

INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE
86TH IASC WORKING GROUP MEETING

Draft Agenda

11-12 MARCH 2014

HOST: UNICEF, VENUE: 633 THIRD AVENUE (CORNER OF 41ST STREET)
NEW YORK CITY, NY, USA

DAY 1: TUESDAY, 11 MARCH 2014

08:30-09:00 *Arrival with Coffee/Tea*

OPENING

09:00-09:30 **Welcoming remarks by the Host, Martin Mogwanja, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF**
Opening remarks by the Chair, WG Chair

- Adoption of Agenda

THE ROLE OF INTER-AGENCY EVALUATIONS

09:30-10:40 **System-Wide Evaluations, Kelly David, OCHA and Matthew Varghese, UNICEF**
Facilitator: Darlene Tymo, WFP

- Discuss where inter-agency evaluations fit within the IASC architecture, including in L3 response situations

Expected Outcomes:

- Agree on where inter-agency evaluations fit within the IASC architecture, including in L3 response situations

10:40-11:00 *Coffee/Tea Break*

PRIORITY: REVITALIZING PRINCIPLED HUMANITARIAN ACTION

11:00-13:00 **Integration, Jenny McAvoy, InterAction, Antoine Gerard, OCHA, and Patrick Duplat, IRC**
Facilitator: Brian Tisdall, ICRC

- Discussion of the policy implications and related factors affecting humanitarian operations, based on tangible experience from South Sudan and Mali

Expected Outcomes:

- Agree on steps to reinforce the understanding and application of existing policy by humanitarian personnel
- Identify practical measures to support principled humanitarian action in South Sudan and Mali

13:00-14:00 *Lunch (courtesy of UNICEF)*

ONGOING BUSINESS: TRANSFORMATIVE AGENDA AND WG/EDG INTERFACE

14:00-16:00 **Joint Discussion with the Emergency Directors Group**
Facilitator: Kate Halff, SCHR

- Assess the outcomes and potential policy changes required based on the Operational Peer Review (OPR) for the Philippines (Panos Moutziz, STAIT)
- Examine the issues and action points assigned by the IASC Principals to the WG and EDG at their Ad Hoc meeting on 14 February 2014, which were as follows:
 - Asked the WG and the EDG to review the TA protocols on empowered leadership, the IARRM, AAP, HPC and the related tools (MIRA, SRP, situation analysis) in light of the

recommendations of the OPR. **Action by: WG and EDG, by 1 May 2014**

- Asked the Working Group and EDG to prepare recommendations for the application of the Transformative Agenda in slow-onset and complex emergencies, and in countries with low levels of preparedness and/or weak institutions. **Action by: The Working Group and EDG by 1 May 2014.**
- Asked the Working Group and EDG to develop recommendations on how the IASC could improve the effectiveness of its response in non-L3 emergencies. **Action by: The Working Group and EDG by 1 May 2014.**
- Clarify the various structures associated with the EDG and WG, including the “Hybrid Group” and the Senior Transformative Agenda Implementation Team (STAIT)
- Update on the work of the “Hybrid Group”

Expected Outcomes:

- Agreement on any (policy) changes to be made to TA Protocols to manage concurrent L3s, particularly based on the OPRs
- Identification of policy and normative issues arising from the Philippines OPR
- Agreement on how the EDG and WG will complement each other and how associated structures will engage with both groups
- Identify next steps to complete the actions assigned to the EDG and WG by the IASC Principals around the TA

16:00-16:30 Coffee/Tea Break

16:30-18:00 **Joint Discussion with the Emergency Directors Group (continues)**

19:00 Drinks and Dinner for the WG and EDG

Venue: Cibo Restaurant (www.cibonyc.com), 767 2nd Ave at 41st Street

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2014

08:30-09:00 Coffee/Tea

09:00-09:15 **Recap of Action Points from Day 1, WG Chair**

PRIORITY: PROTECTION IN HUMANITARIAN CRISES

09:15-10:45 **Engaging with Rights Up Front as the IASC, Andrew Gilmour, Political Director (Political, Peacekeeping, Humanitarian, and Human Rights), Executive Office of the Secretary-General**

- Presentation of the implications of Rights Up Front for the IASC and humanitarian organizations

Expected Outcomes:

- Agreement on immediate steps necessary for the IASC WG to engage with, and contribute to, aspects of the Rights Up Front Plan of Action that are relevant to humanitarian action, in addition to the ongoing implementation of the tasks as per its protection priority (e.g. the independent review on protection and the development of a protection policy).

10:45-11:15 Coffee/Tea Break

IASC PRIORITIES: ADDRESSING OUTSTANDING ISSUES

11:15-12:00 **Alignment of the Task Team Work Plans and Ensuring Engagement, Sponsors**

- As the Task Teams carry out their work plans, there is a need to develop a strategy to ensure coherent and coordinated engagement with external partners, such as HCs, HCTs, and donors.
- Address any challenges facing Task Teams as they move ahead with their work plans.

Expected Outcomes:

- Discussion and agreement on how to ensure the WG supports the Task Teams, particularly with regards to their externally planned work.
- Decisions around outstanding questions that Task Teams are facing.

12:00-13:30 Lunch

WORLD HUMANITARIAN SUMMIT: IASC ENGAGEMENT OBJECTIVE AND MODALITIES

- 13:30-15:00 **World Humanitarian Summit, Gwi-Yeop Son, OCHA**
Facilitator: George Deikun, UN-HABITAT
- Discussion of how the IASC will engage and contribute, as a collective, with the four themes of WHS:
 - Humanitarian effectiveness
 - Reducing vulnerability and managing risk
 - Transformation through innovation
 - Serving the needs of people in conflict
- Questions to guide the discussion:**
1. What do humanitarians, represented by the IASC, wish to achieve with WHS?
 2. How should the IASC interface with WHS in order to achieve those outcomes?
- Expected Outcomes:**
- Agreement on a strategy for IASC organizations to engage with the WHS themes and regional consultations
 - Potentially develop common positions on each of the thematic areas

15:00-15:15 Coffee/Tea Break

AOB, SUMMARY, CLOSING

- 15:15-15:45 **Engagement with Member States: What Role for the IASC WG?**
- Donors and Member States have been approaching IASC WG organizations and asking for updates and information related to the IASC. How should the IASC WG engage with Member States?
- Expected Outcomes:**
- Agreement on how to engage with donors around IASC WG issues
- Summary of Decisions and Action Points of Meeting, WG Chair**
- 15:45-16:00 **Expected Outcomes:**
- Agreement by the WG on the draft decisions and action points
- Close of Meeting**