Hot off the press: ICVA briefing paper: The "New Way of Working" Examined: What is the New Way of Working (NWoW)? Who are the actors? What are the implications of the NWoW? What does the NWoW mean for NGOs?

**Forced Displacement**

1. **Global Compact on Refugees/CRRF Update:** Marking the New York Declaration first anniversary, UNHCR’s 18 September Briefing in Geneva, provided details about UNHCR’s specific Monitoring and Evaluation policy on the CRRF and the roll-out of the ‘Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework’ in Central America. On 19 September, ICVA and Geneva-based NGOs **Briefing to Member States** on ‘The New York Declaration and Leaders’ Summit on Refugees, one year on’, offered reflections on both compacts and the CRRF roll-out, with presentations from the Geneve Quaker UN Office; the Amman-based Mixed Migration Platform, the Danish Refugee Council Uganda Country Director and the Executive Director of Comisión de Acción Social Menonita (Honduras). The state of progress on commitments made in New York a year ago were also discussed at the 70th UNHCR Standing Committee, with notable statements from the Director of Comprehensive Responses and NGOs. Side events marking the anniversary were also organised at the General Assembly in New York. On 25-26 September, the UNHCR-IFRC-NGO Reference Group on the CRRF met for the first time for a two-day face-to-face meeting in Amman. Together, Reference Group members had candid exchanges particularly related to further scaling up refugees’ participation in comprehensive refugee responses and the Global Compact process; achievements and challenges in the practical CRRF application as well as how to approach advocacy efforts in a concerted manner. Specific follow-up actions will be taken in the coming months. ICVA members will be informed and solicited for further inputs. For more information, please contact Jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org.

2. **UNHCR ExCom and Standing Committees:** At the UNHCR Standing Committee meeting from 21-22 September, NGOs delivered statements on the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework, and the Grand Bargain. They are available on the ICVA website. At the UNHCR Executive Committee meeting from 2-6 October, NGOs will contribute to the General Debate, the agenda items on International Protection as well as the one on the UNHCR-NGO Annual Consultations. The NGO side-event on Friday 6 October will discuss "1967 Protocol at fifty: Protection and solutions in a new era?". More information is available on [the flyer](https://www.icvanetwork.org/civicrm/mailing/view?reset=1&id=800&snippet=2).

3. **Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs):** ICVA hosted a lively 26 September conversation between NGOs and Ms. Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, Special Rapporteur on the human rights of Internally Displaced Persons. There was significant interest in reviving consideration of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, which remain remarkably relevant as the international community celebrates their 20th anniversary. Topics discussed included: problem analysis, including root causes; ensuring IDP participation, including the participation of IDP children; considering new dimensions of displacement, like out-of-camp contexts; area-based approaches; and applying lessons learned across contexts. There is a growing interest in collaboration, communication, and strategic joint action on IDPs. The meeting set the stage for fruitful collaboration to push for IDP protection over the coming 2018 catalyst year. For more information, please contact Jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org.

4. **UNHCR NGO 2017 Partnership Survey:** This [annual survey](https://www.icvanetwork.org/civicrm/mailing/view?reset=1&id=800&snippet=2) reports a continuing positive trend on the state of UNHCR-NGO partnerships on their work together for refugees, asylum seekers, and internally displaced persons. The survey highlights opportunities for improvement to better partner in serving persons of concern, in particular that local capacity building should not be left to chance, and improved use of the UNHCR Partners Portal. The survey was conducted by UNHCR’s Implementing Partner Management Service (IPMS), alongside HIAS and InterAction.

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5. IOM-NGO Regional Humanitarian Consultations (East and Horn of Africa): Since 2015, ICVA has collaborated with IOM to organise Humanitarian Consultations with NGOs, which now alternate each year between Geneva and IOM’s regional hubs. On 11-12 September, the Consultations focused on the East and Horn of Africa, bringing together, in Nairobi, 74 participants including 45 NGO representatives from 33 NGOs. The objective was to bring dialogue closer to field realities and policy-to-practice initiatives, and enhance the inclusion and accessibility for representatives of local and national NGOs, and reflect on current challenges facing the humanitarian sector to develop key recommendations to further joint engagement on the basis of the Principles of Partnership. A report is now being prepared and will shortly be available on ICVA website. For more information, please contact Jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org.

Humanitarian Financing

6. Less Paper More Aid: ICVA continues to collaborate with Germany FFO and the Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi) on the implementation of the Harmonized Narrative Reporting Pilot taking place in Myanmar, Iraq, and Somalia. The top objective for the pilot over the next few weeks is to engage with pilot participant staff (from NGOs, UN, and donor governments) at the field level in each of the pilot countries, to help ensure full orientation on the objectives and work of the pilot. Field orientation will commence with an initial face-to-face visit with Somalia staff based in Nairobi, followed by virtual orientation for Myanmar and Iraq.

7. The Grand Bargain: The Netherlands hosted a workshop in Geneva on 26 September focusing on developing synergy between Grand Bargain workstreams linked to donor conditions that was co-facilitated by Germany and ICVA. The workshop was attended by co-conveners and key partners for the workstreams on transparency, reducing management costs, multi-year planning and funding, reducing earmarking, and harmonized reporting, and was an important opportunity to make progress on sequencing of activities across workstreams and identifying key recommendations for the Grand Bargain structure (Eminent Person, Facilitation Group, and Secretariat). For more information on either of these initiatives, contact Jeremy.Rempel@icvanetwork.org.

Humanitarian Coordination

8. Role of the Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator: ICVA is pleased to share its report “The Role of the Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator”, the result of a one-year independent study to inform future collective discussion and decisions associated with the Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator (DHC) role within the humanitarian coordination system. The Report and its Executive Summary highlight key issues captured through this study and propose recommendations for the future management of the DHC role. Key takeaways: i) The DHC role is a powerful tool in supporting principled and effective humanitarian aid; ii) The DHC role as a flexible tool for a context based approach; iii) A fully empowered DHC is often a sign of a robustly empowered HC; iv) The DHC role as a possibility to ensure a focus on humanitarian response within the broader frame of the “New Way of Working”; v) The DHC role is associated with increasing cohesion among humanitarian actors in a response. For more information contact Emmanueller.Osmond@icvanetwork.org.

9. IASC Emergency Directors Group (EDG): On 12 September, the EDG convened a call to review the current L3 responses in Iraq, Syria and Yemen to provide recommendations to the IASC Principals on critical support priorities and further extension of the L3 responses. Background papers based on the recommendation of the EDG have now been transmitted to the IASC Principals for their review. An EDG teleconference about the situation in Myanmar and Bangladesh took place on 15 September. The call discussed the humanitarian dimensions of the crisis in Myanmar, the continuing influx of members of Rohingya community to Cox’s Bazar in Bangladesh and the steps to scale-up the humanitarian response in the area.

10. Promoting dialogue between NGOs and humanitarian leadership: During September ICVA organised meetings between NGOs and Ian Ridley,
Head of OCHA in South Sudan; Mamadou Diallo, Humanitarian Coordinator for the Democratic Republic of Congo; and Julien Harneis, Head of OCHA in Nigeria. For more information, contact Emmanuelle.Osmond@icvanetwork.org

**Humanitarian Partnership**

11. IGAD Regional Framework: ICVA participated in the 12-13 September IGAD Member States validation meeting of draft Road Map & Results Framework of the Nairobi Declaration and Action Plan on Durable Solutions for Somali Refugees and Reintegration of Returnees in Somalia. The Member States validated the regional roadmap on how to deliver the commitments made by IGAD Heads of State and Government at the Special Summit on Somali refugees held in Nairobi on 25 March 2017. The comprehensive regional approach, including the national plans and results framework will support commitments on accelerating solutions in Somalia by creating an environment conducive for voluntary and sustainable returns; delivering durable solutions, whilst maintaining protection and asylum space, and promoting the self-reliance and inclusion of refugees in countries of asylum; strengthening sub-regional co-operation; and increasing international responsibility sharing. Discussions at the meeting included reflections expanding the current framework or replicating it to other situations in the region, in particular South Sudan. Follow up included a meeting with **NGOs and Senior Programme Coordinator at IGAD Regional Secretariat on Forced Displacement and Mixed Migration**, Ms. Caroline Njuki, on 3 October, who provided further details on the IGAD process. Later in October **NGO representatives are invited to meet with IGAD representatives in Juba to share perspectives on the regional approach. For more information contact Marco.Rotelli@icvanetwork.org or Addis.Tesfa@icvanetwork.org**

12. The African Union Commission on International Law is planning a forum on ‘The Legal, Political and Socio-Economic consequences of migration, situation of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons in Africa’ dates and location are yet to be specified. Nevertheless, ICVA is engaging with the AU to provide access to its members at the platform. To this end, ICVA has proposed to hold a side event at the location in order to enrich the discussions with an NGO perspective. In the (very high) likelihood that the proposal is accepted by the AU, ICVA would welcome suggestion as well as recommendations on the format as well as the content of the side event. Please contact Marco.Rotelli@icvanetwork.org and Addis.Tesfa@icvanetwork.org

**Humanitarian Learning Stream**

13. The New Way of Working: What is it? What does it mean for NGOs?: Don't forget to register for the next Learning Stream webinar on 5 October, which will focus on the New Way of Working, unpacking overall goals, what changes are needed across the sector, how these changes impact NGOs, and how can NGOs influence this process. For more information and to watch an introductory video go to ICVA's website.

14. Understanding the AHA Centre: We are pleased to announce our first regional learning webinar on Understanding the AHA Centre (ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management). The webinar will be an opportunity to discuss and share with members and NGO partners the operations and structure of the AHA Centre, the opportunities for partnership between NGOs and the AHA Centre and perspectives on how this type of model can evolve / change to better engage multiple stakeholders in the region (and globally). The webinar will be on the 12 October from 15.00-16.30 BKK time. For more information see ICVA website, and to register email secretariat@icvanetwork.org
15. **OCHA and NGOs in Humanitarian Coordination**: On 14 September participants from around the world joined ICVA’s humanitarian coordination learning stream webinar, in partnership with PHAP, which focused on NGO challenges and opportunities to engage with OCHA in an effective and meaningful way. OCHA’s main focus areas, and explored lessons learned from NGOs. Representatives from OCHA, Syrian NGO Alliance and Plan International unpacked the dynamics between OCHA and NGOs. If you missed the webinar you can still [watch the recording](https://www.icvanetwork.org/civicrm/mailing/view?reset=1&id=800&snippet=2).

### New and Noteworthy

16. **Transparency International’s Collective Resolution to Enhance Accountability and Transparency in Emergencies: Synthesis Report** provides an evidence base of the risks to aid integrity, in particular corruption risks, the prevention and mitigation measures being implemented in the sector, and key recommendations to strengthen engagement and investment in aid integrity across the humanitarian sector. Key recommendations are included for a range of stakeholders including humanitarian organisations.

17. **Humanitarian Hackathon 2017**: From 6-8 October in Geneva, The PORT brings together creative minds from around the world to tackle pressing humanitarian challenges in 60 hours. Five interdisciplinary teams with about 10 members each will meet for the three day final hackathon to build working prototypes and tangible solutions for real-life humanitarian problems ranging from waste management in refugee camps, age assessment for migrant children, to creating a cheap sonic wobble-board for lower-limb amputees. Watch the final presentations live on the [webcast](http://theport.ch/home/the-port-2017/) on 8 October from 18:00-19:30 (Geneva time) More information see [http://theport.ch/home/the-port-2017/](http://theport.ch/home/the-port-2017/)

### Forthcoming events

**ICVA Meetings and Events**

- **October 5**: Learning Stream Webinar: The New Way of Working: What does it mean for NGOs?
- **October 12**: Regional Learning Stream: Understanding the AHA Centre
- **November 16**: Learning Stream Webinar Alternative models for humanitarian coordination
- **March 20-21, 2018** – ICVA Annual Conference and General Assembly, Geneva

**Other Meetings and Events:**

- **October 2-6**: UNHCR Executive Committee 68th meeting, Geneva
- **October 17-18**: UNHCR Thematic Discussions Two & Three for the Global Compact on Refugees, Geneva
- **October 26-27**: Regional Conference on the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework, San Pedro Sula, Honduras
- **November 14-15**: UNHCR Thematic Discussions Four & Five for the Global Compact on Refugees, Geneva
- **November 28-December 1**: IOM 108th Council, Geneva
- **November 30**: IASC Principals Meeting
- **December 12-13**: High Commissioner’s Dialogue on Protection Challenges, Geneva