

INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE

PRINCIPALS MEETING

Agenda

New York, 31 May 2018

Host: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) - 13th Floor

[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.*

10:15 – 11:15 **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)**

11:30 – 12:00 **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

12:00 – 13:00 **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]

[PRINCIPALS ONLY SESSIONS]

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)*