



World Humanitarian Summit Commitments

Brazil

2019

Individual commitments

1B Act early

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Brazil commits to encourage the Secretary-General to use his prerogative under Article 99 of the Charter to brief the Security Council proactively on emerging issues.	Advocacy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	128015
Brazil requests that the Secretary-General develop a comprehensive plan to strengthen conflict prevention at the United Nations based on lessons learnt and recommendations emanating from the Advisory Group of Experts on the 2015 Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture, the Report of the High-level Independent Panel on Peace Operations, and the Global Study on the implementation of resolution 1325, in time for the World Prevention Forum by 2020.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	128032
Brazil will actively use early warning findings to identify, address and defuse critical risks before they deteriorate into intractable conflicts by using preventive diplomacy tools such as good offices, peace and development advisors, groups of contact and mediation.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	128033
Brazil will establish effective partnerships for planning and delivering on collective conflict prevention and resolutions strategies based on shared conflict analysis.	Partnership	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	128036
Brazil will strengthen and, if necessary, develop comprehensive, shared frameworks for conflict and risk analysis including early warning mechanisms at the local, national, regional and international level.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	128041

Brazil will support the United Nations in convening a World Prevention Forum by 2020 to identify how Member States, the UN Secretariat, the Security Council and regional organizations can work more effectively together on conflict prevention and resolution.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	128043
Having identified situations with the potential to relapse or escalate into conflict, Brazil commits to provide political support with a view to mobilizing support to prevent or resolve crises.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	128044
In preparation of the international conference [World Prevention Forum], Brazil will support regional meetings on conflict prevention to identify and advance elements of successful conflict prevention, including the participation of the private sector and civil society.	Partnership	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	128045

1C Remain engaged and invest in stability

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Brazil will support the establishment of contact groups/group of friends at the onset of crises and use their political leverage for continued support through to post-conflict reconstruction.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	128042

2A Respect and protect civilians and civilian objects in the conduct of hostilities

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Brazil commits to continue to promote the protection of children in armed conflicts.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	128008

Brazil commits to work on behalf of the application and, when necessary, the enhancement of the IHL norms regarding challenges related to the use of new technologies - such as unmanned aerial vehicles and lethal autonomous weapons systems.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	128028
Brazil commits to work on behalf of the application and, when necessary, the enhancement of the IHL norms regarding the activities of private military and security companies, including through the adoption of a binding international instrument on the subject.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	128029

2B Ensure full access to and protection of the humanitarian and medical missions

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Brazil commits to ensuring that all humanitarian response activities have the aim of making people safer, preserving their dignity and reducing vulnerabilities.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	128001
Brazil commits to actively promote the principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality and independence in humanitarian action.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	128002
Brazil commits to continue to train armed forces to respect the obligation to allow and facilitate rapid and unimpeded passage of humanitarian relief.	Training	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	128009
Brazil commits to continue to train military personnel on the applicable legal framework for the protection of health care.	Training	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	128010
Brazil commits to deliver predictable and flexible urgent and life-saving assistance and protection in accordance with humanitarian principles.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	128013
Brazil commits to integrating humanitarian principles in its humanitarian policy frameworks.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	128017

2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

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Brazil commits to adopt and implement national legislation that is consistent with the obligation to respect and protect health care personnel, their means of transport and facilities, as well as humanitarian workers and objects used for humanitarian relief operations against attack.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	128004
Brazil commits to continue to implement policies for preventing sexual and gender violence, and national legislation that criminalizes such actions, as well as to ensure the right to reparation to victims and survivors.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	128006
Brazil commits to continue to offer international humanitarian and human rights law training and dissemination sessions for armed forces.	Training	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	128007
Brazil commits to designate focal points in relevant government branches responsible for promoting respect for international humanitarian, human rights and refugee law.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	128014
Brazil will adopt national legislation establishing jurisdiction over international crimes.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	128034
Brazil will offer, when possible, legal assistance in drafting national legislation encompassing the full range of international crimes and expanding jurisdiction over them.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	128039

2E Uphold the rules: a global campaign to affirm the norms that safeguard humanity

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Brazil commits to engage constructively in the intergovernmental process as set out in Resolution 2 of the 32nd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in 2015, to find agreement on features and functions of a potential forum of States and ways to enhance the implementation of IHL using the potential of the International Conference [of the Red Cross and Red Crescent] and IHL regional forums.	Partnership	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	128016	
Brazil commits to maintain and strengthen the National Commission for the Dissemination and Implementation of International Humanitarian Law, in line with Resolution 1 of the 26th International Conference of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent (1995).	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	128020	
Brazil commits to promote universal adherence to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	128021	
Brazil commits to ratify the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), as well as to promote the universality of the Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	128024	
Brazil commits to seek the conclusion of a treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons, in view of the incompatibility of those weapons and the rules of IHL.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	128025	
Joint Commitments				
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<p>Brazil pledges to continue the humanitarian initiative for a world free of nuclear weapons. It further pledges to raise awareness about this important issue, both at the national and at the international level. The aim of this initiative is to fill the legal gap with regard to nuclear weapons in light of their catastrophic and unacceptable humanitarian consequences and the great risk which these weapons are posing for the entire planet.</p>	<p>Advocacy</p>	<p>Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity</p>	<p>128031</p>
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Other Partners that are yet to register: [Andorra](#), [Mexico](#), [Nicaragua](#), [Samoa](#), [El Salvador](#), [Algeria](#), [Brazil](#), [Cook Islands](#), [Guatemala](#), [Honduras](#), [Ireland](#), [Liechtenstein](#), [Madagascar](#), [Malaysia](#), [South Africa](#) and [Thailand](#)

3A Reduce and address displacement

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Brazil commits to address the protection needs of people displaced across borders in the context of disasters and climate change, in particular through the promotion and implementation of the Protection Agenda of the Nansen Initiative at relevant levels, and through its active engagement within the new Platform on Disaster Displacement.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	128003
Brazil commits to champion the strengthening of policies for the protection, assistance and integration of refugees in Latin American and the Caribbean, promoting, in particular, the implementation of the Brazil Plan of Action, adopted in Brasilia, on December 2014, as a result of the Cartagena+30 Conference.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind	128005
Brazil commits to put in place measures to enhance access to livelihoods and job opportunities for refugees.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	128023

Brazil will consider expanding its resettlement programme through international cooperation and/or private sponsorship mechanisms.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	128035
Brazil will improve eligibility procedures, increase the knowledge and capacity of asylum authorities and promote efficient management of refugee status determination procedures, in line with UNHCR's Quality Assurance Initiative (QAI).	Operational	Leave No One Behind	128037
Brazil will maintain its humanitarian visa programme for persons affected by the Syrian conflict until at least September 2017.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	128038
Brazil will promote the linguistic integration of refugees, offering Portuguese language courses to at least 600 refugees in 2016.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	128040

4A Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems

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Brazil commits to invest in the capacity of frontline responders by investing in the ability of front-line responding actors to play a leading role in crisis anticipation, response and recovery, including by: i) creating incentives for international actors to work in strategic partnerships with local and national civil society organizations that build the long-term organizational and responsive capacity; ii) providing front-line responders with fair and realistic levels of overhead costs in funding awards; iii) supporting the development of national and regional networks of front-line responders and other related capacity-strengthening initiatives including national and regional research and training centres.	Capacity	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	128019

Brazil commits to support and invest in local, national and regional leadership, capacity strengthening and response systems, avoiding duplicative international mechanisms wherever possible.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	128026
Recognising the potentially transformative power of humanitarian cash transfers, Brazil commits to: i) ensuring that cash is equally considered alongside other response modalities throughout a humanitarian response and that where feasible, cash is used as the preferred and default modality; ii) significantly increasing the amount of funding available to support cash programming, including multi-purpose cash transfers; iii) building internal capacity to carry out cash programming; iv) systematically carrying out joint cash feasibility assessments as part of preparedness.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	128047

4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

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<p>Brazil commits to create national preparedness strategies and/or partnerships to strengthen national and local emergency management systems for natural disasters, which include: a) inclusive contingency plans for response and recovery that set out clear lines of responsibility, triggers for early action, and pre-committed finance; and include, when regional and global support is required, in what form and how it will be coordinated, b) identification of populations at risk of displacement, and evacuation corridors and sites;c) long-term investment in national and local preparedness, response and recovery capacities capable of responding to natural hazards, including civil protection, social protection, basic services, agriculture and other systems.</p>	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	128012
<p>Brazil commits to invest in risk analysis and to incentivize early action in order to minimize the impact and frequency of known risks and hazards on people.</p>	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	128018
<p>Brazil commits to take a more systematic and integrated approach to risk management through measures that better integrate planning in climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, response and recovery, and through closer collaboration between different sectors and partners, so that investments in each are complementary, and based on a common analysis of risk and costs.</p>	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	128027

4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

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<p>Brazil commits to work together toward collective outcomes that ensure humanitarian needs are met, while at the same time reducing risk and vulnerability over multiple years and based on the comparative advantage of a diverse range of actors. The primacy of humanitarian principles will continue to underpin humanitarian action.</p>	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	128030
<p>Recognising that, within a country context, humanitarian, sustainable development, peacebuilding, stabilization and climate finance should be more coherent, Brazil commits to: i) ensuring that organisational structures and internal processes foster coherence between humanitarian, development, peacebuilding, stabilisation and climate finance; ii) removing the internal institutional barriers between humanitarian and development finance, both in capitals/headquarters and at country level, in order to mobilize the right mix of humanitarian and development finance; iii) strengthening the mechanisms for coordination at country level and globally to maximize policy coherence.</p>	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	128046

Invest in local capacities

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<p>Brazil commits to contribute to a reconfiguration of the international humanitarian financing system to allow critical front-line responders to access adequate, timely and quality funding on a fair basis by i) empowering national NGOs to play a central role in programming and delivering principled and coordinated humanitarian assistance; ii) reducing barriers to accessing funding by simplifying and harmonizing partner capacity assessments and application and reporting requirements; iii) ensuring front-line responders are included in collective coordination platforms and response processes have a seat at the table in collective response processes, thereby promoting stronger partnerships and increased direct access of local and national front-line responding NGOs to humanitarian funding; iv) enabling funding from non-traditional sources such as from faith-based funds to play a significant role in making funds available to local organizations that form the frontline of humanitarian response yet which are often unable to directly access funds.</p>	<p>Financial</p>	<p>Invest in Humanity</p>	<p>128011</p>
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5B Invest according to risk

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Brazil commits to provide support to the affected States and to work with governments of at-risk and crisis-affected states to play a leading role prioritizing and financing crisis-response by: i) supporting governments to make adequate financial preparedness against risk (disaster risk financing and use of insurance); ii) supporting the development of risk-sensitive social protection schemes, which can serve as conduits for international financial support to government-led response;iii) ensuring governments have access to adequate international financial support (grants and where appropriate concessional finance) to meet: post-disaster response and recovery needs and needs of countries hosting refugees; iv) replicating good practice re: bilateral funding (government to government); v) providing greater visibility of international financing investments through improved transparency and data analysis to enable better targeting of resources.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	128022

Core Commitments

Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

POLITICAL LEADERSHIP TO PREVENT AND END CONFLICTS

- Commit to act early upon potential conflict situations based on early warning findings and shared conflict analysis, in accordance with international law.
- Commit to improve prevention and peaceful resolution capacities at the national, regional and international level improving the ability to work on multiple crises simultaneously.
- Commit to sustain political leadership and engagement through all stages of a crisis to prevent the emergence or relapse into conflict.
- Commit to address root causes of conflict and work to reduce fragility by investing in the development of inclusive, peaceful societies.
- Commit to make successful conflict prevention visible by capturing, consolidating and sharing good practices and lessons learnt.

Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

UPHOLD THE NORMS THAT SAFEGUARD HUMANITY

- Commit to promote and enhance respect for international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and refugee law, where applicable.
- Commit to promote and enhance the protection of civilians and civilian objects, especially in the conduct of hostilities, for instance by working to prevent civilian harm resulting from the use of wide-area explosive weapons in populated areas, and by sparing civilian infrastructure from military use in the conduct of military operations.
- Commit to ensure all populations in need receive rapid and unimpeded humanitarian assistance.
- Commit to promote and enhance efforts to respect and protect medical personnel, transports and facilities, as well as humanitarian relief personnel and assets against attacks, threats or other violent acts.
- Commit to speak out and systematically condemn serious violations of international humanitarian law and serious violations and abuses of international human rights law and to take concrete steps to ensure accountability of perpetrators when these acts amount to crimes under international law.

WOMEN AND GIRLS: CATALYZING ACTION TO ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY

- Implement a coordinated global approach to prevent and respond to gender-based violence in crisis contexts, including through the Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies.
- Fully comply with humanitarian policies, frameworks and legally binding documents related to gender equality, women's empowerment, and women's rights.

Leave No One Behind

LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND - A COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS FORCED DISPLACEMENT

- Commit to a new approach to addressing forced displacement that not only meets immediate humanitarian needs but reduces vulnerability and improves the resilience, self-reliance and protection of refugees and IDPs. Commit to implementing this new approach through coherent international, regional and national efforts that recognize both the humanitarian and development challenges of displacement. Commit to take the necessary political, policy, legal and financial steps required to address these challenges for the specific context.
- Commit to promote and support safe, dignified and durable solutions for internally displaced persons and refugees. Commit to do so in a coherent and measurable manner through international, regional and national programs and by taking the necessary policy, legal and financial steps required for the specific contexts and in order to work towards a target of 50 percent reduction in internal displacement by 2030.
- Acknowledge the global public good provided by countries and communities which are hosting large numbers of refugees. Commit to providing communities with large numbers of displaced population or receiving large numbers of returnees with the necessary political, policy and financial, support to address the humanitarian and socio-economic impact. To this end, commit to strengthen multilateral financing instruments. Commit to foster host communities' self-reliance and resilience, as part of the comprehensive and integrated approach outlined in core commitment 1.
- Commit to collectively work towards a Global Compact on responsibility-sharing for refugees to safeguard the rights of refugees, while also effectively and predictably supporting States affected by such movements.
- Commit to actively work to uphold the institution of asylum and the principle of non-refoulement. Commit to support further accession to and strengthened implementation of national, regional and international laws and policy frameworks that ensure and improve the protection of refugees and IDPs, such as the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol or the AU Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala convention) or the Guiding Principles on internal displacement.

WOMEN AND GIRLS: CATALYZING ACTION TO ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY

- Empower Women and Girls as change agents and leaders, including by increasing support for local women's groups to participate meaningfully in humanitarian action.
- Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the Outcome documents of their review conferences for all women and adolescent girls in crisis settings.
- Ensure that humanitarian programming is gender responsive.

Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

CHANGING PEOPLE'S LIVES - FROM DELIVERING AID TO ENDING NEED

- Commit to a new way of working that meets people's immediate humanitarian needs, while at the same time reducing risk and vulnerability over multiple years through the achievement of collective outcomes. To achieve this, commit to the following: a) Anticipate, Do Not Wait: to invest in risk analysis and to incentivize early action in order to minimize the impact and frequency of known risks and hazards on people. b) Reinforce, Do Not Replace: to support and invest in local, national and regional leadership, capacity strengthening and response systems, avoiding duplicative international mechanisms wherever possible. c) Preserve and retain emergency capacity: to deliver predictable and flexible urgent and life-saving assistance and protection in accordance with humanitarian principles. d) Transcend Humanitarian-Development Divides: work together, toward collective outcomes that ensure humanitarian needs are met, while at the same time reducing risk and vulnerability over multiple years and based on the comparative advantage of a diverse range of actors. The primacy of humanitarian principles will continue to underpin humanitarian action.

- ◻ Commit to enable coherent financing that avoids fragmentation by supporting collective outcomes over multiple years, supporting those with demonstrated comparative advantage to deliver in context.

NATURAL DISASTERS AND CLIMATE CHANGE: MANAGING RISKS & CRISES DIFFERENTLY

- ◻ Commit to accelerate the reduction of disaster and climate-related risks through the coherent implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, as well as other relevant strategies and programs of action, including the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway.
- ◻ Commit to reinforce national and local leadership and capacities in managing disaster and climate-related risks through strengthened preparedness and predictable response and recovery arrangements.
- ◻ Commit to improve the understanding, anticipation and preparedness for disaster and climate-related risks by investing in data, analysis and early warning, and developing evidence-based decision-making processes that result in early action.
- ◻ Commit to increase investment in building community resilience as a critical first line of response, with the full and effective participation of women.
- ◻ Commit to ensure regional and global humanitarian assistance for natural disasters complements national and local efforts.

HUMANITARIAN FINANCING - INVESTING IN HUMANITY

- ◻ Commit to increase substantially and diversify global support and share of resources for humanitarian assistance aimed to address the differentiated needs of populations affected by humanitarian crises in fragile situations and complex emergencies, including increasing cash-based programming in situations where relevant.
- ◻ Commit to empower national and local humanitarian action by increasing the share of financing accessible to local and national humanitarian actors and supporting the enhancement of their national delivery systems, capacities and preparedness planning.

Invest in Humanity

HUMANITARIAN FINANCING - INVESTING IN HUMANITY

- ◻ Commit to promote and increase predictable, multi-year, unearmarked, collaborative and flexible humanitarian funding toward greater efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability of humanitarian action for affected people.
- ◻ Commit to invest in risk management, preparedness and crisis prevention capacity to build the resilience of vulnerable and affected people.
- ◻ Commit to broaden and adapt the global instruments and approaches to meet urgent needs, reduce risk and vulnerability and increase resilience, without adverse impact on humanitarian principles and overall action (as also proposed in Round Table on "Changing Lives").