1. Present the 15 priority areas agreed by the MSC and the concept note circulated on 27 October 2025.
2. Based on these, analyze and project achievable, measurable, sustainable, and innovative actions to advance the 15 priority areas at both national and regional levels.
3. Mobilize technical, material, and financial support to implement concrete actions around the 15 priority areas.

The meeting will be held **virtually** in two sessions on 27 and 28 November 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Santiago, Chile local time). The meeting agenda will be shared at the beginning of November and online registration for participants will be available until 21 November at the following [link](#). The meeting will feature simultaneous interpretation in Spanish and English.

#### V. Participants

Participants will include countries from Latin America and the Caribbean, donor and partner countries, international and development financial institutions, representatives of the private sector, refugee, displaced and stateless persons led organizations, civil society, academia, local actors, and UN agencies, funds, and programmes, among other stakeholders supporting the implementation of the Chile Plan of Action.

From Cartagena+40 member States, participation of technical-level officials designated by their respective competent national authorities is expected.

#### VI. Working Methodology

**Latin American and Caribbean countries** are invited to submit comments on this concept note and its annexes **by Monday, 10 November 2025**, highlighting their needs and areas of interest that converge with the proposed priorities and projects (Annex 2).

**Other stakeholders** involved in the Support Platform are invited to submit their comments by **Friday, 14 November 2025**, indicating their areas of interest for short-, medium-, and/or long-term collaboration.

During the Platform sessions, participants are requested to limit their interventions to a maximum of three minutes.

