

**INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP
56th MEETING**

**11-12 February 2004
Auditorium
WFP Headquarters, Rome**

**Preparations for the IASC Principals Meeting 1 April 2004:
Background Note**

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The next IASC Principals meeting will take place, as originally planned, on Thursday 1 April 2004 at the UN Office in Vienna. The meeting will take place at 10.00-13.00 hrs followed by the Principals-only lunch from 13.15-14.30 hrs hosted by the Emergency Relief Coordinator.

The following topics are proposed to be included in the agenda for the meeting:

1. Internally Displaced Persons: How to make the collaborative approach work
2. Innovative methods for engaging non-traditional donors
3. Follow-up to the Humanitarian Summit held on 31 March
4. AOB: Follow-up to the December IASC Principals discussion and the IASC-WG discussion on the Role of the Humanitarian Coordinator

Proposed preparation of background documents:

- IDP Unit/Senior Inter-Agency IDP Network would prepare the background document for the item 1.
- OCHA, in consultation with IASC members, would prepare the background document for the item 2.
- No background document for the agenda item 3.
- The background document for the item 4 would be decided after the February IASC-WG discussion

Please note also that the ERC is also planning to organize an IASC Principals only Dinner in the evening of 31 March. An invitation to the dinner would be sent separately by the ERC.

Expected Decisions/Action Points by the IASC-WG:

The IASC-WG is requested to consider the proposed agenda and arrangements outlined above.

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