

EU-Switzerland co-chairmanship

High Level Meeting

Hotel Royal, 41 rue de Lausanne, Geneva

24 October 2018

AGENDA

09:30 WELCOME COFFEE

10:00 Opening remarks by GHD co-chairs

- Monique Pariat, Director General
European Commission, Directorate General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO)
- Jean-Luc Bernasconi, Deputy Head of Swiss Humanitarian Aid,
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Federal Dpt. of Foreign Affairs

10:15 What role for the GHD over the next two years?

- Presentation of priorities and related new working modalities
- Break-out groups discussion on the priority themes and members' expectations in relation thereto. Guiding questions:
 - *What are the main challenges for donors in relation to the priority themes?*
 - *How can stronger donor coordination (via GHD) help address those challenges?*
 - *What should GHD seek to achieve in relation to these challenges over the next two years and how should this be done concretely? (focus on concrete operational suggestions for GHD members and/or co-chairs)*

11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11:15 Plenary discussion following break-out groups session

12:00 **Early warning update: exchange on forecasts on new or worsening humanitarian crises**

12:30 **LUNCH**

13:30 **Counter-terrorism measures and humanitarian engagement: Safeguarding humanitarian space and ensuring principled and effective humanitarian action**

- Videomessage by Prof. Naz K. Modirzadeh, Director, Harvard Law School Programme on International Law and Armed Conflict
- Tristan Ferraro, Senior Legal Adviser, ICRC
- Emma O'Leary, Humanitarian Policy Advisor, NRC

Plenary discussion guided by the following questions:

- *What is the unintended impact of counter-terrorism measures on humanitarian action?*
- *How to ensure good humanitarian donorship while implementing counter-terrorism measures?*

15:30 **Co-chairs' conclusions and closing remarks, including participants' feedback on the first GHD High Level meeting**

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16:00 **END of the MEETING**