

SECOND IASC

INTER-SECTORAL WORKING GROUPS

MEETING (audio/video-conference)

26 August 2005

16h30-18h30: Room H3, Palais des Nations (Geneva)

10h30-12h30: S-3627B, UN Secretariat (New York)

Annotated Agenda

Objectives:

1. To ensure coherence in the follow up to the different IASC Sectoral Working Groups reports, in preparation for the upcoming IASC Working Group and Principals meetings in September 2005.
2. To discuss and resolve outstanding issues, including the issues of inter-sectoral coordination.
3. To agree on format of the presentations of the upcoming IASC Working Group Retreat

Agenda:

- 16h30-16h40** Introductory Remarks by Yvette Stevens, AERC and Chairperson of the IASC Working Group
- Objectives and expected outcomes of the meeting
 - Status of Action Points from 11 August 2005 Meeting (Report attached).
- 16h40-17h20** Update on ongoing preparation of the Synthesis Report (by Norah Niland, OCHA), with discussion.
- Cluster Lead
 - Roles and Responsibilities of Cluster Lead Agencies
 - Accountability of Lead and Cluster Members
 - Gaps
 - Actionable recommendations
 - Implementation Plans
 - Cluster Secretariats and Support
 - Next Steps
- 17h20-18h00** Questions from participants on other issues related to inter-sectoral coordination
- NFIs and other overlapping issues: how to ensure inter-sectoral coordination?
 - Role of OCHA ?
 - Field engagement in the process ?
 - How to avoid that this process becomes over-bureaucratic?

- What are the implications for funding ?
- How to address sectoral issues that currently are not covered by the existing Sectoral Working Groups (e.g., education) ?
- What about those reports not yet fully finalized?
- How to call these “Sectoral Working Groups”? (Groups have used different terms).

18h00-18h30

Preparatory Work for the IASC WG Retreat and IASC Principals

- Format of the presentation (slides, Executive Summary)
- Facilitation of the IASC WG Retreat
- Suggested structure for IASC Principals Agenda.