

# The Future of Humanitarian Coordination



It is widely agreed that humanitarian action needs to continue to adapt and become more effective in order to keep pace with the evolving nature of emergencies, including protracted crises, to ensure the needs of affected people are met. With the IASC recognized as the primary mechanism for inter-agency-humanitarian coordination, this side event will explore the added value of the IASC, how it has adapted to the evolving humanitarian environment and what the future holds for humanitarian coordination and this forum.

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**Time: 17:30-18:45 GVA**

**Location: Room XXIV, Palais des Nations, Geneva**

**IASC** Inter-Agency  
Standing Committee

### Chair and Moderator:

- **Ms. Kyung-wha Kang**, Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, OCHA, and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator

### Panel Speakers:

- **Mr. Jan Egeland**, Secretary General, Norwegian Refugee Council
- **Ms. Lise Grande**, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General / Resident Coordinator / Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq
- **Mr. Faizal Perdaus**, President Mercy Malaysia and Chair ICVA Consortium
- **Prof. Dr. Christof E. Ehrhart**, Head of Corporate Communications & Responsibility, Executive Vice President, Deutsche Post DHL Group
- **Dr. Bruce Aylward**, Special Representative of the Director General for Ebola and Assistant Director General for Emergencies, World Health Organization

In light of the progress made since the Humanitarian Reform in 2005, the implementation of the IASC Transformative Agenda since 2012 and the work undertaken in the IASC's five thematic priorities in recent years, the panellists will discuss the following questions:

1. Humanitarian coordination has evolved in recent years, what is working and what is not?
2. What would "perfect" humanitarian coordination look like and how do we achieve it?
3. How can the humanitarian work become more inclusive – of local actors, private sector, affected people and others – yet at the same time be more streamlined, efficient and effective?

## Panel Speakers' Biographies

### **Mr. Jan Egeland, Secretary General, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)**



SG of NRC since 2013. From 2011 to 2013, Mr. Egeland was the Europe Director of Human Rights Watch. As UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator from 2003 to 2006, Egeland helped reform the global humanitarian response system. From 1999 to 2002, he was the UN Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Colombia, and from 1990 to 1997 he served as State Secretary in the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs where he was among the initiators of the peace negotiations that led to the Oslo accords between Israel and PLO in 1993.

### **Ms. Lise Grande, Deputy SRS/RC/HC for Iraq, Resident Representative UNDP Iraq**



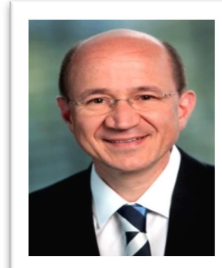
Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI), Resident Coordinator, Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Iraq. Ms. Grande has previously served with the United Nations in India, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Armenia, Angola, East Timor, Tajikistan, Sudan, Occupied Palestine Territories and Haiti. Ms. Grande's experience spans development, humanitarian action and peace-keeping.

### **Dr. Faizal Perdaus, President MERCY Malaysia and Chair ICVA Consortium**



President of MERCY Malaysia since 2010 and the first Asian to be elected as Chair of ICVA. Physician by training, Mr. Perdaus' involvement with MERCY Malaysia began in 2003, when he signed on as a volunteer and became a member of MERCY Malaysia's Executive Council the same year. He headed the Drug Rehabilitation and Assistance Programme in Malaysia from 2003 to 2006, before being elected as President in 2010. In 2014, he was also appointed to the Board of Trustees for MERCY Malaysia UK (MMUK). Dr. Ahmad Faizal's tours of duty include Sri Lanka (2003), Iran (2004), Sudan (2004, 2008), Indonesia (2005, 2006), Pakistan (2005), Myanmar (2008), Syria (2013) and Philippines (2013).

### **Prof. Dr. Christof E. Ehrhart, Head of Corporate Communications & Responsibility, Executive Vice President, Deutsche Post DHL Group**



Head of Corporate Communications & Responsibility and Executive Vice President at Deutsche Post DHL Group; the world's leading mail and logistics Group. He has over 15 years of professional experience in international communications for major global players such as America Online (Internet), Bertelsmann (Media), Schering (Ethical Pharma) and JT International (Tobacco). Ehrhart has also been engaged as a visiting lecturer of Corporate Communications at the Free University Berlin, the University of Zurich and the University of Leipzig. In February 2013, he was appointed Honorary Professor for International Corporate Communications at the Institute Communications and Media Science of the University of Leipzig.

### **Dr. Bruce Aylward, Special Representative of the Director General for Ebola and Assistant Director General for Emergencies, WHO**



SR of the DG for the Ebola Response since 2015 and ADG for Emergencies of WHO. A Canadian physician/epidemiologist, he joined WHO in 1992 as a medical officer and worked 7 years with national programmes in the Middle East, western Pacific, Europe, North Africa & Central & SE Asia. Since 1998 he has been responsible in WHO GVA for the oversight and coordination of all polio eradication activities across WHO's Regional Offices & the Global Polio Eradication Initiative partnership. Led WHO's work in preparedness, readiness and response to humanitarian emergencies as the lead agency of the Global Health Cluster since 2011. Leading WHO's Ebola Response since 2014.