

Draft Record
**Global Humanitarian Platform
Steering Committee Meeting**

OCHA New York, 30 April, 2007

Participants:

Steering Committee: John Holmes, OCHA (co-chair) and Tom Getman, ICVA (co-chair), ICRC Angelo Gnaedinger, IFRC Markku Niskala, Inter-Action Sam Worthington, SCHR Barbara Stocking

Working Level Group: Kasidis Rochanakorn (co-chair), Eva von Oelreich (co-chair), Manisha Thomas, Robert Mister, Marilena Viviani, Letizia Rossano and, in Geneva, Johanna Grombach.

The Steering Committee discussed the main theme and format for the GHP meeting in July 2007, the budget and the selection of participants from the field.

At the suggestion of Inter-Action it was agreed that the main theme of the meeting should be: “Working through our diversity to achieve a common purpose”. The July 2007 meeting should focus on why there is a need for a Global Humanitarian Platform and what is its purpose.

The evening event will be a reception, hosted by ICRC, at the ICRC, with a key-note speaker (Barbara Stocking to ascertain whether Graca Machel would be available).

The draft Agenda prepared by ICVA was discussed and the following changes were made: with regard to the format of the meeting, it was agreed that the meeting should begin in plenary with a brief presentation by an outside speaker (among the list of possible speakers presented by SCHR, the name of Antonio Donini was suggested) and break into smaller groups, each with a skilled facilitator – among the participants- and a specific topic for discussion. The afternoon session would be in plenary. Some groups would focus on the Principles of Partnership and others on issues identified based on feedback from consultations with the three countries (expected by 15 June 2007) or any other feedback received from participants and countries. It was anticipated that these issues would not be too different from the issues identified at the July 2006 meeting, such as capacity building, accountability, vulnerability and application of the GHP in the field. The OCHA Co-chair of the WLG noted that the above format would deviate from what it was agreed in July 2006. According to ICVA and SCHR, the new suggested agenda would not be too different than what the July 2006 meeting had recommended. The WLG was tasked with the finalization of the draft agenda and of the budget, attached for reference, with a note indicating initial commitments from agencies.

The letter to the three countries should be signed only by the Co-Chairs of the GHP and will be sent out with a message of encouragement by the consortia to their NGOs and by OCHA (IASC Secretariat) to the IASC Working Group by end of the week. The IASC Secretariat will keep track of responses and advise agencies accordingly in order to follow-up to the invitations.

ICVA will identify two or more Islamic NGOs to be invited to the GHP. The RC/HC and the co-convenor in the three pilot countries (Zimbabwe, Indonesia and Panama) will agree on participation from the field to the GHP, both at national and international level.

It was also noted that during the IASC Principals meeting, the RSG of Human Rights of IDPs recommended that the “PoP” should include a reference “to beneficiaries”.

The next Steering Committee meeting will take place in Geneva on 26 June in the afternoon. Exact time and venue to be confirmed in due course.