European Union-Switzerland co-chairs

High-Level Meeting


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


15:05-15:15 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