

## INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

## Operational Policy and Advocacy Group (OPAG) Meeting

Geneva, 23 March 2023, from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. GVA  
Host: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)  
Chemin des Anémones 11, 1219 Vernier

*[NOTE: This is an in-person meeting with the participation of the IASC OPAG members and Task Force co-chairs. Plus-Ones and Associated Entity co-chairs are also invited to join in person as observers.]*

**08:30 - 09:00**      **Arrival and Welcoming Coffee**

**09:00 – 10:30**      **SESSION 1:**

*Presenters:* Ms. Mirela Shuteriqi, Director of Policy, ICVA; Ms. Sarah Fuhrman, Director of Humanitarian Policy, InterAction;  
Mr. Gareth Price Jones, Executive Secretary, SCHR

*Guest:* Mr. Mohamed Ag Ayoya, Humanitarian and Resident Coordinator,  
Central African Republic (CAR)

*Objective:* Discussion on OPAG's role in spearheading strategic normative issues and ongoing change processes.

*Background documents:*

- OPAG's strategic normative role on cross-cutting issues and ongoing change processes: a discussion paper by ICVA, InterAction and SCHR
- OPAG Terms of Reference

**10:30 – 10:45**      **COFFEE BREAK**

**10:45 – 12:00**      **SESSION 2: IASC Task Force 4 on Humanitarian Development Collaboration and Linkages to Peace**

*Presenters:* Co-Chairs of the IASC Task Force 4 on Humanitarian Development Collaboration: Ms. Marta Valdes, International Humanitarian Director, Oxfam; Mr. Peter Batchelor, Head, Conflict and Fragility Policy and Engagement Team, UNDP

*Objective:* Discuss progress of the workstreams on the role of humanitarians providing basic services and identify how OPAG can support progressing this priority workstream. Reflect on the draft sector specific guidance on strengthening humanitarian-development-peace collaboration and what more OPAG can do to support country teams. OPAG to provide guidance on adaptation of the TF4 workplan, in particular on the workstreams 1.

strengthening conflict sensitivity in operational planning and delivery, and 2. strengthening funding and financing instruments for joint humanitarian development programming and engage with donors.

*Background documents:*

- TF4 Workplan and Progress Report

**12:00 – 12:10**

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**12:10 – 13:15**

**LUNCH**

**13:15 - 14:30**

**SESSION 3: IASC Task Force 2 on Accountability to Affected People**

*Presenters:* Co-Chairs of the IASC Task Force 2 on Accountability to Affected People: Mr. Frank Mohrhauer, Director, National Society Development Services, IFRC; Mr. Jesse Wood, Chief, Emergencies and Transitions, Policy and Programme Department, WFP; Ms. Tanya Wood, Executive Director, CHS Alliance

*Objectives:* Discuss how IASC members monitor and support country leaders' performance vis-à-vis their role in operationalizing collective AAP commitments. Reflect on the findings of CHS Alliance consultant regarding donor advocacy on AAP. Discuss progress, challenges, and opportunities on how to bring people's views and perspectives more effectively into humanitarian policy and coordination fora to influence decision-making. Discuss what more OPAG can do to support Task Force 2 bringing key priorities to the finishing line.

*Background documents:*

- TF2 Workplan and Progress Report

**14:30 - 15:45**

**SESSION 4: IASC Task Force 1 on Centrality of Protection**

*Presenters:* Co-Chairs of the IASC Task Force 1 on Protection: Ms. Bernadette Castel-Hollingsworth, Deputy Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR; Ms. Erin Weir, Director of Protection, InterAction

*Objective:* Take stock of the progress made with regards to the Action Plan for the implementation of the Independent Review and agree on next steps needed from the OPAG to support the finalization and implementation of the Action Plan, including high level advocacy to ensure the necessary initiatives continue beyond the tenure of the Protection Champions.

*Background documents:*

- TF1 Workplan and Progress Report

**15:45 – 16:00**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**16:00 - 17:15**

**SESSION 5: IASC Task Force 3 on Humanitarian Space - with a focus on counter terrorism (COTER) and bureaucratic and administrative impediments (BAI)**

*Presenters:* Co-Chairs of the IASC Task Force 3 on Humanitarian Space:  
Mr. Aurelien Buffler, Head, Policy Advice and Planning Section, OCHA;  
Ms. Emma O’Leary, Head, Humanitarian Policy Unit, NRC

*Objective:* Discuss developments on COTER and BAI and their implications for the TF workplan and priorities. Hear and agree on what more OPAG can do to support high level advocacy with donors on both CT/Sanctions and on BAI. Agree what further needs to be done to support Task Force 3, as well as field leadership, to mitigate the effects of BaI and COTER. Discuss how OPAG can support Task Force 3 bringing key priorities to the finishing line.

*Background documents:*

- TF3 Workplan and Progress Report

**17:15 – 17:30**

**AOB and Closing Remarks**

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