Inter-Agency Standing Committee

91st IASC Working Group Meeting

**Agenda**

25-26 October 2016

Host: OCHA, New York

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| Time | **Day 1: Tuesday, 25 October 2016** |
| **08:45 – 09:15** | **Arrival with Coffee / Tea** |
| **09:15 – 09:30** | **Welcoming remarks by Ms. Kyung-wha Kang, Chair of the IASC WG** |
| **09:30 – 10:00** | **Keynote remarks and interaction with Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General of the UN** |
| **10:00-10:15** | **Continuation of welcoming remarks by Ms. Kyung-wha Kang, Chair of the IASC WG** |
| **10:15-12:00**  (105 mins)  10:15-10:45  (30 mins) | **Session 1: Upholding the Norms that Safeguard Humanity**  **Session Facilitator:** Ms. Kyung-wha Kang, Chair of the IASC WG  **Safeguarding human rights:** As flagrant abuses of human rights in multiple contexts continue, impacting on people and vital services for them, and in the light of WHS Commitments to reinforce respect for IHL and to uphold the norms that safeguard humanity and tackle impunity, this session will provide an update on the current state of play on implementing Human Rights Up Front and the Centrality of Protection. The discussion will focus on how the Human Rights Up Front Initiative and the Centrality of Protection translate into global policy and field practice, drawing linkages to WHS commitments and the relationship of HRUF and the Centrality of Protection with the IASC Protection Policy.  **Presenter:** Mr. Ben Majekodunmi, Executive Office of the Secretary-General (video link)  **Expected outcome:**   * Identify what support and guidance is required to implement HRUP effectively by IASC partners, including through implementation of the IASC Protection Policy.   **Background papers:**   * Video:http://webtv.un.org/search/human-rights-up-front/5077276050001?term=human%20rights%20up%20front * Secretary-General’s Report: Outcome of the World Humanitarian Summit * World Humanitarian Summit: Commitments to Action * Human Rights up Front An Overview * *The SG: Renewing our commitment to the peoples and purposes of the UN* * SG's April 2015 letter to Heads of AFPs on Human Rights up Front * Human Rights up Front Action Plan * Human Rights up Front Note for circulation |
| 10:45-11:15 | **Coffee Break** |
| 11:15-12:00  (45 mins) | **Session 1: Upholding the Norms that Safeguard Humanity (continued)**  **Session Facilitator:** Ms. Kyung-wha Kang, Chair of the IASC WG  **Enhancing advocacy and speaking out:** Building on recent strong statements by a number of IASC members, this session will discuss what more can be done to ‘speak out’ and strengthen our advocacy (independently and collectively) on key issues and concerns. Such issues include the continued attacks on aid workers and vital services, including medical facilities, challenges in achieving and safeguarding access to those in need of humanitarian assistance, and the need to reinforce respect for IHL, and to tackle impunity in the face of continued grave violations.  **Presenters** Ms. Patty McIlreavy, InterAction; Mr. Roberto Ricci, OHCHR  **Expected outcomes:**   * Identify pressing critical crises where collective advocacy (public and private) are key to successfully mitigating the risks faced by civilian populations. * Identify how the IASC WG and additional key actors can better inform and mobilise advocacy on the protection issues at all levels, including by IASC Principals, through *inter alia* common/ complementary key messages enabling collective or complementary advocacy. |
| **12:00-13:00**  (60min) | **Session 2: Translating the IASC Protection Policy into Practice**  **Session Facilitator:** Ms. Afshan Khan, UNICEF  Following completion of the IASC Protection Policy, the Working Group will discuss the parameters of rolling out and implementing the policy. It will reflect on next steps and the expected roles of individual agencies. It will also identify areas where there may be a need for additional support in applying and implementing the policy effectively. The Working Group will discuss the need for systematic follow up, including through the potential creation of a Protection Task Team (if discussion on this not yet completed), and complementarity with other related policies/initiatives.  **Presenter:** Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild DSRSG/RC/HC for CAR (video link)  **Expected outcomes:**   * Agreement on roll-out and implementation plan of the IASC Protection Policy; * Discussion and agreement on creation of a Protection Task Team *(if conclusion on this has not been reached in advance of the meeting)*. * Agreement on any additional guidance or support required to operational partners, including on ensuring links/complementarity with other initiatives (such as HRUF, and protection of civilians in mandates of peacekeeping or special political missions).   **Background papers:**   * IASC Policy on Protection in Humanitarian Action * Draft Protection Policy implementation plan * Draft Terms of Reference Protection Task Team * Global Protection Cluster Provisional Guidance Note: Humanitarian Country Team Protection Strategies |
| **13:00-14:30** | **Lunch, hosted by OCHA** |
| **14:30-16:00**  (90 mins) | **Session 3: Enhancing Protection for Refugees, Migrants and IDPs**  **Session Facilitator:** Ms.Erin Kenny, UNFPA  Following the September High-Level Meeting on Refugees and Migrants, the Working Group will be informed on key outcomes including commitments reflected in the *New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants*, UNHCR’s comprehensive refugee response, and work around countering the ‘toxic narrative on refugees and migrants’. The WG will discuss how its work and advocacy can best support realisation of key objectives, including development of the global compacts on refugees and migrants, and protect refugees’, migrants’ and IDPs rights. The Secretary-General has called for renewed efforts to prevent internal displacement, address the root causes and support safe, dignified and durable solutions for internally displaced people, with the aim of halving internal displacement globally by 2030. The WG will reflect on how it can support the action required for the ‘invisible majority’ to address the plight of IDPs, and reinforce their protection.  **Presenters:**   * Mr. Chaloka Beyani, Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons. * Ms. Ninette Kelley, UNHCR (tbc) and Ms. Lea Matheson, IOM: Overview of outcomes from High-Level meeting on Refugees and Migrants and next steps   **Expected outcomes:**   * IASC Working Group informed on outcomes of 19 September meeting on Refugees and Migrants and required follow-up action by the IASC. * IASC Working Group identifies opportunities to enhance and support work on reaching underserved, vulnerable populations on the move, including IDPs and refugees. * WG explores implications for the IASC’s role and policy on refugee, migrants and IDPs, and identifies areas for IASC WG and member support.   **Background papers:**   * New York Declaration on Refugees and Migrants 19 September High-Level Meeting * UNHCR Comprehensive Refugee Response (CRR) Framework * Open Letter: The Invisible Majority: Helping IDPs * UNGA 71st Rights of internally displaced persons * Press Release on New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants * WHS, Leave No One Behind: A Commitment to Address Forced Displacement, High Level Leaders’ Roundtable, Core Responsibility Three of the Agenda for Humanity (May 2016). |
| **16:00-16:30** | Coffee Break |
| **16:30-17:30**  (60 mins) | **Session 4: Taking the Grand Bargain Commitments Forward**  **Session Facilitator:** Ms. Gordana Jerger, WFP  An overview of outcomes from the Grand Bargain meeting in Bonn, 4-5 September will inform preliminary analysis of where and how the IASC Working Group, and its subsidiary bodies, can contribute to achieving the GB commitments. It will identify where work is already being carried forward in updated ToRs and Workplans, where gaps have already been identified and inform discussion on future priorities.  **Presenters:**  Ms.Melissa Pitotti, ICVA**:** Grand Bargain: Overview of Bonn outcomes and application to IASC workstreams  **Expected Outcomes:**   * Shared understanding of conclusions, commitments and next steps from Grand Bargain discussions and the implications for the WG and IASC Task Teams and Reference Groups * Initial reflection on relevant workstreams and related prioritization for IASC Working Group, including revision of WG workplan.   **Background Papers:**   * A Grand Bargain: A Shared Commitment to Better Serve People in Need * Grand Bargain: Bonn Meeting, Chair’s Summary and workstream summary documents * Analysis of 10 GB workstreams summary documents * TT and RG progress reports post-WHS/Grand Bargain, and Updated IASC Working Group workplan * Mapping of Grand Bargain workstreams and IASC engagement |
| **19:00** | **Informal Dinner - Sip-Sak Restaurant** located at 928 2nd Avenue, between 49th & 50th Streets |

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| **Time** | **Day 2:Wednesday, 26 October 2016** |
| **09:00-09:15** | **Summary of Day 1** |
| **09:15-10:00**  (45 mins) | **Session 5: Dialogue with the Emergency Relief Coordinator**  The ERC will share his vision post-WHS on its impact and outcomes, highlighting the critical forums in which key WHS commitments may be supported and/or taken forward including the Working Group, other IASC bodies, and other forums that support the IASC Principals in advancing the WHS outcomes.  **Expected outcomes:**   * Enhanced understanding of the ERC’s vision of key outcomes and the multi-stakeholder approach to advancing those outcomes.   **Background papers:**   * Secretary-General’s Report on the Outcome of the World Humanitarian Summit * World Humanitarian Summit: Commitments to Action * June 7, 2016 IASC Principals Statement * Summary Record, IASC Principals meeting June 7, 2016 |
| **10:00-10:45**  (45 mins) | **Session 6: Post-World Humanitarian Summit: taking stock and moving forward**  **Session Facilitator:** Ms. Kyung-wha Kang, Chair of the IASC WG  The World Humanitarian Summit has resulted in thousands of commitments and initiatives in support of the Agenda for Humanity. In order to identify priorities, report on progress, and maintain attention to the full agenda, follow up on these commitments will need to be strategic and coherent. Following release of the WHS Commitment to Action Report and the SG’s Report on the Outcome of the WHS, and mindful of IASC Principals discussions in July, the WG will analyse the IASC’s role in taking forward the Secretary-Generals road-map to advance the commitments made at the Summit and progress the Agenda for Humanity overall.  **Presenter:** Mr. Hansjoerg Strohmeyer, OCHA  **Expected outcomes:**   * Identify how the IASC can help to make the PACT a dynamic hub for showcasing results and reporting on implementation. * Discuss contributing to the Annual Synthesis Report and identify how the IASC WG and its mechanisms can help document progress on the combined impact of relevant commitments and initiatives and identifying obstacles and gaps. * Identify how the IASC WG contributes to sustaining attention to the urgency of collectively advancing the Agenda for Humanity.   **Background papers:**   * Secretary-General’s Report on the Outcome of the World Humanitarian Summit * World Humanitarian Summit: Commitments to Action |
| **10:45-11:15** | **Coffee Break** |
| **11:15-12:15**  (60 mins) | **Session 7: Advancing the work of IASC Task Teams and Reference Groups**  **Session Facilitator:** Mr. Rudi Coninx, WHO  The Workplan of the IASC WG, and its subsidiary bodies, already include elements that take forward or support realisation of some of the elements of the Agenda for Humanity, commitments made at the Summit, including the Grand Bargain. However, initial discussions have already identified gap areas where the humanitarian community, including the IASC WG, should strengthen its work. In addition, a small number of new groups, addressing such gaps, were agreed in June 2016, and are using the WHS commitments as a basis for defining their ToRs and areas of focus.  The WG will discuss what more can be done to support work in two specific areas: on **Accountability** **to** **Affected People** (AAP) and **Gender**, both within the work of the existing Task Teams and Reference Groups, but also in contributing to strengthening output and the applicability to the broader workplan.  **Presenter**: Mr. Arafat Jamal, UNHCR (Accountability to Affected People); Mr. David Coffey, UN Women (gender)  **Expected outcome:**   * Identify concrete actions through with the IASC Working Group can ensure enhanced progress in its work on AAP and gender.   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  The Secretary-General has outlined the broad parameters of a **New Way of Working**, building complementarity between humanitarian and development communities where relevant; a theme that was taken forward by IASC Principals in July 2016 and where complementary work is being further developed by the IASC Humanitarian and Development Nexus Task Team. The IASC WG will be briefed on the outcomes of a multi-stakeholder workshop on 21 October, and how this can inform and contribute to other workstreams in this area.  **Presenter:** Mr. Bruno Lemarquis, UNDP  **Expected outcomes:**   * The IASC Working Group is updated on HDN Workshop and next steps.   **Background papers:**   * TT and RG ToRs and Workplans for Gender, AAP/PSEA and HDN. * Humanitarian and Development Nexus Workshop Concept Note |
| **12:15-13:00**  (45 mins) | **Session 8: Changing the way the IASC WG works**  **Session Presenter/Facilitator:** Mr.Arafat Jamal, UNHCR  The WHS and other global processes have reiterated the long-standing call for humanitarians at large, and the IASC in particular, to ensure improved **contextualisation** of its work, and better reflect the diversity of and capitalise on the respective contributions of a broader eco-system of actors and stakeholders contributing to humanitarian response or working within the realm of today’s myriad crises, the IASC by strengthening **inclusion and outreach**.  **Expected outcomes:**   * Identify ways in which the IASC WG can fine-tune its working modalities, and provide guidance to IASC subsidiary bodies, to better engage with a broader range of actors, and contextualise its work and share this with IASC Principals to contribute to their discussion   **Background papers:**   * Secretary-General’s Report on the Outcome of the World Humanitarian Summit * World Humanitarian Summit: Commitments to Action * A Grand Bargain: A Shared Commitment to Better Serve People in Need |
| **13:00-14:00** | **Lunch** |
| **14:00 – 14:30**  (30 mins) | **Valedictory remarks by the ERC** |
| **14:30 – 15:00**  (30 mins) | **Conclusions**   * **Conclusion and Action Points** * **Reflection on outstanding Action Points** * **Agreement of dates of the next WG meetings for the next three years** |
| **15:00 – 15:15** | **Closing remarks and DERC’s own ‘Valediction’** |