

European Union-Switzerland co-chairs

**High-Level Meeting**

**“The humanitarian-development-peace nexus in times of COVID-19: exploring new challenges, future trends and donors’ role”**

Tuesday 9 February 2020 (15:00 – 17:00, Brussels/Geneva time) – Virtual

**AGENDA**

**15:00-15:05 Opening remarks**

*Paraskevi Michou, Director-General, European Commission, Directorate General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO)*

*Manuel Bessler, Head of Swiss Humanitarian Aid, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs*

**15:05-16:15 The humanitarian-development-peace nexus in times of COVID-19: exploring new challenges, future trends and donors’ role**

**15:05-15:15 Keynote interventions by the co-chairs of the UN Joint Steering Committee to Advance Humanitarian and Development Collaboration (JSC)**

*Mark Lowcock, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (OCHA)*

*Achim Steiner, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*

**15:15 – 15:30 Field presentations**

**Chad**

*UN perspective : Violet Kakyomya (UN RC/HC)*

*Donor perspective: David Kerespars (DG ECHO Head of Office)*

**Sudan**

*UN perspective : Yuri Afanasiev (UNDP Resident Representative) and Axel Bisschop (UNHCR Representative)*

*Donor perspective : Jean-François Golay (SDC Head of Office)*

**15:30 – 16:15 Exchange of views with GHD members**

Framing questions:

- 1) *State of play: what is your analysis of the progress made towards the operationalisation of the humanitarian-development-peace nexus, both globally and at country-level?*
- 2) *Looking ahead: in view of COVID-19 challenges and future developments, how can we collectively (donors, UN, IOs, NGOs) further consolidate humanitarian, development and peacebuilding synergies in order to enhance resilience and “build back better”?*

**16:15 – 17:00 Rest of the meeting (GHD members only)**

**16:15 – 16:45 Early Warning / Early Action: strategic outlook for 2021**

*Presentation by Brian Lander, WFP Deputy Director of Emergencies and Chair of the IASC EWEAR, followed by an exchange of views with GHD members*

Framing questions:

- 1) *Beyond 'early warning', how, when and where could 'early action' / humanitarian diplomacy have the highest added value?*
- 2) *Which strategic and concrete early actions could be considered by donors in 2021?*

**16:45 – 17:00 Update on upcoming GHD meetings, AOBs and conclusions**