

Annual High Level Meeting
German House, Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 871 United Nations Plaza, New York (1. Av @ 49th Str.)
22 June 2018

AGENDA

08:30 **Welcome coffee and registration**

Strategic Exchange with IASC Leaders (Moderation: Minh-Thu Pham, Executive Director for Policy at the United Nations Foundation)

08:55 **Welcome remarks by GHD Co-Chairs**

Dr. **Thomas Zahneisen**, Director for Humanitarian Assistance, German Federal Foreign Office

Steve Scott, Assistant Secretary, Humanitarian & Refugee Policy Branch, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

09:00 **Panel 1: System-wide Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA): How can humanitarian donors support a collective and sustainable approach?**

The recent high-profile cases of sexual exploitation in humanitarian settings demonstrate that years of safeguarding efforts are not preventing the abuse. This session will explore what more can be done to better prevent and respond to SEA in humanitarian settings, working in a collaborative and sustained way.

Introduction by Australia

ERC Mark Lowcock on IASC system wide processes and IASC Principals initiatives

*Video Message by **Jane Connors** – UNSG appointed Victims' Rights Advocate – putting victims at the centre*

Interactive panel discussion: How can donors support collective action?

- **Alexandra MacKenzie**, Director Humanitarian Organizations and Food Assistance, Canada – donor expectations and collaboration
- **Judith Greenwood**, CHS Alliance – putting measures in place to prevent SEA
- **Ms. Faoutmata Ndiaye**, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF – representing Henrietta Fore, the incoming IASC SEA champion
- **Elie Gasagara**, Vice President, World Vision – field experience

Comments/questions from the floor

Key questions to be addressed during this panel include:

What actions from agencies and donors will have systemic and sustainable impact? What donor actions might incentivize (or de-incentivize) strong transparency and accountability? Can we commit to a collaborative approach with harmonized donor and agency practices and compliance mechanisms?

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 German-Australian Co-Chairmanship 2016-18: Review and Outlook (Moderation: Germany and Australia)

In this internal session, we will summarize main trends and achievements over the two-year co-chairmanship. Work stream co-conveners and GHD members have the opportunity to comment and present views on future GHD engagement. We will discuss the proposal for a new GHD principle on cash. We will introduce the incoming GHD co-chairs 2018-2020.

12:00 Buffet Lunch

13:00 Panel 2: The Humanitarian Dimension of Internal Displacement

20 years after the publication of the “Guiding Principles”, internally displaced people continue to be the largest group in need of humanitarian assistance. In addition to providing emergency support to a record number of newly internally displaced people, significant humanitarian resources and funding goes to supporting people in situation of protracted displacement for years or decades, and increasingly so in urban and non-camp settings. This session will focus on how the humanitarian system is evolving to ensure it is fit-for-context in meeting IDPs’ humanitarian and protection needs, including in situations of slow-onset and protracted displacement.

Introduction by Germany

*Presentation on achievements and challenges of the humanitarian response to IDPs: **Eva Svoboda**, Deputy Director of International Law and Policy, ICRC on the needs of urban IDPs and what it means for effective responses.*

***Peter De Clercq**, RC/HC Somalia - field perspective*

Joint presentation on IASC response to humanitarian needs of IDPs

- ***ASG Ursula Müller**, OCHA*
- ***Mohamed Abdiker**, Director for Operations and Emergencies, IOM*
- ***AHC Volker Türk**, UNHCR*

Comments/questions from the floor

Key questions to be addressed during this panel include:

Which gaps remain in the humanitarian response architecture? Are current coordination arrangements effectively meeting the protection and assistance needs of IDPs and host communities? What implications does urban displacement have for the humanitarian architecture and organizations?

Are RC/HCs sufficiently equipped/resourced to ensure that there is no gap on the response to the protection and assistance of IDPs, and enabling complementarity of action among agencies and NGOs?

Looking back at donor practice in recent emergencies, has response to new displacement been timely? How can donors ensure a coherent voice in regard to the respective Government to support assistance and solutions for IDPs?

14:30 **Coffee Break**

14:45 **Panel 3: Humanitarian Financing – How is the evidence base improving and how can donors support prioritized and balanced funding?**

GHD donors are committed to principled humanitarian action, which includes allocating available resources to the most needy and vulnerable populations. While acknowledging that allocation decisions may include strategic elements, newly available data permit a more sophisticated, evidence based approach to needs assessments, crisis classification and resource allocation.

*Introduction by **Monique Pariat**, DG ECHO: What do donors need from IASC partners in order to live up to principled funding?*

Interactive panel discussion with:

- **ASG Ursula Müller**, OCHA
- **N.N.**, World Bank (tbc)
- **Ignacio Packer**, Executive Director, ICVA
- **Lars Peter Nissen**, Director, ACAPS

Comments/questions from the floor

Key questions to be addressed during this panel include:

How is work evolving to measure need severity and funding gaps in a comparable way across contexts? How is this impacting humanitarian appeals? How can we obtain a comprehensive, real-time, transparent and realistic overview of humanitarian needs, gaps, capacities, actors and impact?

What are the opportunities to strengthen donor coordination in support of timely and robust funding? What actions would enable more efficient and effective humanitarian financing strategies?

How do HRPs and HNOs support joint responses and donors' mobilization of adequate funding for the response?

16:15 **Key Messages and Closing Comments**

Germany and Australia

16:30 **End of meeting**