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  RECAP 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]