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Climate Change: Time to Scale up Anticipatory Humanitarian Action

Dubai Meeting Room, First Floor, Dubai World Trade Centre

08:30 – 09:00

Registration

09:00 – 09:10

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Ms. Sajeda Shawa | Head of UNOCHA Office in UAE.

Session I: What Climate Action Means and Why Anticipatory Humanitarian Action

09:10 – 10:00

Introducing Anticipatory Humanitarian Action

Mr. Omar Farook | Specialist in Early Action and Climate Services, WFP Regional Bureau for the Middle East and North Africa.

[20-minute presentation and 20 min interactive discussion]

Session II: Progress and Achievements in Adaptation, Mitigation and Preparedness

10:00 – 10:45

The Disproportionate Impacts by Climate Change and Disasters: Women, Youth and Children.

Ms. Laila Baker | Regional Director for Arab States in UNFPA.

[25-minute presentation and 20 min interactive discussion]

10:45 – 11:00

The Outcomes of COP27 and the Expectations from COP28

Ms. Wedad Al Hassan | Senior Advisor Partnerships, COP28 Presidency.

[15-minute presentation including Q&A]

11:00 – 11:15

Tea/Coffee Break & Networking

Session III: Financing Innovation for Climate Humanitarian Action

11:15 – 11:30

GIS Solutions for Disaster Risk Management

Mr. Olivier Cottray | Director of Humanitarian Solutions, Esri, Chamonix, France.

[15-minute presentation including Q&A]

11:30 – 12:20

Anticipatory Action, Climate Change, and the Humanitarian Funding Gap

Mr. Greg Puley | Head of Climate Team, UNOCHA, New York.

[30-minute presentation and 20 min interactive discussion]

12:20 – 13:30

Lunch, Free Time & Networking

Session III: Financing Innovation for Climate Humanitarian Action (continue..)

13:30 – 14:15

How can Innovation Scale up Support to Refuges, Displaced and Disadvantaged Groups.

Mr. Khaled Khalifa | Senior Advisor and Representative to the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries, UNHCR.

[25-minute presentation and 20 min interactive discussion]

14:15 – 15:00

Adaptation and Vulnerability: Good Practices

Ms. Rania Ahmed | Deputy Regional Director, IFRC MENA Region Office.

[25-minute presentation and 20 min interactive discussion]

15:00 – 15:15

Tea/Coffee Break & Networking

15:15 – 15:30

Wrap Up & Presentation of Certificates

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP SPEAKERS



MR. GREG PULEY

Head of Climate Team, UNOCHA, New York

Greg has had a long career of both programme management and policy development in the humanitarian sphere in Africa, Asia and Latin America. With the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs he has served as Chief of Section, Middle East and North Africa; Deputy Head of Office and Head of Office ai., Myanmar; Senior Advisor in the Coordination and Response Division; Chief of Section, Protection and Displacement; and in short term capacities in the OCHA offices in Yemen, Syria, South Sudan and Venezuela. In 2022, Greg authored a landmark study on the global impact of extreme heat, jointly published by the United Nations and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.



MR. KHALED KHALIFA

Senior Advisor and Representative to the GCC, UNHCR

Khaled Khalifa is a professional humanitarian worker with more than 25 years of experience in relief and development. He led humanitarian operations in various settings of natural disasters and complex emergencies. Khaled Khalifa worked in several senior managerial positions with major international organizations in many countries and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. degree in Management Leadership and Organizational Strategy. He holds an MA degree in English Literature & Humanities, an MSc in Sustainable Development, and a Project Management Diploma. He is a well-known international trainer in disaster management and an expert speaker on humanitarian affairs and the Middle East.



MS. LAILA BAKER

Regional Director for Arab States, UNFPA

Ms. Baker has 30 years international experience in global humanitarian and development settings primarily in the Arab region, leading and strategizing programme delivery, resource mobilization, and interagency coordination in complex geopolitical situations. Ms. Baker has served in several representational and advisory roles, she is an expert in UNFPA mandate areas and programmes, including sexual and reproductive health and rights and gender-based violence especially in humanitarian settings.



MR. OLIVIER COTTRAY

Director of Humanitarian Solutions, Esri, France

Mr. Houssam Chahin is the Chief of Private Sector Olivier Cottray is Director for Humanitarian Solutions at Esri. He is in charge of Esri's overall strategy for the support it provides the humanitarian sector. The primary focus of his work is to ensure that local, national and international humanitarian and disaster response actors achieve maximum impact from their use of Esri GIS solutions. Through his work, Olivier is actively engaged in helping foster a thriving community of practice in Humanitarian GIS.



MR. OMAR FAROOK

Specialist in Early Action and Climate Services, WFP Regional Bureau for MENA

Omar Farook has worked as a humanitarian and development professional since 2005 with a focus on Climate Change, Food Security, Disaster Risk Reduction and Humanitarian transition. He has broad experience from multiple countries, including Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Yemen, Iraq, Jordan and Libya. Currently he is based in WFP's Regional Bureau in Cairo where he is leading Anticipatory & Early Action and Climate Security portfolio and provides strategic and technical support to WFP operations and programmes across 15 countries.



MS. RANIA AHMED

Deputy Regional Director, IFRC MENA Region Office
More than twenty five years of success, in positions of increasing responsibility, related to the humanitarian, development and management of non-governmental initiatives in complex countries in Middle East and North Africa, Africa and at global levels. Ms. Rania have built practical experience, combining academic knowledge with practical experience in development and humanitarian programmes and playing a strategic role as one of the leadership team. In her current position as Deputy Regional Director for International Federation for Red Cross Red Crescent-IFRC, Ms. Rania is supporting 17 National Societies in MENA region, provide strategic guidance, and effective management of the IFRC secretariat's work and resources in the region.



MS. SAJEDA SHAWA

Head of UAE Office, UNOCHA

Ms. Shawa brings onboard around fifteen years of experience focusing on partnerships, advocacy and resource mobilization. Her latest appointment was with UNOCHA Regional office for Syria Crisis working closely with the UN ASG – RHC for Syria Crisis supporting him directly on his strategic engagements on donor relations, strategic partnerships and humanitarian outreach, in addition to leading gulf relations, donor reporting and Arabic advocacy. Before joining the UN and focusing on strategy development, She spent around nine years with the European Commission humanitarian arm (ECHO) managing field operations/projects in Iraq, Egypt, Libya, Jordan and Syria and during the last three years developed their humanitarian outreach strategy toward the GCC countries (KSA, UAE, Kuwait and Qatar). Previously she worked with USAID & the Italian Cooperation in Jordan on local development and engagement with the private sector.