

**INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP
53rd MEETING**

8-9 July 2003

**UNHCR Headquarters, Geneva
Room MBT04A (Basement)**

REVISED DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

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Tuesday, 8 July 2003

Morning Session

10:00 – 10:15 **Welcoming Address to the 53rd Meeting of the IASC-WG**
By Mr. Ruud Lubbers, High Commissioner for Refugees

10:15 – 10:30 **Review of the Global Humanitarian Situation and Follow-Up of the Action Points of 52nd IASC WG Meeting**
By Ross Mountain (Chairman of the IASC-WG)

10:30 – 12:30 **Afghanistan**
Introduced by Janet Lim, Director of Technical Advisory Section (UNAMA)

Expected outcomes:

- Endorsement for SMT/UNSECOORD approach to manage current security environment, and support advocacy for greater international commitments to improve the security.
- Agreement on common approaches for engaging with PRTs.
- Endorsement of the UNCT approach to humanitarian response in accordance with UN system operating principles for Transition, agreed with the Afghan Transition Authority.
- Commitments for better common planning and services including IT/communication
- Support for adjusting content and format of TAPA to reflect humanitarian/reconstruction needs.

Afternoon Session

14:00 – 15:30

West Africa

Introduced by the co-leaders of the Joint Humanitarian Review Mission to West Africa, Mark Bowden (OCHA) and Arnauld Akodjenou (UNHCR)

Expected Outcomes:

- Endorsement of and commitment to the proposed overall Joint Humanitarian Review Process for West Africa, including participation in the upcoming regional humanitarian meeting in Dakar on 17 to 18 July.
- Review and support for recommendations stemming from the Protection of Civilian Workshop, with focus on access, small arms, disarmament and reintegration.
- Review of recommendations stemming from the preliminary findings of the Joint Regional Humanitarian Review Mission.
- Commitment to jointly establish a new humanitarian partnership for West Africa, particularly with donors and national authorities.

15:30 – 16:45

Occupied Palestinian Territories

Introduced by David Bassiouni, Special Representative to the Occupied Palestinian Territories (UNICEF)

Expected outcomes:

- Endorsement of the recommendations proposed in the background document

16:45 – 17:00

Coffee

17:00 – 18:30

Iraq

Introduced by Kevin Kennedy, Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq

Expected Outcomes:

- Discussion on humanitarian challenges in Iraq for the UN, including the end of the OFFP, security and resource mobilization
- Discussion on the shape of the UN presence in Iraq, the SRSG Office and relations with the CPA
- Review and agreement on the arrangement and timetable on transition and reconstruction
- Agreement on the concept and way forward for an inter-agency review of Iraq contingency planning and response

Wednesday, 9 July

Morning Session

9:00 – 10:15

Preparedness and Response to Natural Disasters

Introduced by Abbas Gullet, Director of Disaster Management and Coordination (IFRC), and Frank Mohrhauer, Senior Officer, Governance Support and Legal Department (IFRC)

Expected outcomes:

- Agreement to review and analyse progress made in light of recommendations made by the IASC Reference Group on Natural Disasters with focus on areas of joint action research, assessments, monitoring and peer review.
- Agreement on way forward to address the issues on slow onset disasters and cyclical disasters.

10:15 – 10:30

Coffee

10:30 – 11:45

Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

Introduced by Mark Bowden, Co-Chair of the IASC Task Force (OCHA) and Nils Kastberg, Director of Emergency Programmes (UNICEF)

Expected outcomes:

- Endorsement and implementation of the recommendations proposed by the IASC Task Force

11:45 – 12:30

IDPs

Introduced by Kofi Asomani, Special Coordinator for IDPs

Expected outcomes:

- Commitment to support ongoing process of IDP Response Matrix

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:15

Humanitarian Financing and Follow-up to the Good Humanitarian Donorship Conference

Introduced by Randolph Kent (OCHA consultant) and Magda Ninaber van Eyben, Chief Donor Relations (OCHA)

Expected outcomes:

- Discussion and agreement on the way forward with the Study Four “Changes in Humanitarian

Financing and Implications for the United Nations system”

- Discussion and agreement on the Draft ToR for the “Study Four and the Iraq dimension “
- Agreement on how the IASC will liaise with the Implementation Group established in the Good Humanitarian Donorship Conference

15:15 – 15:45

Coffee

15:45 – 16:45

CAP

Introduced by Fabrizio Gentiloni, Chief, Response Coordination Branch (OCHA)

Expected outcomes:

- Endorsement of the Strategic Communication Plan for Donor 2004 CAP Launches.
- Endorsement of the HC decisions for 2004 CAPs
- Guidance for the HCs regarding Appeal/ Strategy documents

16:45 – 17:30

AOB: International Red Cross Conference

Introduced by IFRC

AOB: ECOSOC Humanitarian Segment Preparations

Introduced by Mark Bowden (OCHA)

AOB: Preparations for future IASC-WG meetings

Introduced by Kirsi Madi (IASC Secretariat)