INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE
PRINCIPALS MEETING
Agenda
New York, 31 May 2018
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[Principals plus ones for the morning sessions and lunch]

[Principals-ONLY for the afternoon sessions commencing at 14:00 hrs.]

08:30 – 09:00 Arrival with Coffee/Tea

09:00 – 09:15 Opening Remarks: Mr. Mark Lowcock, Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) (15 min)

09:15 – 10:15 Session 1: Preventing Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) and Sexual Harassment and Abuse of Aid Workers (SHA) (60 min)

Presenters:
- William Lacy Swing, Director General, International Organisation for Migration and IASC Champion on PSEA
- Kate Gilmore, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights (via VTC from Geneva) former IASC Co-Champion on SHA
- Lindsay Coates, InterAction President and former IASC Co-Champion on SHA

Objectives: Review proposals on three specific areas:
- sharing best practices among IASC members;
- improving our referencing system to ensure transgressors cannot move freely through our sector; and
- strengthening our investigatory capacities so that victims have a higher level of confidence that cases will be dealt with in an appropriate and timely way.

Background Papers:
- Good practices among IASC on PSEA and SHA
- Discussion paper on preventing transgressors moving through the sector
- Discussion paper on strengthening investigatory capacities within IASC agencies

*ASG Connors, United Nations Victims’ Rights Advocate will be a guest at this session.*
Session 2: Review of Humanitarian System-Wide Emergency Activation Procedures (60 min)

Presenter: Mark Lowcock, Emergency Relief Coordinator

Objectives: Agree proposal to replace the L3-mechanism, with a new system with two components. The first, a system for triggering prompt, coordinated and substantial operational scale up in response to large, new crises. The second, a system for signalling the need for continuing major responses and high levels of financing for the biggest protracted crises.

Background Papers:
- Concept Note: IASC Humanitarian System-wide Emergency SCALE-UP Activation
- Proposed IASC Reference Document System-Wide SCALE-UP Activation, Definition and Procedures
- Concept Note: IASC Humanitarian System-wide SEVERE/SUSTAIN classification
- System-Wide SUSTAIN Classification for Protracted Crises

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee/Tea (15 min)

Session 3: Strategic Priorities (30 minutes)

Presenter: Ursula Mueller, Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator

Objectives: As a follow-up to the December 2017 Principals Meeting, review and agree on strategic priorities and themes proposed by the Deputies Forum.

Background Paper: Proposed IASC Strategic Priorities 2018/2019

Session 4: Internally Displaced Persons (60 min)

Presenter: Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Objective: Discuss potential for enhanced collaborative efforts to respond to and find durable solutions for IDP situations, adapting to complex context-specific challenges of IDPs and the communities which host them. Agree on collective next steps to meet protection and assistance needs.

Background Paper: Refocusing on Internal Displacement

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

[UNICEF – Catered lunch in Maurice Pate Conference Room]
14:00 – 15:00  **Session 5: Discussion of Current Operational Challenges (60 min)**

**Presenter:** Mark Lowcock, Emergency Relief Coordinator

**Objective:** Discussion on the key operations and action by IASC members to support and strengthen the humanitarian responses.

**Background Paper:** IASC Early Warning and Early Action Report (May 2018)

15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee/Tea (30 min)**

15:30 – 16:30  **Session 6: Private Sector Engagement (60 min)**

**Presenter:** Henrietta Fore, Executive Director, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)

**Objective:** Identify areas where the IASC can make a difference in humanitarian situations through public-private partnerships.

16:30 – 16:45 **AOB and Chair’s closing remarks (15 minutes)**

**Objectives:**

- Agree final action points
- Identify topics(s) for further discussion
- Agree timing for next Principals Meeting (proposal 29 November 2018)