



A GLOBAL NGO NETWORK  
FOR PRINCIPLED AND EFFECTIVE  
HUMANITARIAN ACTION

# ICVA's Virtual Annual Conference

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#ICVAConference2020

**Protecting principled humanitarian action:  
an honest conversation on risk**

## Virtual Programme

09:00 – 09:10

**Introduction to ICVA's first Virtual Annual Conference and setting the stage:**

**Mr. Ignacio Packer**, Executive Director, ICVA

Grounding the discussions on principled and effective humanitarian action

**Ms. Angharad Liaing**, Executive Director, PHAP

Master of ceremonies and on technical aspects of how to engage during the Virtual conference.

09:10 – 10:30

Sharing of a personal experience of criminalization of humanitarian workers:

**Ms. Sarah Mardini**, Syrian Refugee, student, human rights defender, cultural mediator and search and rescue swimmer

**Session 1:**

**Principles at Risk**

A setting the stage on protection of Humanitarian Principles

- **Mr. Yves Daccord**, Director General, International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (ICRC)
- **Ms. Gloria Modong Morris**, Executive Director, Titi Foundation, and Deputy Chair, NGO Forum South Sudan
- **Ms. Inger Ashing**, Chief Executive Officer, Save the Children International
- **Mr. Philippe Besson**, Head Multilateral Division, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Swiss Humanitarian Aid

Moderator: **Mr. Ignacio Packer**, Executive Director, ICVA

**Break**

13:00 – 14:30

**Session 2:**

**What Risks?**

An honest conversation on risk – perspectives shared on what are the risks faced by NGOs.

- **Mr. Jeremy Rempel**, Head of Humanitarian Finance and Coordinator for Less Paper More Aid, ICVA
- **Ms. Hibak Kalfan**, Executive Director, NEAR Network
- **Mr. Jean-François Riffaud**, Executive Director, Action Against Hunger France
- **Mr. Khaleel Desai**, Head of Governance, Islamic Relief Worldwide

Moderator: **Dr. James Munn**, Director, Geneva & Humanitarian Policy, Norwegian Refugee Council and Board member

## Break

16:00 – 17:30

### Session 3:

#### What next?

This session will look at how NGOs and other partners are **mobilizing collaborative and collective action** to promote principled humanitarian action and better manage risk and how NGOs and partners can get involved:

- **Ms. Anna de Courcy Wheeler**, Advisor, Article 36 and International Network on Explosive Weapons (INEW) on the Political declaration to ensure the protection of civilians from humanitarian harm arising from the use of explosive weapons in populated areas.
- **Mr. Marten Menger**, Desk Officer, German Federal Foreign Office, Division for Humanitarian Assistance – Policy, International Organisations, Multilateral Coordination on the “Humanitarian Call for Action”
- **Ms. Diane Goodman**, Senior Coordinator for Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment, UNHCR on the prevention and response to sexual abuse, exploitation and harassment focusing on the priorities of the High Commissioner for Refugees, as Champion on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment
- **Ms. Roxanne Tajbakhsh**, Global Focal point for the Migration Working Group, UN Major Group for Children and Youth on the collective advocacy on youth and migration issues

Moderator: **Ms. Mirela Shuteriqi**, Director of Policy, ICVA

17:30 – 17:45

#### Wrap-up:

Food for thought, reflections and insights:

- **Mr. Roger Yates**, Chair, ICVA