

INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE
84TH IASC WORKING GROUP MEETING

Draft Annotated Agenda

18-19 March 2013
American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

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Monday, 18 March 2013 – Day 1

08h30-09h00 Arrival of participants (coffee available)

09h00-09h30 **Opening remarks by the Chair**

John Ging, OCHA

09h30-10h00 **Welcoming remarks by the Host**

Gail J McGovern (ARC President and CEO) and Simon Missiri (IFRC)

10h00-12h30 **Transformative Agenda (TA) – Taking Stock**

The IASC Principals (December 2012): “Endorse[d] the proposal to create a Steering Group of Directors from the Working Group (until the end of March) to finalize the remaining normative work, consolidate a TA implementation plan, oversee the system-wide simulation exercise and develop training and communication materials for dissemination by the end of the first quarter.”

This session will consist of two parts:

- a. Taking stock of work to date on the TA (normative, simulation exercise, field missions): Update from the TA Implementation Steering Group

*Presenter: Mr. Andrew Wyllie, Officer-in-Charge,
Programme Support Branch, OCHA*

- b. Roll-out to the field: Dissemination and Communication Strategy

*Presenters: Ms. Patricia McIlreavy, Senior Director, Humanitarian Policy,
InterAction and Ms. Lauren Landis, Director, Liaison Office in Geneva, WFP*

12h30-14h15 **LUNCH – hosted by American Red Cross**

14h15-15h30 **Transformative Agenda – Application of the TA in slow onset emergencies**

The IASC Principals (December 2012) decided that: “ERC will convene the TA Principals Steering Group in February to discuss application of the TA in slow onset emergencies”.

Drawing on the lessons learned from application of the Transformative Agenda in Syria, this session will prepare for the Principals Steering Group discussion, to be held on 27 March, on application of the TA in slow onset as well as complex emergencies.

Presenters: Mr. Ted Chaiban, Director of Office for Emergency Operations (UNICEF) and Dr. Rick Brennan, Director, Emergency Risk Management & Humanitarian Response (WHO)

15h30-16h00 Coffee/Tea Break

16h00-17h30 Rebooting the IASC Working Group

The IASC Principals (December 2012) decided: “The goals and architecture of the Working Group and subsidiary bodies are to be clarified”.

This session will outline the expectations of the ERC and IASC Principals for this endeavor and will draw on the experience and lessons from past efforts to review the Working Group and streamline the Subsidiary Bodies to set the scene for the following day.

Presenter: Mr. Joel Charny, Vice President for Humanitarian Policy and Practice, InterAction

18h00 Informal Dinner

Tuesday 19 March 2013 – Day 2

09h00-11h15 Rebooting the IASC Working Group

The focus of discussion will be on three areas:

- The IASC Working Group, including its Terms of Reference, composition, frequency of meetings
- The IASC Subsidiary Bodies
- The linkages with regional IASC networks

11h00-11h30 Coffee/Tea Break

11h30-12h15 Rebooting the IASC Working Group - Continued

12h15-14h00 LUNCH – including optional visit to ARC disaster operations centre

14h00-15h30 Humanitarian Principles – Preparation for the IASC Principals Discussion

This session will be introduced by the ICRC and will consist of an exchange on organisations' understanding and practice of Humanitarian Principles. Potential areas to be touched on in the discussion include: the challenges of achieving operational effectiveness in an environment where there is a deficit of commitment to humanitarian principles (with linkages to established initiatives, such as that recently completed by NRC/ECHO); adherence to principles over time: short term pain versus long term gain; contextual application of the Humanitarian Principles, for example in cross-border operations. This discussion will form a basis for recommendations to the IASC Principals agenda.

Presenters: Mr. Brian Tisdall, Head of Division, Multilateral Organisations, Policy and Humanitarian Action, ICRC and Ms. Ingrid Macdonald, Resident Representative, NRC

15h30-15h45 **Coffee/Tea Break**

15h45-17h00 **[Responding to natural disasters in the 21st century: lessons learned from Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, and their applicability to the IASC](#)**

This session will focus on how response was organized in terms of leadership and coordination, and provide insights into how a developed country deals with preparedness, social capital, adaptation/resilience and social media.

Presenter: Mr. Trevor Riggen, Vice President, Disaster Operations, American Red Cross

17h00-17h30 **[Any Other Business](#)**

17h30-18h00 **[Conclusion of the 84th Working Group Meeting](#)**

Chair's Summary and closing