**Peer to Peer (P2P) Network on the Humanitarian Development Nexus**

**Background**

The IASC Humanitarian Development Nexus Task Team (HDN Task Team) is an interagency forum for convening, presenting, and formulating the collective views of the IASC TT membership around the issue of strengthening the humanitarian development nexus.

Guided by the IASC WG Workplan, the HDN Task Team purpose is to i) coordinate information flows that help shape a common understanding of elements around the New Way of Working (NWOW); ii) review and assess current humanitarian policy, guidance and operational tools against this understanding to identify policy gaps; iii) serve as a port of call to offer support where possible to country teams in their efforts to operationalize the mechanisms, processes, and structures required to strengthen the humanitarian development, and where applicable, peacebuilding nexus.

In line with these tasks, and as an outcome of the peer-to-peer workshop in Entebbe (28-29 November 2017), a Peer to Peer (P2P) network is being established to act as a community of practice on Humanitarian Development Nexus (HDN) and Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus (HDPN) issues. The P2P comes in response to the requirements and suggestions of such a network, as expressed by peers in Entebbe. The P2P will provide support and guidance on ways to implement the elements necessary to strengthen collaboration across humanitarian, development and peace actors who have agreed to work together to solve problems of common concern, share knowledge, and cultivate best practices. Through this P2P, practitioners can share experiences and lessons learned.

**Constituency**

The P2P will include practitioners from UN, NGOs, ICRC, IFRC and, as relevant, be expanded to other constituencies (e.g. IFIs). The strength of this P2P is its non-UN centric representation.

***Modus operandi***

The HDN Task Team will be the facilitator and convener of the P2P; the Task Team co-chairs will serve as the Secretariat for the HDN community of practice.

**Tasks**

The P2P will serve as one-stop shop and repository of information on the NWOW, provide guidance and serve as a connector among practitioners.

More specifically, the HDN Task Team will provide support to a) create the P2P network; b) establish a web-based platform, password protected for practitioners’ use and exchange of information (e.g. post papers, guidance, country snapshots); 3) convene a teleconference every three months where latest developments could be discussed, and updates and sharing of experiences could be exchanged; 4) organise workshops with field practitioners on the NWOW; 5) keep P2P practitioners informed of latest meetings on NWOW and the nexus; 6) share HCT/UNCTs requests for surge capacity through maintaining a light roster of deployable staff to support the NWOW.