

INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF ALL CHAIRPERSONS OF IASC SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND
CLUSTER WORKING GROUPS

Final Annotated Agenda

6 February 2006, 15h00 to 18h00
Palais des Nations, Room F-3 (video-conference)
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I Objectives

The meetings pursues two objectives:

1. Identify synergies between the work of:
 - (a) IASC Subsidiary Bodies (Sub-Working Groups, Task Forces, Contact Groups) and
 - (b) IASC Cluster Working Groupsin order to better integrate cross-cutting issues, avoid duplication of tools and benefit from existing networks.
2. Provide an opportunity to discuss outstanding inter-cluster issues together with OCHA.

II Background

The importance of creating synergies between IASC Subsidiary Bodies and Cluster Working Groups – but also inter-linking the work of the Cluster-Working Groups themselves – was emphasized on several occasions in 2005.¹ For example, it was agreed during the 63rd IASC Working Group “*to harmonise – to the extent possible – different tools used by Cluster Working Groups (CWGs) and by Subsidiary Bodies [...] to ensure coherence of the overall humanitarian response.*”²

The meeting scheduled for 6 February 2006 brings the chairpersons of Subsidiary Bodies and Cluster Working together for the first time. It replaces the 2005 meeting of chairpersons of IASC Subsidiary Bodies and aims to achieve the objectives set out above.

¹ See Final Summary Record and Action Points, Inter-Cluster Working Group Meeting, 14 October 2005 and 63rd IASC Working Group Meeting, 21-22 November 2005. See also email from the IASC Secretariat, October 2005.

² Final Summary Record and Action Points, 63rd IASC Working Group Meeting, 21-22 November 2005

Agenda

15h00-15h05	<p>Welcoming Remarks</p> <p><i>Ms. Yvette Stevens, Assistant Emergency Relief Coordinator and Chairperson of the IASC Working Group</i></p>
15h05-17h00	Identifying Synergies Between Subsidiary Bodies and Cluster Working Groups
15h05-15h10	<p>Preparedness and Contingency Planning</p> <p><i>Mr. Everett Ressler (UNICEF), Co-Chair of the Sub-Working Group on Preparedness and Contingency Planning, and Iain McDonald (WFP)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaboration with Cluster Working Groups so far ▪ Synergies from using existing tools and networks
15h10-15h15	<p>Consolidated Appeals Process and Good Humanitarian Donorship Initiative</p> <p><i>Mr. Toby Lanzer (OCHA), Chair of the CAP Sub-Working Group</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaboration with Cluster Working Groups so far ▪ Synergies from using existing tools and networks
15h15-15h25	<p>Common Services</p> <p><i>Mr. Gerhard Putman-Cramer (OCHA), Chair of the Common Services Group, and Mr. Cherif Ghaly (OCHA), Inter-Agency Emergency Telecommunications</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General update on Common Services ▪ Collaboration with Cluster Working Groups so far ▪ Synergies from using existing tools and networks
15h25-16h10	<p>Discussion / Brainstorming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recommendations on the way forward
16h10-16h15	<p>Human Rights Mainstreaming</p> <p><i>Mr. Christophe Girod (OHCHR), Chair a.i. of the Task Force on Human Rights and Humanitarian Action, and Ms. Nili Safavi (OHCHR)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaboration with Cluster Working Groups so far ▪ Integration of cross-cutting issues ▪ Synergies from using existing tools and networks
16h15-16h20	<p>Gender Mainstreaming</p> <p><i>Ms. Kate Burns (OCHA) and Ms. Tanja Sleuwenhoek (WHO), Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Gender and Humanitarian Assistance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaboration with Cluster Working Groups so far ▪ Integration of cross-cutting issues ▪ Synergies from using existing tools and networks

16h20-16h25	<p>Mental Health and Psychosocial Support</p> <p><i>Mr. Mark van Ommeren (WHO), Co-Chair of the Task Force on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaboration with Cluster Working Groups so far ▪ Integration of cross-cutting issues ▪ Synergies from using existing tools and networks
16h25-17h10	<p>Discussion / Brainstorming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recommendations on the way forward
17h10-18h00	Discussion on Outstanding Inter-Cluster Issues
17h10-17h15	<p>Update on Implementation of the Cluster Approach</p> <p><i>Ms. Yvette Stevens, Assistant Emergency Relief Coordinator and Chairperson of the IASC Working Group</i></p>
17h15-18h00	<p>Discussion / Brainstorming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identifying outstanding inter-cluster issues ▪ Agreeing on the way forward