Meeting of the Inter-Agency Emergency Preparedness and Response Network for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA Group)
Cairo, Egypt

Thursday, June 02, 2016

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| 09:00 - 09:10 | Welcome and Meeting Overview  
Following the World Humanitarian Summit, the MENA Group focuses on major themes of the Summit and how the Summit impacts the region and regional humanitarian partners.  
Representative of IOM and Rema Jamous-Imseis (OCHA) |
| 09:10 - 09:30 | Review of Previous Meeting and Overview of MENA Group Survey  
Jonathan Brooker (OCHA) |
| 09:30 - 10:30 | Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts and Upholding the Norms that Safeguard Humanity  
Overview and discussion on the outcomes, new initiatives, and commitments from the WHS and how it relates to countries in the MENA region, including points related to Refugee Law, International Humanitarian Law and humanitarian principles.  
Facilitated by: Rema Jamous-Imseis (OCHA)  
Panel: Lucile Grosjean (ACF) and Omar Mekki (ICRC) |
| 10:30 - 11:30 | Managing Risks and Crises Differently  
Review of key areas addressed during the WHS and how they are relevant to the MENA region. Discussion on how to improve coordination of preparedness initiatives from the regional level including contingency planning, simulation exercises, and working together as regional offices to support Humanitarian Country Teams/Disaster Management Teams.  
Facilitated by: Nihan Erdogan (OCHA)  
Panel: Anne Kindrachuk (UNICEF), Kevin Wyjad (WFP), and Ragy Saro (UNISDR) |
<p>| 11:30 – 12:00 | Coffee break |</p>
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| 12:00 - 13:00| **Women and Girls – Catalyzing Action to Achieve Gender Equality**                                   | Overview and discussion on the outcomes of the WHS focusing attention on the exclusion of women and girls in crisis decision-making, and the impacts of war, displacement and disasters in the MENA region.  
*Facilitated by: Mollie Fair (UNFPA), Panel: Blerta Aliko (UN Women), Basant Montaser (Save the Children), Alexina Rusere (GBV Area of Responsibility)* |
| 13:00 - 14:00| Lunch break                                                                                         |                                                                         |
| 14:00 – 15:00| **Leaving No One Behind – A Commitment to Address Forced Displacement**                             | Overview and discussion on the outcomes and commitments from the WHS in addressing and reducing forced displacement, supporting host countries, and better sharing responsibilities. Also focused on specific vulnerabilities including ensuring assistance is accessible and relevant to women, children, persons with disabilities, people with low economic means and other vulnerable groups.  
*Facilitated by: Jonathan Brooker (OCHA) Panel: Martina Salvatore (IOM), Ibrahim Awad (American University of Cairo, Director of Centre for Migration and Refugee Studies), Olivier Beucher (DRC) and UNHCR (TBC)* |
| 15:00 - 15:30| Coffee break                                                                                       |                                                                         |
| 15:30 – 16:30| **Humanitarian Financing - Investing in Humanity, and Changing People’s Lives – From Delivering Aid to Ending Need** | Overview and discussion on the outcomes of the WHS focusing on the MENA region and the impacts and opportunities related to Islamic Social Financing and the ‘Grand Bargain’. Discussion on reducing risk and vulnerability, ensuring resources are coherent in supporting positive outcomes over multiple years and strengthening local actors.  
*Facilitated by: Reza Kasrai (ICVA) Panel: Sandra Bloemenkamp (World Bank), Tensai Asfaw (IASC High Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing, Philippe Clerk (Oxfam) and Kareema Alsadiq (STACO)* |
| 16:30 – 17:00| **Any Other Business**                                                                               | This session is open for MENA group members to raise issues of interest. |
| 17:00 – 17:30| **Closing, Summary Action Points and Next Meeting**                                                 | *IOM and OCHA*                                                         |