

Brazil Holds Regional Meeting on Refugees

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Representatives of about 36 countries and territories from Latin America and the Caribbean are participating as of today at a meeting that will contribute to the Global Pact on Refugees, which the United Nations should adopt in September.

The meeting is led by UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Filippo Grandi, and have the presence of observers from other nations, as well as entities of the Brazilian civil society.

The Latin American and Caribbean Consultation Meeting such as the Regional Contribution for the Global Pact on Refugees will be held for two days at the Itamaraty Palace, seat of the Brazilian Foreign Ministry, and will assess the results reached by this country in international protection.

The event will compile and strengthen recommendations as of the experience of the Latin American and Caribbean countries in this field.

The UN office in Brazil recalled in a note spread here that the assessment of the regional results are based on the Brazil Declaration and Action Plan, adopted in December 2014 by 28 countries and three Latin American and Caribbean territories, adopting an action agenda for the following 10 years.

UNHCR statistics place Latin America and the Caribbean as a shelter for a 16 percent of about 65 million people force to be displace due to conflicts, wars and persecutions throughout the world.