

Working together for “Sustainability of Humanitarian Response”

Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre at Dubai Meeting Room

4th MARCH 2018

08:30 – 09:00

Registration

09:00 – 09:15

Workshop Opening – Saeed Hersi, Head of OCHA Gulf Liaison Office

Session I: Humanitarian Landscape and the needs

Overview of the current “Humanitarian Landscape” and the needs

Setting the ground for the day and sharing first-hand information on the current humanitarian landscape and the needs.

09:05 – 09:50

Speaker:

Mr. Iyad Nasr, Head of OCHA Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa

[15 minute presentation and 30 min interactive discussion]

Challenges and opportunities

This session will not only highlight (at expert level) the challenges faced by the humanitarian community with the rising needs but also share some of the opportunities that arise for better humanitarian action particularly the outcomes of the World Humanitarian Summit.

09:50 – 10:35

Speaker:

Ms. Sophie Barbey, Head of Mission, UAE , International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

[15 minute presentation and 30 min interactive discussion]

10:35 – 10:50

Tea/Coffee Break & Networking

Session II: Sustaining Humanitarian Action and Resources

New Way of Working

The humanitarian community has come together to look at a holistic approach to response and developed tools to support the sustainability of resources. The expert will elaborate the “New Way of Working” and its contribution to Sustainability of Aid. In this session the speakers will share information on the NWOW and also a donor’s perspective to this approach.

11:50 – 12:30

Speakers:

Mr. Iyad Nasr, Head of OCHA Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa

Mr. Jean-Louis De-Brower, Director, Humanitarian aid and civil protection (ECHO)

[15 minute presentation and 30 min interactive discussion]

Humanitarian and Development nexus

There is a very thin line between humanitarian and development assistance, and with the increasing complexity of the crises it is felt important that these actors should collaborate to ensure better humanitarian action and long-term solutions. In this session the speakers will share their experiences both from information and implementation.

10:50 – 11:50

Speakers:

Ms. Christina Bennett, Head, Humanitarian Policy Group, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), UK

Mr. Neil Buhne, UN Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Pakistan

[30 minute presentation and 30 min interactive discussion]

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch & Free Time

14:00 – 14:45

Islamic Social Financing

With the limited resources and increasing needs it is important to share information and look at resources that are supporting humanitarian action. Islamic Social Financing such as Zakat is already being diverted to cover some of the needs of the affected population. Highlight the use of Zakat for humanitarian action and importance of sharing information to avoid duplication and better use of resources.

Speakers:

Mr. Ayman Riyadh Al-Mufleh, Secretary General, Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO)

Mr. Khaled Khalifa, GCC Representative, UNHCR

[15 minute presentation and 30 min interactive discussion]

Role and engagement of the different other actors

This session provides an opportunity to highlight the role of different humanitarian actors to help in sustaining aid and support humanitarian action.

14:45 – 15:45

Speakers:

Mr. Giuseppe Saba, CEO, International Humanitarian City in Dubai (IHC)

Mr. Sahba Sobhani, Connecting Business Initiatives

Mr. Eugene Czolij, President, Ukrainian World Congress

15:45 – 16:00

Wrap Up & Presentation of Certificates