

Summary Note

Global Dialogue Platform – Anticipation Hub

Session Anchoring Anticipatory Action in the Grand Bargain

The session, organised by the Anticipation Hub as part of the 11th Global Dialogue Platform, included contributions from the co-leads of the Grand Bargain interest group on Anticipatory Action (Germany GFFO and WFP) along with the Grand Bargain Secretariat. In total, there were 35 in-person participants and an additional 46 participants online, as indicated by the event statistics.

After an initial presentation by the Grand Bargain Secretariat, outlining the evolution and achievements of the process, participants were assigned into smaller groups to discuss the key challenges on Anticipatory Action (AA) and explore how the Grand Bargain could address them. These conversations were guided by the background document, developed by the Anticipation Hub, in collaboration with the Grand Bargain Anticipatory Action interest group.

The workout groups were quite unanimous in agreeing to the key challenges need to be tackled in anticipatory action:

- AA funding: limitation of existing funding for AA, disjointed or not coordinated funding streams and difficulties to access AA funding for local actors.
- Lack of coordination/Integration of existing and new AA efforts.

The workout groups have also formulated potential recommendations aimed at addressing the aforementioned challenges.

- Financial transparency: Clarify AA financing channels and secure financial commitments for AA initiatives, including by using more effectively existing funding (e.g. Country-based Pooled Funds) and define clear expectations for flexible funding allocation.
- Ensure access to AA funding for local and national actors and strengthening AA-related capacity at the local level with AA funds.
- Facilitate transparent discussion and position the development of AA system as joint responsibility between development/climate/humanitarian sector and involving Grand Bargain development Signatories, with the objective of avoiding a siloed approach
- Institutionalise Anticipatory Action (AA) within humanitarian efforts by integrating it into the humanitarian program cycle (HPC).

The Grand Bargain was seen as a unique platform, able to broaden political support among humanitarian actors in AA efforts, but also to include development and non-traditional actors. Overall, the primary challenges where the Grand Bargain would have the most value in addressing them, were centred around mobilising additional funding, streamlining efforts at the country level, and engaging non-humanitarian actors.

As the session concluded, the co-leads from the interest group suggested forming an external observer group to provide advice on core group decisions. Interested parties were

encouraged to express their interest to the Grand Bargain Secretariat or the co-leads for potential participation.

As a next step, the Grand Bargain interest group will agree on a specific problem statement based on the inputs received at the session as well as the received from the interest group partners and launch a caucus with a defined process and timeline to achieve the objectives.