



CCR priorities for the 2024 Consultations on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways (CRCP) For Sydney working group meetings February 2024

These priorities will be reviewed in advance of the June 2024 CRCP.

1. Resettlement must be based on humanitarian principles

Governments must remain committed to selecting refugees based on need. While refugees do contribute economically, resettlement must NOT be motivated by economic considerations.

2. Complementary Pathways (CP)

The inclusion of Complementary Pathways (CP) must not lead to decreased resettlement focus and opportunities. We are concerned about apparent blurring of distinction between resettlement and CP, and apparent emphasis on expanding CP as opposed to resettlement. Complementary pathways need to lead to permanent solutions.

3. Equity

a. Selection

Ensure there is focus on the selection part of the CRCP agenda, notably equity issues – which refugees are chosen for resettlement, who is left out (e.g. because of barriers to registration, or lack of capacity to refer), specific groups that need attention, discriminatory aspects of States' selection criteria, specific barriers for LGBT refugees, access to resettlement.

b. Racism

We need to address racism in the whole system of resettlement. This should include addressing the need for equitable criteria for emergency responses (see CCR call for a framework). All crises should be responded to, and additionality of both numbers and resources is essential– ie emergency response resettlement should not be at the expense of other populations.

c. Refugee participation and inclusion

We need to work to make refugees fully integrated throughout the CRCP process, in a permanent and meaningful way. All three parties have responsibility.

d. Make CRCP a safe space for LGBTQ people

4. International NGO networking

Promote international networking of NGOs involved in resettlement and complementary pathways.

5. Engaging Canadian NGOs

Ensure Canadian NGOs are informed by the work internationally and feed into CRCP. This includes those NGOs involved in complementary pathways.

6. International conversation on private sponsorship

Bring Canadian history and experience to the growing international conversation on private sponsorship (additionality, selection issues, role of community settlement).

7. Building welcoming communities

We affirm the value of sustained investment in building welcoming and inclusive societies and will bring Canadian expertise to global efforts to build public support to receive resettled refugees.