

THEME: “AID AND CORONAVIRUS, A FOCUS ON AFRICA”

Day 1, MONDAY - 15 MARCH 2021

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

10:00 – 11:00	<p>H.E. Mr. Saeed Al Eter, Chairman, UAE Government Media Office; Director-General, The Executive Office of H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum; Deputy Secretary- General, Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives;</p> <p>H.E. Dr. Hamad Al Sheikh Ahmed Al Shaibani, Director General, Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities Department (IACAD), Dubai;</p> <p>H.E. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO);</p> <p>H.E. Dr. Khaled Sherif, Vice-President for Regional Development, Integration and Business Delivery, African Development Bank Group (AfDB);</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Fahad Bin Sultan, Speaking on Behalf of H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President, United Arab Emirates Red Crescent Authority;</p> <p>H.E. Dr. Janez Lenarcic, European Commissioner For Crisis Management;</p>
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11:00 – 12:00 OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION

12:00 – 13:45 LUNCHEON

13:55 – 14:00 OUTLINE OF THE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

H.E. Amb. Gerhard Putman-Cramer, Director, DIHAD International Scientific Advisory Board (DISAB)

SESSION 1: Africa: The Impact of Conflicts and Humanitarian Crises

14:00 – 15:30	<p>Panel:</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Patrick Youssef, Regional Director for Africa, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) – <i>Chair</i>;</p> <p>Mr. Mohammed Abdiker, Regional Director for East and the Horn of Africa, International Organisation for Migration (IOM);</p> <p>Ms. Ann Encontre, Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Ethiopia;</p> <p>Dr. Nathalie Ndongo-Seh, UN Resident Coordinator, Kingdom of Eswatini;</p>
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15:30 – 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00 – 16:15	<p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS “Foreign Assistance in Covid-19 times: Capacity Building and Innovation”</p> <p>H.E. Amb. Eynat Shlein, Head of Mashav (Agency for International Development Cooperation), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel - <i>Chair</i></p>
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SESSION 2: Africa: The Impact of Climate Change

16:15 – 17:45	<p>Panel:</p> <p>Dr. Robert Kweyunga Kwesiga, Secretary-General, Uganda Red Cross Society – <i>Chair</i>;</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Ovais Sarmad, Assistant Secretary-General, Deputy Executive Secretary, UN Climate Change Secretariat, Bonn</p>
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<p>H.E. Dr. Nawal Al Hosany, Permanent Representative of the UAE to IRENA; Ms. Clare Dalton, Head of Mission, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) UAE Ms. Lois Quam, Chief Executive Officer and President, Pathfinder International, Washington D.C.</p>
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Day 2, TUESDAY - 16 MARCH 2021

SESSION 3: Africa: Population Growth, Urbanization, Education and Employment

09:00 – 10:30	<p>Panel: HE Dr. Tariq Al Gurg, Chief Executive Officer and Member of the Board of Directors, Dubai Cares - <i>Chair</i>; Mr. Yannick Dupont, Chief Executive Officer, Spark, Amsterdam; Dr. Luay Shabaneh, Regional Director for the Arab States and North Africa, UNFPA; Dr. Charles Kwenin, Regional Director for Southern Africa, IOM, Pretoria;</p>
10:30 – 10:45	<p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS <i>“A Renewed EU-Africa Partnership: A Geopolitical Priority”</i> HE Jutta Urpilainen, European Commissioner for International Partnerships</p>
10:45 – 11:15	COFFEE BREAK
11:15 – 11:30	<p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS <i>“Humanitarian-Development Nexus – shifting from delivering aid to ending need”</i> H.E. Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa, Assistant Secretary-General; Director, Regional Bureau for Africa, UNDP</p>

SESSION 4: Africa: Aid Flows, Remittances, Trade, Investments and Economic Growth

11:30 – 13:00	<p>Panel: H.E. Amb. Eynat Shlein, Head of Mashav (Agency for International Development Cooperation), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel - <i>Chair</i> Mr. Claus Sorensen, Senior Adviser on Resilience, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response, Norwegian Refugee Council; Mr. Khaled Khalifa, Senior Advisor and Representative to the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries, UNHCR; Dr. Linda Adhiambo-Oucho, Executive-Director, African Migration and Development Policy Centre, Nairobi;</p>
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCHEON
14:00 – 14:20	<p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS <i>“Innovation and Sustainability of African Diaspora Finance”</i> Prof. Gibril Faal, OBE, JP, Director GK Partners; Visiting Professor Institute of Global Affairs, London School of Economics</p>

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

14:20 – 14:40	<p><i>“IHC Responses to the Coronavirus Pandemic on the African Continent”</i> Mr. Giuseppe Saba, CEO, International Humanitarian City, Dubai;</p>
14:40 – 15:00	<p><i>“How National Disaster Management Authorities Usefully Integrate International Expertise”</i> Mr. Mati Goldstein, Director, Magen Division; Commander Zaka Int’l Rescue Unit Tac-Med, Israel;</p>
15:00 – 15:30	COFFEE BREAK

SPECIAL SESSION: Shaping African Futures...beyond Covid-19

15:30 – 17:30	<p>Panel: Dr. Mukesh Kapila, Professor of Global Health and Humanitarian Affairs, University of Manchester; Former Under Secretary-General, IFRC - <i>Chair</i>;</p>
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<p>Dr Asha Mohammed, Secretary-General, Kenya Red Cross Society, Nairobi;</p> <p>Dr. Mehari Taddele Maru, Professor, School of Transnational Governance and Migration Policy, European University Institute, Florence;</p> <p>Dr. Jebamalai Vinanchiarachi, Principal Adviser, Knowledge Management Associates (Austria), Former Principal Adviser to the Director-General, UNIDO;</p> <p>Dr. Caroline Kisia, Former Executive Director, Action Africa Help International, Nairobi;</p> <p>Dr. Jakkie Cilliers, Head, African Futures and Innovation, Institute For Security Studies, Pretoria;</p>
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Day 3, WEDNESDAY - 17 MARCH 2021

SESSION 5: Africa: Food crisis, Gender and Resilience

09:00 – 10:30	<p>Panel:</p> <p>Mr. Amin Awad, Senior Fellow, Advanced Leadership Initiative, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA-<i>Chair</i>;</p> <p>Ms. Umra Omar, Founder and Executive Director, Safari Doctors, Lamu, Kenya;</p> <p>Mr. Claus Sorensen, Senior Adviser on Resilience, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response, Norwegian Refugee Council;</p> <p>Mr. Sean Granville-Ross, Regional Director for Africa, Mercy Corps;</p> <p>Ms. Lola Castro, Regional Director for Southern Africa and Indian Ocean States, World Food Programme (WFP)</p>
10:30 – 10:45	<p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS <i>“The Current Situation in the Sahel..”</i></p> <p>H.E. Ms. Mbaranga Gasarabwe, Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Minusma and Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator, Mali;</p>
10:45 – 11:15	COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 6: Africa: Contemporary and Future Health Challenges

11:15 – 12:45	<p>Panel:</p> <p>Dr. Chibuzo Okonta, President, Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) West Africa - <i>Chair</i>;</p> <p>H.E. Dr. Ibrahima Soce Fall, Assistant Director-General for Emergency Response, WHO</p> <p>Ms. Chiara Scanagatta, South Sudan Programme Manager, CUAMM Doctors with Africa, Padova, Italy;</p> <p>Mr. Mamadi Diakite, Special Adviser for Security, Humanitarian Affairs and Fragile Countries, UNAIDS, Geneva;</p> <p>Mr. Peter Yeboah, Executive Director, Christian Health Association of Ghana, ACCRA (<i>tbc</i>)</p>
12:45 – 13:00	<p>Special Presentation: <i>“The UAE Red Crescent in Africa”</i></p> <p>H.E. Mr. Fahad Bin Sultan, Deputy Secretary-General, Development and International Cooperation, UAE Red Crescent Authority</p>
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCHEON

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

14:00 – 15:20	<p><i>“Activities and Accomplishments in Africa”</i></p> <p>H.E. Mr. Sultan Alsadoon, Director General, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Foundation for Humanitarian Activities</p>
	<p><i>“The West Nile Refugee Child Protection and Adult Safeguarding Project”</i></p> <p>Dr. Sukhwinder Singh, Assistant Professor, UAE University Al Ain;</p>

	<p><i>"An Update on the Epidemiology of Covid-19 in the GCC and Community-Level Good Practices in the UAE"</i></p> <p>Dr. Fawzi Amin, Head, GCC Cluster Office, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Dubai;</p> <p>H.E. Salama Al Ameemi, Director-General, Ma'an, Abu Dhabi;</p>
	<p><i>"Community Solidarity Fund against Covid-19"</i></p> <p>Mr. Mohammed Musabbah Ali Dahi, Director, Charitable Institutions Department, Islamic Affairs & Charitable Activities Department (IACAD), Dubai</p>
15:20 – 15:40	<p>CLOSING ADDRESS</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Sergio Piazzi, Secretary-General of Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean</p>
15:40 – 16:00	<p>DIRECTOR DISAB'S SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS</p> <p>H.E. Amb. Gerhard Putman-Cramer, Director of DIHAD International Scientific Advisory Board (DISAB)</p>