Forced Displacement

1. UN Secretary-General seeks the next UN High Commissioner for Refugees: We expect High Commissioner Guterres to continue in his role at UNHCR until the end of 2015. He will be a hard act to follow. Among other important criteria listed in the vacancy announcement, his successor must have partnership experience. Applications are due 14 September. As we did 15 and 10 years ago, ICVA will be seeking to identify potential candidates and invite them to publicly respond to some key questions. Have you heard who might be running? What questions would you have for them? Please contact secretariat@icvanetwork.org if you have information or inputs.

2. NGOs Gear Up for UNHCR’s Governing Board Meeting: Several NGO representatives have registered for the upcoming UNHCR Executive Committee (ExCom) meeting, to be held on 5 - 9 October. The event will commence with a High Level Segment on Afghan refugees. An NGO side event will be held on 8 October about Partnerships in Faith, and on 9 October UNHCR will showcase its new Partner Portal. We are seeking volunteers to draft and deliver the NGO statements for ExCom - if interested please contact Melissa.Pitotti@icvanetwork.org.

3. UNHCR to turn attention towards Root Causes of Displacement: The 16 - 17 December High Commissioner’s Dialogue on Protection will focus on “root causes”. The concept note covers a wide range of topics: partnerships, community-based protection, capacity building with local/national actors, weapons/ lucrative extractive industries, climate change, peace building, women’s leadership, solutions, etc. Prior to each Protection Dialogue, ICVA usually forms a “Friends of the Dialogue” group of NGOs who brainstorm ideas for participation and messages. If you want to join this group — or know of NGOs we should recruit to join this group — please contact Melissa.Pitotti@icvanetwork.org. More information is on the UNHCR website.

4. NGOs Provide Inputs to UNHCR on Salaries and Procurement: A big thanks to those NGOs who contributed to ICVA documents with options for consideration regarding UNHCR’s policy on NGO staff salaries (partner personnel costs) and challenges experienced as a result of UNHCR’s new procurement policy. These documents are available for members on the ICVA website.

5. Community Resilience and Disaster-Related Displacement in South Asia: On 28 September, the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN), ICVA Asia, and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) will co-host the launch of the NRC-commissioned report, "Community Resilience and Disaster-Related Displacement in South Asia", in Bangkok, Thailand - for more information, please contact Julia Mayerhofer (julia@aprrn.info) or Jessica Darby (jessica.darby@icvanetwork.org).

6. Regional Structured Dialogue on Protection at Sea and Statelessness: On 22-24 September UNHCR and ICVA Asia will jointly host the third regional level High Commissioner's Structured Dialogue in Bangkok, Thailand. The Structured Dialogue will focus on improving

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partnerships between NGOs and UNHCR. Discussions will focus on: the recent crisis in the Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea; how to increase UNHCR-NGO cooperation on the joint UNHCR-UNODC-IOM Proposals for Action (May 2015); and the recommendations from the 29 May 2015 Special Meeting on Irregular Migration in the Indian Ocean. The last day will explore how to finance advocacy and campaigns on Protection at Sea and Statelessness by providing an opportunity for peer-to-peer learning. For more information about the Structured Dialogue process, please contact icvaasia@icvanetwork.org

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#### 7. World Humanitarian Summit:

- **Next steps: Thematic and Global Consultations:** With all regional consultations now completed, and the deadline for public submissions passed, the WHS process has now entered a new phase. The Thematic Consultation is next on the agenda, to be held in Berlin (9-11 September), with the Global Consultation coming up in Geneva (14 – 16 October). The agenda for the Global Consultation (soon be finalized) will focus on the synthesis report, with an aim to agree on steps towards Istanbul and post-Istanbul. The WHS Secretariat will send out invitations for the Global Consultations in the near future.

- **Dr. Jemilah Mahmood moving on:** Dr. Jemilah Mahmood, Chief of the WHS Secretariat, will be leaving the Secretariat sometime after the Geneva Consultation. In an interview with IRIN, Nan Buzard, commended Jemilah’s “clear vision of the multiple actors” involved in the WHS process and ensuring the WHS Secretariat “has not been beholden to the UN, Member States, or the NGOs.” Read the article here. The ERC has indicated his wish to identify a successor by November.

- **CSO and National NGO Pre-session:** On 13 October, building on the success of similar processes in Dushanbe and Tokyo, ICVA is working with the WHS Secretariat to hold a pre-session with CSOs and national NGOs invited to the Global Consultation, to prepare for and discuss key emerging issues. For more information, please contact jamie.munn@icvanetwork.org

- **The Principles of Partnership and #ICVAPoP:** Join now to reach 100 signatories: The number of organizations endorsing the Principles of Partnership is growing steadily, but more organizations are needed. In the lead up to the WHS Global Consultation, help us reach as large an audience as possible, ensuring the Principles of Partnership are more widely shared, applied and adopted in the lead up to, and beyond the WHS. Get involved by championing these Principles within your own organization. For more information visit ICVA’s website or email principlesofpartnership@icvanetwork.org

#### 8. NGO Perspective highlighted during World Humanitarian Day:

ICVA's Executive Director Nan Buzard, spoke as a panelist during the 19 August World Humanitarian Day celebrations in Geneva. The High Commissioner for Refugees, António Guterres, kicked off the panel by saying “the humanitarian system is not broken, but it’s broke… something fundamental must change.” Nan called for simplifying bureaucratic procedures to access financing, reducing barriers to national NGO access to humanitarian funds, and more transparency regarding the efficiency of different funding mechanisms. These points echo the NGOs submission to the High Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing. Take a look at a video link from the WHD panel discussion here. A big thank you to all NGOs who participated in the day. ICVA welcomes any ideas for the focus of WHD 2016, please send these through to secretariat@icvanetwork.org

#### 9. Our Principles in Action: Understanding and Implementing the Code of Conduct

On 2 – 3 September, the ICRC, Humanitarian Forum Indonesia (HFI), and ICVA Asia will co-host a two-day symposium in Bogor, Indonesia, to be attended by over 35 national and international organizations based in Indonesia. This workshop aims to strengthen the understanding of Humanitarian Principles and the Code of Conduct to improve how humanitarian principles are translated into operational decision-making and practices. For more information, please contact James Munn
Humanitarian Coordination

10. IASC Principals meeting: L3 classifications South Sudan, Iraq and Syria: During the ad hoc IASC Principals meeting on the 26 August, several key decisions were made regarding L3 classifications in South Sudan, Iraq and Syria. In Syria, the L3 status will be extended for a further six months. The L3 status in South Sudan will be extended for an additional three months, and for Iraq, the L3 status will be extended until the end of 2015.

Beyond the specific country contexts, Principals discussed the overall L3 mechanism, including: how successful L3 classifications are in protracted crises; how they are perceived by the public; and how the L3 status impacts prioritization of funding by donors. Discussions on these issues will continue throughout 2015. For more information, contact Raphael.gorgeu@icvanetwork.org

11. IASC Working group:

- Revised IASC gender-based violence guidelines: The revised guidelines on IASC gender-based violence have been finalized and are now available. The official launch will take place on the 16 September in Stellenbosch, South Africa. The guidelines are comprehensive, and will soon be made available in a variety of lengths and formats to best suit various audiences.

- Final Transformative Agenda Protocols: Following recent comments and feedback, the final Transformative Agenda Protocols are now finalized and available. The Protocols will be disseminated through the various IASC mailing lists, and will be reviewed again in two years’ time, and are available on the IASC website.

12. NGO Coordination Resource Centre: Do you participate in or convene NGO Coordination bodies? As an NGO consortium, how do you handle signing onto a position/joint statement or a press release, knowing that part of your membership may not share the same view? Don’t forget to visit and use the ICVA NGO Coordination Resource Centre. Join the discussion, share your views and access relevant job postings and links to trainings. (www.ngocoordination.org).

Humanitarian Financing

13. The Inter-Agency Considers its Future on Financing: The Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Humanitarian Financing Task Team (HFTT), co-chaired by ICVA, met on 21 August to discuss its future. Participants agree that the HFTT’s work -- to promote adequate and accessible financing, reduce burdensome donor conditions, bridge the relief-development divide, and improve transparency -- remains relevant and timely. They want to continue their efforts and respond to any proposals that might emerge from the World Humanitarian Summit and the High Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing. Follow-up discussions will be held to see how to improve the IASC HFTT’s ways of working, particularly in relation to the rest of the IASC. For more information contact Melissa Pitotti on melissa.pitotti@icvanetwork.org.

New and Noteworthy

14. Minimum Standards for age and disability inclusion now online: launched by the ADCAP project, the Standards also include sector-specific standards. For more information about the project and to download the Standards see the Help Age website

15. Building a Better Response (BBR): Announcement of dates for Integrated Learning Workshop Series. For information see the BBR website or contact bbr@internationalmedicalcorps.org

16. Save the date MICIC Initiative Webinar: on 9 September at 16.00 (GVA time) the MICIC Initiative is hosting a global webinar on the role of civil
society plays in assisting and protecting migrants. See the [MICIC Initiative](#) for more information.

### ICVA updates

**17. ICVA speaking Arabic and French:** As ICVA continues to promote NGO engagement in humanitarian policy, dialogue and decision making platforms, we must ensure key reports, positions and resources are available in Arabic, English and French. Over the last month, ICVA has finalised the Arabic and French executive summaries of two key reports: **Partner Capacity Assessments of Humanitarian NGOs - Fit for Purpose?** ([Arabic](#), [French](#)) and the **NGO perspective on humanitarian response in Level 3 crises** ([Arabic](#), [French](#)). In the coming month, sections of the NGO Coordination Resource Centre ([www.ngocoordination.org](http://www.ngocoordination.org)) will also be translated and accessible in Arabic and French. Stay tuned!

### Upcoming Events

- **7 September**: Side Event HRC: [Inclusion of women and girls with disabilities in humanitarian settings](#) (Geneva)
- **7-11 September**: ICVA-UNHCR [Structured Dialogue Mission to Myanmar](#)
- **8 September**: ICVA Forced Displacement Working Group
- **9 September**: MICIC Initiative Webinar Role of Civil Society In Assisting and Protecting Migrants Caught in Conflicts and Natural Disasters
- **16-17 September**: ICRC The Fundamental Principles in Historical Perspective (Geneva)
- **18 September**: Annual IOM-CSO Consultations (Geneva)
- **21-22 September**: UNHCR Standing Committee Meeting on Budget (Geneva)
- **22-24 September**: ICVA-UNHCR [Regional Structured Dialogue in Bangkok](#)
- **28 September**: Launch of "Community Resilience and Disaster-Related Displacement in South Asia" (Bangkok)
- **5-9 October**: UNHCR Executive Committee Meeting (Geneva)
- **14-16 October**: WHS Global Consultations (Geneva)
- **19-22 October**: [NGO Consortia and Coordination Symposium](#) (Bangkok)
- **11 December**: IASC Principals Meeting (Geneva)
- **16-17 December**: UNHCR High Commissioner’s Dialogue on Protection Challenges

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- **15-17 March**: UNHCR Standing Committee on Operations (Geneva)
- **4 April**: ICVA Annual Conference (Geneva)
- **23-24 May**: World Humanitarian Summit (Istanbul, Turkey)
- **13-15 June**: Annual Tripartite Consultations on Refugee Resettlement (Geneva)
- **15-17 June**: UNHCR NGO Annual Consultations (Geneva)
- **20 June**: World Refugee Day
- **20-22 June**: ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment (New York)
Switzerland

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