

Grand Bargain Annual Meeting 2019

Agenda

Thursday, 27 June 2019, Palais des Nations, Geneva - Salle XXI, Building E, 1st Floor

**Hosted by the Grand Bargain Facilitation Group
(Sweden, United States, OCHA, UNICEF, IFRC, InterAction)
and chaired by the Grand Bargain Eminent Person, Minister Sigrid Kaag**

There is progress in the implementation of the Grand Bargain commitments: the 2019 Independent Annual Report highlights that progress is visible at a technical level, but that more political dialogue among Grand Bargain Signatories is required to address challenges. The objective of the Annual Meeting will be to focus on **substantive issues** and to identify **clear next steps for action to stimulate progress in the implementation of the Grand Bargain commitments during the next two years**. Based on the findings of the 2019 Independent Annual Report, the Facilitation Group, in consultation with the incoming Eminent Person and the Co-Conveners of Grand Bargain workstreams, undertook a focused approach to prioritize key areas for discussion and decision-making to scale up progress and unlock bottlenecks.

09:30-09:55 (25 minutes)	Arrival and Light Refreshments
10:00-10:30 (30 minutes)	Opening and introduction to the Eminent Persons: Mr. Mark Lowcock, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Where do we come from? Video Remarks: Ms. Kristalina Georgieva, Outgoing Eminent Person and World Bank CEO and Greetings on behalf of Ms. Georgieva: Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, World Bank Senior Vice President Where do we go from here? Priorities and vision from the new Grand Bargain Eminent Person: Ms. Sigrid Kaag, Netherlands Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation.
10:30-11:15 (45 minutes)	Presentation and Discussion of 2019 Grand Bargain Independent Annual Report Findings Moderator: Mr. Andrew Kent, Humanitarian Policy Team Leader USAID Session objective: Develop a common understanding of progress made and key opportunities and barriers underpinning continued progress. Presentation of 2019 Grand Bargain Independent Annual Report by Ms. Victoria Metcalfe, Overseas Development Institute, London.
11:15-12:45 (90 minutes)	Leveraging Progress for Transformative Change Moderator: Ms. Carla Haddad Mardini, Director, Public Partnerships Division UNICEF

Session objective: Identify and agree on priority areas where progress has been achieved and where increased Signatories' participation could realize greater transformative impact. Identify the drivers that will enable Signatories' to take action on key success areas and that will ensure that these future individual and collective initiatives will achieve the intended outcomes.

The secret to successful transformation lies in the ability to implement complex change at scale. While many areas demonstrate the significant progress made within the Grand Bargain, much work remains to be done to ensure that this progress can be scaled up by all Signatories.

12:45-13:45
(60 minutes)

Lunch

13:45-15:15
(90 minutes)

Addressing barriers to individual and collective progress

Moderator: Ms. Kate Phillips-Barrasso, Director of Humanitarian Policy at InterAction

Session Objective: Unpack the critical links between progress made on key areas and the need for increased quality of funding to implementing organizations, with the aim of identifying the incentives and disincentives associated with possible system transformation and change. Propose solutions to unlock the barriers to progress.

The Grand Bargain is based on the concept of '*quid pro quo*': if donors and agencies each accept changes, aid delivery will become more efficient, freeing up human and financial resources for the benefit of affected population. One of the fundamental components of the *quid pro quo* is the interplay between quality funding and other areas addressed by the Grand Bargain workstreams.

15:15-15:45
(30 minutes)

The Way Forward and Conclusions from the Eminent Person

Grand Bargain Eminent Person: Ms. Sigrid Kaag, Netherlands Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation

Moderator: Mr. Elhadj As Sy, Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

Session Objective: Finalize common agreement on the way forward for the upcoming year of the Grand Bargain.

During this session, consensus points and priority actions identified during previous sessions will be summarized. As needed and time permitting, any outstanding comments will be received and different options or arrangements to move forward on these priorities will be discussed.

15:45-16:15
(30 minutes)

Grand Bargain Facilitation Group update, communication strategy and closure of the Annual Meeting

Moderator: Mr. Niklas Wiberg, Head, Humanitarian Unit Ministry for Foreign Affairs Sweden

Session Objective: The work of the Facilitation Group and future plans, endorsement of the communication strategy.

16:15-16:30
(15 minutes)

Informal exchange / Coffee