



**High Level Meeting
Geneva
19 June 2017
Varembé Conference Centre, Rue de Varembé 13, 1202 Genève**

AGENDA

- 09:00** **Welcome coffee and registration**
- 09:30** **Introductory remarks by GHD Co-chairs**
Australia and Germany
- 09:45** **Reviewing Humanitarian Financing: How to Achieve and Accelerate Impact**
Opening address by:
- *Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator Ursula Muller*
- Panel discussion with:*
- *Mr Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President for Agenda 2030, UN Relations and Partnerships, World Bank*
 - *Sean Lowrie, Director, Start Network Consortium and Chief Executive, Start Network Company*

The High-Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing provided a blueprint for addressing the persistent gap between spiraling humanitarian need and the resources available to meet them. Eighteen months after the panel's report to the UN Secretary-General, this panel will offer different perspectives on the current state-of-play in relation to mobilizing financing for crisis-affected contexts and on efforts to close the humanitarian financing gap.

Key questions to be addressed during this panel include:

- Is there progress in the keys areas of shrinking humanitarian need; broadening the resource base; and achieving greater impact through a Grand Bargain on efficiency?
- Are there examples of good practice that suggest a way forward?
- How can the impact of humanitarian action be reinforced by development and private sector investments in crisis-prone contexts?
- What is needed to leverage additional funding from the private sector, both nationally and internationally?

11:15 **Coffee Break**

- 11:45** **Working with Partners Outside the Humanitarian System: Principles, Complementarity and Humanitarian Space**
Interactive discussion with:
- *Rachel Scott, Head: Conflict, Fragility and Resilience, OECD DAC*
 - *Patrick Youssef, Deputy Regional Director for Africa, International Committee of the Red Cross*

Working with partners outside the humanitarian sector is critical to address underlying drivers of crises, promote resilience and ensure comprehensive, effective crisis response. This panel will explore examples of this new way of working, with a focus on how to leverage the significant value-add of development, private sector and other partners while ensuring the protection of humanitarian space.

Key questions to be addressed during this panel include:

- Is there emerging good practice in this area?
- What motivates development and private sector partners to deepen their collaboration with humanitarian partners in crisis-affected contexts and what can we learn from this?
- Can humanitarian principles and standards provide an enabling framework for non-humanitarian partners?
- How can non-humanitarian partners ensure their actions do not undermine the delivery of principled humanitarian action?

13:00 **Lunch**

14:00 **The Impact of World Humanitarian Summit Commitments – Views and Local Solutions from the Field**

Panel discussion with:

- *Ms Ahunna Eziakonwa-Onochie, UN Resident Coordinator / Humanitarian Coordinator for Ethiopia*
- *Panos Moumtzis, Director, IASC Peer to Peer Support Team (formally STAIT)*
- *Nick van Praag, Ground Truth Solutions*

This panel will hear perspectives from humanitarian leaders in the field on the extent to which commitments made at the World Humanitarian Summit have translated into improved humanitarian action. Evidence on the current status of humanitarian responses and progress achieved since the summit will be presented to inform the discussion.

Key questions to be addressed during this panel include:

- Are there examples of better humanitarian outcomes as a result of commitments made at Istanbul?
- Where do we see progress and where is more effort required?
- Are there potentially game-changing reforms that could be made to accelerate progress?

15:30 **Coffee Break**

16:00 **Key Messages and Closing Comments**

Germany and Australia

16:30 **End of meeting**