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INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE

Overview IASC Weekly Meetings in 2012

Date	Topic	Presenter	Organisation
11/01	<p><u>IASC (HCT) Evaluation of the humanitarian response to South Central Somalia 2005-2010</u></p> <p>Mr. Riccardo Polastro, Head of Evaluation DARA and team leader of the above mentioned evaluation, will present the conclusions and recommendations of the evaluation of the humanitarian response to South Central Somalia 2005-2010 and be available for questions.</p>	Mr. Riccardo Polastro, Head of Evaluation DARA	DARA
01/02	<p><u>The humanitarian response to the Horn of Africa crisis from an accountability perspective</u></p> <p>Mr. John Damerell, Project Manager, Sphere Project, will provide an update on the Joint humanitarian standards initiative (HAP, Sphere and People in Aid) support to agencies in the field towards promoting application of standards in the humanitarian response.</p> <p>Ms. Aimee Ansari, Humanitarian Policy Representative, Oxfam Geneva, will discuss Oxfam's mechanisms for accountability to affected people in Somalia.</p> <p>Ms. Gwyn Lewis, FAO, Rome, will provide an update on the IASC commitments and initiative to strengthen accountability to affected people recently been endorsed by the Principals as an over arching objective of the Transformative Agenda.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. John Damerell, Project Manager, Sphere Project • Ms. Aimee Ansari, Humanitarian Policy Representative, Oxfam Geneva • Ms. Gwyn Lewis, FAO, Rome 	<p>Sphere Project</p> <p>Oxfam Geneva</p> <p>FAO</p>

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08/02	<p><u>Adjusting the humanitarian system: the IASC Principals Transformative Agenda</u></p> <p>Mark Prasopa-Plaizier, Deputy Chief IASC Secretariat, and Aoibheann O'Keeffe, HAO Transformative Agenda, IASC Secretariat, will present the main aspects of the IASC Transformative Agenda.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Prasopa-Plaizier, Deputy Chief IASC Secretariat, • Aoibheann O'Keeffe, HAO Transformative Agenda, IASC Secretariat 	<p>IASC Secretariat</p>
22/02	<p><u>Rarely Talked About: Psychological Support for Humanitarian Workers</u></p> <p>Mrs. Duda Suzic, Chief Staff Welfare Section, UNHCR. As a member of the UN Staff and Stress Counsellors Special Interest Group, Duda will discuss the existing resources within the UN that currently attempt to address the psychological and psychosocial issues of humanitarian workers.</p> <p>Mr. Rene Boeckli, Stress management advisory for operations, member of the "Security and Crisis Management Support" team (SCMS), Direction of Operations, ICRC, will discuss ICRC's psychological support structures; psychological support from a management perspective; main trends and challenges</p> <p>Mr. Mark van Ommeren, Scientist at WHO, will brief on existing IASC guidance on staff care and on the new manual on Psychological First Aid. The 2007 IASC Guidelines focus on the mental health and well-being of affected populations. These guidelines also include a not-well-known and not-often-enough-implemented action sheet on staff care. The presentation is an opportunity to draw agency attention to this action sheet. The presentation will also briefly outline the new WHO-WTF-WVI psychological first aid guide, which has been endorsed by 24 international humanitarian agencies and which provides clear guidance on how to offer basic psychological support to anybody (incl. staff) who have been recently exposed to extreme stressors.</p> <p>Mrs. Kim Taylor, Chief Humanitarian Resources, OCHA, will brief on past experiences and current issues in providing support to OCHA field staff.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Duda Suzic, Chief Staff Welfare Section, UNHCR • Mr. Rene Boeckli, Stress management advisory for operations, member of the "Security and Crisis Management Support" team (SCMS), Direction of Operations, ICRC • Mr. Mark van Ommeren, Scientist at WHO • Mrs. Kim Taylor, Chief Humanitarian Resources, OCHA 	<p>UNHCR</p> <p>ICRC</p> <p>WHO</p> <p>OCHA</p>

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07/03	<p><u>Launch of the Humanitarian Response Index (HRI) 2011: Addressing the Gender Challenge</u></p> <p>Philip Tamminga, Head of Humanitarian Response Index Initiative at DARA, will present the findings from DARA's HRI 2011 report. The report is based on field research in nine different crises, an assessment of the quality and effectiveness of the 23 main donor governments' humanitarian assistance, and a special focus on how donors can more effectively support gender in humanitarian programming. Representatives from ICVA and GenCap will also provide commentary.</p>	Philip Tamminga, Head of Humanitarian Response Index Initiative at DARA	DARA
21/03	<p><u>Addressing the Gender Challenge - Part II: How does the Gender Marker help?</u></p> <p>Delphine Brun, GenCap Gender Advisor with the Global Clusters, will discuss the roll out of the Gender Marker, and its implications for the design of humanitarian aid projects. The lack of gender sensitive analysis of the needs and the difficulties the humanitarian community faces in translating its commitment to gender equality into practice greatly hampers the quality, efficiency and impartiality of the response provided.</p>	Delphine Brun, GenCap Gender Advisor with the Global Clusters	GenCap
22/03	<p><u>Country Focus: Syrian Arab Republic and Neighbouring Countries</u></p> <p>Mr. Radhouane Nouicer, Regional Humanitarian Coordinator for Syria, will brief on the humanitarian planning and response efforts in the Syrian Arab Republic and neighbouring countries. Mr Noucier will oversee the regional dimension of the Syria response.</p>	Mr. Radhouane Nouicer, Regional Humanitarian Coordinator for Syria	Regional HC
28/03	<p><u>Disaster Risk Reduction: Spending where it should count</u></p> <p>Jan Kellett, Programme Leader, Global Humanitarian Assistance, Development Initiatives, will discuss the findings of the report "Disaster Risk Reduction: Spending where it should count", which examines the levels of donor investment in disaster risk reduction in the top 40 humanitarian recipients over the last 10 years, and compares and contrasts these totals with overall aid figures.</p>	Jan Kellett, Programme Leader, Global Humanitarian Assistance, Development Initiatives	Development Initiatives
23/05	<p><u>Local capacity and partnerships in emergency assistance</u></p> <p>Katherine Nightingale, Senior Advocacy and Policy Officer for Humanitarian Issues, Christian Aid – ACT Alliance, will discuss the findings of the report "Building the future of humanitarian aid: local capacity and partnerships in emergency assistance."</p>	Katherine Nightingale, Senior Advocacy and Policy Officer for Humanitarian Issues, Christian Aid – ACT Alliance	Christian Aid – ACT Alliance

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29/05	<p><u>1. Were we prepared? Addressing the humanitarian situation in the Sahel Region</u></p> <p>Pascal Karorero, Humanitarian Coordinator in Burkina Faso Aurelien Agbenonci, Humanitarian Coordinator in Mali David Gressly, Humanitarian Coordinator for the Sahel Region</p> <p><u>2. Strengthening our accountability for delivery</u></p> <p>Schofield, Interim Executive Director, HAP International</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pascal Karorero, Humanitarian Coordinator in Burkina Faso • Aurelien Agbenonci, Humanitarian Coordinator in Mali • David Gressly, Humanitarian Coordinator for the Sahel Region • Robert Schofield, Interim Executive Director, HAP International 	<p>HCs HAP International</p>
06/06	<p><u>Achieving a Comprehensive and Robust Arms Trade Treaty - the Role of Humanitarian Actors</u></p> <p>In July, Member States will gather in New York for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty.</p> <p>Anna Macdonald, Head of Arms Control Campaign, Oxfam GB Nathalie Weizmann, Legal Adviser, Arms Unit, ICRC Simon Bagshaw, Protection and Displacement Section, OCHA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna Macdonald, Head of Arms Control Campaign, Oxfam GB • Nathalie Weizmann, Legal Adviser, Arms Unit, ICRC • Simon Bagshaw, Protection and Displacement Section, OCHA 	<p>OXFAM GB ICRC OCHA</p>
13/06	<p><u>IASC event on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) – Screening of ‘The Whistleblower’ and Panel Discussion</u></p> <p>Opening Remarks by IOM Director General, Mr William Lacy Swing</p> <p>Ms. Marie Elseroad, International Medical Corps, Co-Chair of the IASC Task Force on PSEA Ms. Beris Gwynne, Director World Vision Geneva, Leader for Global Accountability Ms. Lauren Landis, Director WFP Geneva, WFP Senior Focal Point on PSEA Mr. Ngonlardje-Kabra Mbaidjol, UNHCR Director Ethics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Remarks by IOM Director General, Mr William Lacy Swing • Ms. Marie Elseroad, International Medical Corps, Co-Chair of the IASC Task Force on PSEA • Ms. Beris Gwynne, Director World Vision Geneva, Leader for Global Accountability • Ms. Lauren Landis, Director WFP Geneva, WFP Senior Focal Point on PSEA • Mr. Ngonlardje-Kabra Mbaidjol, UNHCR Director Ethics 	<p>IOM International Medical Corps World Vision WFP UNHCR</p>

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22/06	<p><u>Financing Preparedness - Findings of a Study (1st Phase) and What to Do About Them</u></p> <p>In the context of rising demands placed on the humanitarian system and constrained donor finances, and considering a seeming inability to have all in place that we need for crises that we know very well will occur, preparedness is being discussed and developed at many levels and many stakeholders.</p> <p>Jan Kellett, independent consultant, will present on the report's findings. Sandra Aviles, Senior Officer, Humanitarian Affairs in the FAO Office in Geneva and Co-Chair of the IASC Humanitarian Financing SWG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan Kellett, independent consultant • Sandra Aviles, Senior Officer, Humanitarian Affairs in the FAO Office in Geneva 	<p>Consultant</p> <p>FAO</p>
27/06	<p><u>Update on the humanitarian situation, response priorities and challenges in Yemen</u></p> <p>The recent political, social and economic instability as well as the deteriorating security situation in Yemen have had a high toll on the civilian population, plunging the country into an acute humanitarian crisis.</p> <p>Peter Neussl, Humanitarian Affairs Officer at the Coordination and Response Division Geneva</p>	Peter Neussl, OCHA	OCHA
04/07	<p><u>1. The REACH Initiative: web mapping for improved assessment</u></p> <p>Francesco Pisano, Manager of UNOSAT, and Vincent Annoni, REACH-Global Coordinator, will present on REACH Global, an initiative of ACTED, Impact Initiatives and UNITAR/UNOSAT that combines UNOSAT mapping skills with the field assessment competencies of ACTED and its partners to provide support to the Shelter Cluster</p> <p><u>2. Country update: Chad</u></p> <p>Thomas Gurtner, Humanitarian Coordinator in Chad, will present the current humanitarian challenges in the transition context of Chad.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Francesco Pisano, Manager of UNOSAT • Vincent Annoni, REACH-Global Coordinator • Thomas Gurtner, Humanitarian Coordinator in Chad 	<p>UNOSAT</p> <p>REACH</p> <p>HC</p>

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11/07	<p><u>Haiti from a transition and protection perspective</u></p> <p>Tom Delrue, UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, will present the highlights of a joint OCHA, UNDP/BCPR, and ISDR mission to Haiti to support the transition of humanitarian / cluster coordination mechanism to national led coordination mechanisms.</p> <p>Louise Aubin, Global Protection Cluster (GPC) Coordinator, will brief on key findings of the recent GPC mission to Haiti.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tom Delrue, UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery Louise Aubin, Global Protection Cluster (GPC) Coordinator 	<p>UNDP</p> <p>Protection Cluster</p>
05/09	<p><u>Meeting of the World Humanitarian Day Working Group</u></p> <p>The World Humanitarian Day 2012 campaign has made social media history by sharing more than a billion messages, encouraging people to do something good for someone else. In addition, WHD was commemorated in many different places around the world.</p>		
12/09	<p><u>Clusters and co-facilitators: Lessons learnt from Co-facilitation in the DRC Protection Cluster</u></p> <p>Cluster coordination varies from cluster to cluster, from country to country.</p> <p>Ellie Kemp, Consultant, author of the Evaluation of the DRC Protection Cluster Co-facilitation project</p> <p>Emma Fanning, Protection Coordinator, Oxfam GB, DRC</p> <p>Virginie Vuylsteke, National Protection Cluster Co-Facilitator, Save the Children, DRC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ellie Kemp, Consultant Emma Fanning, Protection Coordinator, Oxfam GB, DRC Virginie Vuylsteke, National Protection Cluster Co-Facilitator, Save the Children, DRC 	<p>Consultant</p> <p>OXFAM GB</p> <p>Save the Children</p>
19/09	<p><u>1. Bridging the relief and development divide?</u></p> <p>Richard Longhurst, Research Associate at the Institute of Development Studies at Sussex University, will discuss whether a stronger focus on programming for seasonality in livelihoods can address the relief and development divide.</p> <p><u>2. Briefing on the occupied Palestinian territories</u></p> <p>Maxwell Gaylard, United Nations Deputy Special Coordinator & United Nations Resident / Humanitarian Coordinator for occupied Palestinian territories until the end of August 2012, will share some of his experiences from this assignment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richard Longhurst, Research Associate at the Institute of Development Studies at Sussex Maxwell Gaylard, United Nations Deputy Special Coordinator & United Nations Resident / Humanitarian Coordinator 	<p>University</p> <p>RC/HC</p>

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03/10	<p><u>The effective use of the global disaster alert and coordination system</u></p> <p>Mr. Thomas Peter, Manager Emergency centre Relief Coordination Centre and GDACS Secretariat, OCHA, will discuss the effective use of the GDACS system, with special focus on the virtual on-site operations coordination centre (OSOCC).</p>	Thomas Peter, Manager Emergency centre Relief Coordination Centre and GDACS Secretariat, OCHA	OCHA
09/10	<p><u>Haiti in transition - Ongoing protection concerns and key human rights developments</u></p> <p>Maria Clara Martin, Chief of the Americas Section, OHCHR, will discuss the findings of the recent Haiti mission of the OHCHR Assistant Secretary-General and OHCHR activities in Haiti.</p>	Maria Clara Martin, Chief of the Americas Section, OHCHR	OHCHR
25/10	<p><u>Sri Lanka in transition: an OCHA perspective</u></p> <p>Thierry Delbreuve, Deputy Chief of OCHA Coordination and Response Division (CRD) Geneva, and Jessica J. Jordan, Programme and Planning Advisor, OCHA CRD New York, will provide an overview about the transition in Sri Lanka with a specific focus on OCHA's transition and the implications for other humanitarian architecture in the country.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thierry Delbreuve, Deputy Chief of OCHA Coordination and Response Division (CRD) Geneva • Jessica J. Jordan, Programme and Planning Advisor, OCHA CRD New York 	OCHA
05/11	<p><u>1. Briefing on the humanitarian situation in Syria</u></p> <p>Jasmine Rockenfeller, Humanitarian Affairs Officer, OCHA Coordination and Response Division (CRD) Geneva, will brief on the humanitarian situation and response inside Syria. This briefing will set the scene for the subsequent agenda item.</p> <p><u>2. Briefing on assistance to Syrian families hosted by the Turkish Government</u></p> <p>Jean-Yves Lequime, Emergency Coordinator/Representative for WFP in Turkey, will brief on the WFP /Turkish Red Crescent Society food assistance to Syrian families hosted by the Turkish Government, including the introduction of the innovative Food e-Card Programme.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jasmine Rockenfeller, Humanitarian Affairs Officer, OCHA Coordination and Response Division (CRD) • Jean-Yves Lequime, Emergency Coordinator/Representative for WFP 	OCHA WFP

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28/11	<p><u>Coordinated Assessments - The Information Portal and other updates</u></p> <p>Loretta Hieber-Girardet, Chief of Coordinated Assessment Support Section (CASS), OCHA and Steph Matti, Communications Officer, Coordinated Assessment Support Section (CASS), OCHA will introduce the recently launched Coordinated Assessment information portal.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loretta Hieber-Girardet, Chief of Coordinated Assessment Support Section (CASS), OCHA Steph Matti, Communications Officer, Coordinated Assessment Support Section (CASS), OCHA 	OCHA
05/12	<p><u>OCHA RO-LAC activities and priorities in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2012/2013</u></p> <p>Mr. Douglas Reimer, Regional Disaster Response Advisor/Officer-in-Charge for OCHA RO-LAC, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (RO-LAC), will inform on RO-LAC activities in the region and plans for 2013.</p>	Mr. Douglas Reimer, Regional Disaster Response Advisor/Officer-in-Charge for OCHA RO-LAC	OCHA
12/12	<p><u>1. Humanitarian situation in Afghanistan - challenges and opportunities</u></p> <p>Arnhild Spence, Deputy Head of Office, will brief on the current challenges and opportunities for humanitarian actors in Afghanistan.</p> <p>Background: Afghanistan is currently undergoing a security transition from international to national control, while facing conflict, severe humanitarian needs and funding shortfalls. OCHA has championed new approaches to rendering the humanitarian system more fit to meet these challenges, including through an innovative Common Humanitarian Action Plan without projects and a rationalisation of the cluster architecture.</p> <p><u>2. Civilians in Protection</u></p> <p>Atif Hameed, Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) Programme Director and Mel Duncan, Cofounder NP and Director for Advocacy and Outreach, will brief on how civilians are directly protecting civilians thereby preventing violence in some of the world's hotspots.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arnhild Spence, OCHA Deputy Head of Office Atif Hameed, Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) Programme Director Mel Duncan, Cofounder NP and Director for Advocacy and Outreach 	<p>Nonviolent Peaceforce</p> <p>OCHA</p>

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