

## Inter-Agency Standing Committee Operational Policy and Advocacy Group (OPAG) Meeting

7-8 November 2019

Host: Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)

Location: Starling Hotel, Geneva

### Agenda

#### DAY 1: THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER

##### 08:30 - 09:00 ARRIVAL

Coffee/tea served throughout the day

##### 09:00 - 09:15 CHAIRS' OPENING REMARKS

Ms. Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director, WFP

Mr. Geir Olav Lisle, Deputy Secretary-General, NRC

#### SESSION 1: RESULTS GROUPS - UPDATE ON CONCRETE DELIVERABLES

**Session objectives:** Examine progress made by the Results Groups on the OPAG-agreed priority areas of work in 2019 and discuss priorities for 2020 to achieve the IASC Strategic Priorities.

##### 09:15 - 10:45 **SESSION 1.1: RESULTS GROUP 2 – ACCOUNTABILITY AND INCLUSION**

*[Deep dive issue to be discussed: Turning rhetoric into reality: How can we build on the deliverables of Results Group 2 to better institutionalize AAP and drive transformative change across the system?]*

*Presenters: Co-Chairs of the Results Group 2*

- Ms. Bernadette Castel-Hollingsworth, Deputy Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR
- Ms. Meritxell Relano, Director, Office of Emergency Programmes, UNICEF

##### 10:45 - 11:00 COFFEE

##### 11:00 - 12:30 **SESSION 1.2: RESULTS GROUP 5 – HUMANITARIAN FINANCING**

*[Deep dive issue to be discussed: Expanding humanitarian funding through innovative finance]*

*Presenters: Co-Chairs of Results Group 5*

- Ms. Marcy Vigoda, Chief, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Branch, OCHA
- Mr. Jeremy Rempel, Head, Humanitarian Financing, ICVA

**12:30 - 13:30 LUNCH**

**13:30 - 15:00 SESSION 1.3: RESULTS GROUP 4 –  
HUMANITARIAN DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATION**

*[Deep dive issue to be discussed: Collective outcomes]*

*Presenters: Co-Chairs of the Results Group 4*

- Ms. Marta Valdes Garcia, International Deputy Humanitarian Director, OXFAM
- Ms. Rekha Das, Inter-Agency Recovery Advisor, UNDP

**15:00 - 15:15 COFFEE**

**15:15 - 16:45 SESSION 2: HUMANITARIAN-DEVELOPMENT-PEACE  
NEXUS**

*Presenter: Ms. Rachel Scott, Head, Crises and Fragility, OECD*

**Session objective:** Discuss concrete and practical opportunities and risks in HDPN implementation in crises settings and in contexts where humanitarian and development action and/or funding is constrained.

**16:45 - 17:00 AOB**

**18:00 DINNER (Location: Auberge du Grand-Saconnex)**

**DAY 2: FRIDAY, 8 NOVEMBER**

**08:30 - 09:00 ARRIVAL**

Coffee/tea served throughout the day

**09:00 - 10:30 SESSION 3: UPDATE FROM PEER-2-PEER**

*Presenter: Ms. Najat Rochdi, Director, Peer-2-Peer Project*

**Session objectives:** Provide an overview of findings and recommendations of recent Operational Peer Reviews (OPRs) and discuss key systemic issues that need to be considered by the OPAG and the IASC.

**10:30 - 10:45 COFFEE**

**10:45 - 12:15 SESSION 1.4: RESULTS GROUP 3 –  
COLLECTIVE ADVOCACY**

*[Deep dive issue to be discussed: Addressing the impact of counter-terrorism (COTER) measures on humanitarian action]*

*Presenters: Co-Chairs of the Results Group 3*

- Mr. Michel Anglade, Director and UN Representative, Geneva Office, Save the Children
- Ms. Shoko Arakaki, Director, Humanitarian Office, UNFPA

**12:15 - 13:15 LUNCH**

**13:15 - 14:15 SESSION 4: IASC ASSOCIATED ENTITIES**

*Facilitator:* Ms. Mervat Shelbaya, Head, IASC secretariat

*Session objectives:* Discuss the status of Entities Associated with the IASC (GCCG, IAHE SG, HPC SG, Gender Ref Group, and MHPSS Ref Group), particularly in terms of their accountabilities to the OPAG.

**14:15 - 14:30 COFFEE**

**14:30 - 16:00 SESSION 1.5: RESULTS GROUP 1 –  
OPERATIONAL RESPONSE**

*[Deep dive issue to be discussed: Mainstreaming of Protection]*

*Presenters: Co-Chairs of the Results Group 1*

- Mr. Julien Schopp, Director, Humanitarian Practice, InterAction
- Mr. Ramesh Rajasingham, Director, Coordination Division, OCHA

**16:00 - 17:00 RECACP AND CLOSING**

Ms. Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director, WFP

Mr. Geir Olav Lisle, Deputy Secretary-General, NRC

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***[NOTE: The Co-Chairs of the Results Groups and the Chair of the EDG are invited to attend all sessions]***