Inter-Agency Standing Committee

Ad Hoc IASC Working Group Meeting

**Agenda**

26 June 2015

09:30-12:00 NY / 15:30-18:00 GVA

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09:30-09:40 **Opening remarks by the Chair,** Kyung-wha Kang, DERC and WG Chair

* Adoption of the agenda

09:40-10:40 **Review of the IASC 2008 Gender in Humanitarian Action Policy Statement**
(30 minutes presentation followed by up to 20 minutes discussion)

Presenter: Daniel Seymour, Deputy Director Programme, UN Women.

***Background:***

In 2008 the IASC adopted a Policy Statement on Gender Equality in Humanitarian Action, setting out the IASC’s commitment to achieving gender equality and ensuring that the human rights of women, girls, boys and men are equally promoted and protected in humanitarian action. The policy sets out the actions, roles and responsibilities to be taken by the IASC and its various structures, to ensure gender equality and women’s empowerment are fully incorporated in all of the IASC work towards more effective and coherent humanitarian action. For the purpose of monitoring and compliance, the original Policy Statement called for a review every 5 years. In this session, Daniel Seymour will present the findings and recommendations of the “Review of IASC 2008 Policy Statement on Gender Equality in Humanitarian Action” commissioned by UN Women on behalf of the IASC Gender Reference Group.

***Expected Outcomes:***

* Discussion on outcomes of the *IASC 2008 Gender policy review*.
* Discuss policy changes required to improve gender equality and empowerment of women in humanitarian action, in particular development of an Accountability Framework.
* Discuss how to reflect gender, age, diversity, sex and others cross-cutting points such as age disaggregated data in the policy framework and overall guidelines of the IASC.

***Background Documents:***

*Review of the IASC 2008 Gender policy: Executive Summary, Documentation Annex and Detailed Analysis Annex*

10:40-11:30 **Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation of Response to Conflict in South Sudan**(20 minutes presentation followed by up to 20 minutes discussion)

Presenter:Koorosh Raffii,Senior UNICEF Evaluation Officer

***Background:***

Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluations (IAHE) are part of the IASC Transformative Agenda and a requirement in every L3 context. It is a tool to assess and reflect on the extent to which the collective response has met its objectives and to provide information on areas of work that need to be improved in the future. It is also meant to promote accountability to donors and affected population and to enable system-wide strategic learning. The Sudan evaluation is the second IAHE to be conducted since their creation, and the first one in a conflict setting. The evaluation team has just completed its field research, making discussion of their key findings and recommendation a timely endeavour. In this session, Koorosh Raffii will present the preliminary findings as well as possible areas of recommendations following completion of field visit.

***Expected Outcomes:***

* Obtain feedback from the IASC WG and EDG on the preliminary findings and recommendations to ensure that they are well targeted and impactful.
* Obtain feedback on ongoing IASC work streams related to the preliminary recommendations.
* Discuss means for ensuring a timely and effective management response to the final recommendations.

***Background Documents:***

*Terms of Reference of the IAHE for South Sudan Evaluation Team*

11:30-11:50 **IASC Principals’ Meeting in Nairobi**

Presenter: WG Chair

In this session, the Chair of the WG will shortly discuss the decisions made at the Principals meeting in Nairobi and proposed next steps.

***Expected Outcome:***

* Agreement on how to take the main action points forward

***Background documents:***

*Draft Action points from the Nairobi Principals meeting*

11:50-12:00 **Conclusions and Summary of Decisions and Action Points of Meeting**

Presenter:WG Chair

***Expected Outcomes:***

* *Agree on the draft decisions and action points from the meeting.*