**INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE**

**PRINCIPALS MEETING**

**Draft Agenda**

**4 December 2017**

**Host: World Health Organization (WHO)**

**MONDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2017**

*[Principals-only the first two sessions, Principals plus one for the rest of the meeting; Room C, World Health Organization]*

08.30 – 08.45 **Arrival with Coffee/Tea**

08.45 – 9.00 **Opening Remarks:** Mr. Mark Lowcock, Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC)
**(15 min)**

09.00 – 9.15 **Welcoming Remarks:** Mr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO) **(15 min)**

09.15 – 10.45 **Session 1: Financing the Humanitarian System** *(Principals-only)* **(90 min)**

**Presenters:**

* Filippo Grandi, High Commissioner for Refugees, UNHCR
* David Beasley, Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP)
* Ahmad Faizal Mohd Perdaus, International Council for Voluntary Agencies Chair (ICVA)

***Objectives:***

* *It is anticipated that in 2018 donor funding will not match increasing needs, despite in absolute terms financing being at record levels. Principals will exchange ideas on how they might collectively address this growing funding gap, which steps they could take to strengthen the humanitarian appeals system and what more can be done to ensure financing better reaches local actors.*

***Background Papers:***

* *N/A*

10.45 – 11.00 **Coffee/Tea**

11.00 – 12.30 **Session 2: The L2/ L3 system and whether it remains fit-for-purpose in our current operating environment** *(Principals-only)* **(90 min)**

 **Presenters:**

* Anthony Lake, Executive Director, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)

***Objectives:***

* *Discussion on the L2/ L3 system and its appropriateness in the current operating environment.*

 ***Background Papers:***

* Background briefing prepared by EDG secretariat and UNICEF.

12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch** *[WHO Crystal Restaurant]*

14.00 – 15.30 **Session 3:** **Health Epidemic Simulation (90 min)**

 ***Objectives:***

* *Validation of the IASC infectious diseases outbreak activation protocol to ensure an effective collective response in the event of future large scale outbreaks.*

***Background Papers:***

* Background briefing documents prepared by the Health epidemic simulation team

15.30 – 15.45 **Coffee/Tea**

15.45 – 17.15 **Session 4: IASC structures beneath the Principals (90 min)**

**Presenter:** Ursula Mueller, Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator (DERC)/Chair, IASC Working Group (WG)

***Objectives:***

* *Discuss options to strengthen IASC structures.*

***Background Papers:***

Background briefing documents prepared by Ursula Mueller, Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator (DERC)/Chair, IASC Working Group (WG)

17.15 – 17.30 **AOB and Chair’s closing remarks (15 minutes)**

***Objectives:***

* *Agree timing for next Principals Meeting, and agree substantive issue(s) for focused discussion*
* *Agree final action points*
* *Take note of outstanding Action Points*

17.30 – 19.00 **Cocktail Reception offered by WHO**