

## ***Refugee Leaders Call for Implementation and Accountability from Key Stakeholders at the 2nd European Summit of Refugees and Migrants***

**Berlin, 08 February 2023:** From 17-19 January, about 100 refugee and migrant leaders from 35 European countries converged for the second European Summit of Refugees and Migrants in Berlin, Germany.

The three-day summit covered topics such as investigating and tackling the structural barriers to migrant and refugee inclusion and meaningful participation in key political deliberations and processes. Furthermore, participants emphasised the need to move beyond advocacy and call for implementation and accountability to enhance the lives of refugees, migrants, and host communities in Europe.

The event was hosted by the European Coalition of Migrants and Refugees (EU-COMAR), the European chapter of the Global Refugee-led Network, with support from the Porticus Foundation, the BMW Foundation, UNIRE, EPIM, The Network for Dialogue, New Women Connectors and UNHCR. Activities and deliberations during the three-day event were held at the Robert Bosch Foundation and Oyoun premises.

Participants used design thinking methods to address pressing issues faced by refugees and migrants in Europe. Key themes addressed during the summit include meaningful political participation, funding and financial resources, employment and entrepreneurship, advocacy and coalition building, and legal pathways and safe access to asylum and integration policies. These topics were approached from the perspective of gender, diversity, discrimination, xenophobia, and decolonisation.

The group then presented recommendations on a number of issues to a multi-stakeholder audience. Recommendation topics included improving asylum, reception, and integration policies, strengthening advocacy efforts, providing accessible and transparent funding, and increasing access to funding.

Commenting on the summit, Anila Noor, a founding member of EU-COMAR, stated: “This event showcased the strength and readiness of the refugee and migrant community in Europe to positively contribute to the regional refugee response. We hope these outcomes will lead to policy change in Europe and pledges at the upcoming Global Refugee Forum in Geneva this December.”

At the end of the summit, four co-team members were elected to advance the objectives of EU-COMAR. The team, consisting of refugee and migrant leaders from different regions in Europe, will work voluntarily to implement the objectives of the coalition, utilising their expertise in this field, and prepare for the next European summit.

### ***Names / Profiles of elected Co-Team members:***

**Nyima Jadama** – Berlin, Germany – Founder Bantaba Academy / TV Moderator

**Miles Rutendo Tanhira** – Sweden / Germany – International Migration Researcher

**Silsila Mahboub** – Sofia, Bulgaria – Community Manager of Refugee Advisory Board Association in Bulgaria –Member Board of Directors ARENE, Entrepreneur



**Samaher Al-Hadheri** – Paris, France - Member Board of Directors, Union of Exiled Students, Paris, France

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