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## ICVA BULLETIN

Highlights from April 2021

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## Message from Executive Director

### A Focus on Famine Prevention

On [21 April 2020](#), the UN Security Council was warned that the impacts of COVID-19 compounded with other humanitarian needs could drive millions into famine. One year later, sufficient action has not been taken. The combined impacts of conflict, climate change and inequality, coupled with the COVID-19 crisis, have led to an acute food insecurity situation around the world. Needs already cannot be met, and we are increasingly likely to face multiple famines if we do not respond now.

Responding to this need, ICVA and our members raised a collective call to States and their leaders to take action through an [Open Letter](#). More than 300 NGOs and NGO networks at global, regional and country level signed this letter, which was released to media and emailed to States on 20 April 2021.

ICVA members mobilised to develop a media and communications campaign around the letter, pooling their expertise to deliver a collective, distributed campaign. Through these and other efforts, the letter received extensive media coverage more than 330 times across 56 countries.

This support helped raise the alarm about the drastically increased levels of hunger and need we are facing today.

Acute food insecurity is too often compounded by poor policy decisions that make people vulnerable. If we don't urgently address this vulnerability, it will lead to more food insecurity.

The responsibility lies with States. States must address rising inequality, take the political actions needed to stop conflict, which is a main driver of hunger and barrier to meeting needs. States must provide resources to meet needs today and prevent increasing needs tomorrow. The voice of civil society can be a powerful motivator for States to take further action.

But the voice of civil society alone is not sufficient. A collective voice is needed if we are to secure the international attention this cause deserves before it is too late. In developing the Open Letter, we worked closely with WFP, FAO and OCHA to align these efforts to broader advocacy and public engagement around meeting immediate needs and investing in resilience.

We encourage you to continue to build on this Open Letter in your own advocacy efforts, at national and global levels, to draw urgent attention to the scale of human suffering due to acute food shortages and other unmet needs.

Working together, we can save lives, reduce suffering, and prevent famines in 2021.

**Ignacio Packer**

## ICVA updates



### 1. ICVA General Assembly 18 & 19 May 2021

ICVA's 18th General Assembly will take place on:

- 18 May from 13.00-15.30 CEST
- 19 May from 13.00-16.00 CEST

**Participation:** We are looking forward to seeing many of you attend this online meeting. If you have not yet registered and would like to do so please contact: [secretariat@icvanetwork.org](mailto:secretariat@icvanetwork.org)

**Agenda and working documents:** The General Assembly will approve the ICVA 2030 Strategy and the Strategic Priorities 2022-2024, amend the ICVA Statutes, reaffirm the principles and standards, and adopt a commitment and motion to action on climate and the environment. All the working documents are available in English, Arabic and French, and can be [downloaded here](#)

**Board and Chair elections:** The General Assembly will elect a new Board and Chair. See here for a [full list of candidates](#) and their profiles.

**More information:** More information can be found on the [ICVA website](#) or by contacting [secretariat@icvanetwork.org](mailto:secretariat@icvanetwork.org).

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## ICVA VIRTUAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

25 & 26 MAY 2021

CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT AND  
HUMANITARIAN ACTION:  
HOW CAN NGO'S MITIGATE AND ADAPT?

#ICVAconference2021

### 2. ICVA Annual Conference 25 & 26 May 2021 - Registration is OPEN & the agenda is

available!

On **25 and 26 May 2021** ICVA will host its second virtual Annual Conference on the theme: ***Climate, environment and humanitarian action: How can NGOs mitigate and adapt?***

[The conference](#) will focus on the role that NGOs will play in adapting the way we work to be better prepared to climate and environment change and shocks and deliver so that we leave no one behind, especially in the humanitarian context when delivering programmes to support refugees, displaced and vulnerable migrant populations.

[You can now register for the conference and check out the Agenda.](#)

Register!

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## Forced Migration

### **3. Global Refugee Forum (GRF) follow-up: UNHCR Virtual informal consultation on the proposed programme for the 2021 High-Level Officials Meeting (HLOM)**

On 28 April, UNHCR organised a virtual informal consultation to focus on the proposed programme and the three priorities for the GRF High-Level Officials Meeting (14-15 December 2021). During the discussion, ICVA highlighted the centrality of protection and the need to allow access to all solutions for refugees and stateless people; welcomed the launch of the GCR Indicator Report in advance of the Officials Meeting; and insisted on NGOs' role ahead of and during the HLOM. Further details are available [here](#). Information on the HLOM programme, the summary of the consultation, the recording and the presentation are available on [UNHCR's dedicated webpage](#).

### **4. UNHCR and NGOs monthly consultations**

On 28 April, UNHCR and ICVA co-organised a consultation with NGOs on "**Countering xenophobia, racism, and discrimination**" to discuss how NGOs and UNHCR prevent and respond to such trends when responding to the needs of forcibly displaced populations. The consultation also focused on internal organisational efforts to promote diversity. In particular, UNHCR and NGOs examined existing guidance, the approach to human rights mechanisms and strategic directions. Approaching [World Refugee Day](#), held on June 20 each year, the consultation was also an opportunity to learn more on the preparation of this international day in support of refugees worldwide, focused this year on "The power of inclusion" and the importance of standing "Together [#withrefugees](#)". Notes of the meeting will be disseminated to participants and will be also available to ICVA members on [our webpage](#). More information on the monthly consultations is also [accessible here](#).

### **5. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Forcibly Displaced Populations**

On 14 April, ICVA's Head of Forced Migration, Mr. Jerome Elie, was invited to contribute to one of UNDP's Development Dialogues focused on "Where are the most left behind and why aren't we reaching them?". His presentation particularly emphasised that NGO core protection work is an important contribution to achieving the SDGs and allowing the inclusion of refugees and migrants (e.g. through legal aid and documentation). A recording of the event is [available here](#).

- For more information on any of the above topics, contact: [jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org](mailto:jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org) and [Loise.dairocheteau@icvanetwork.org](mailto:Loise.dairocheteau@icvanetwork.org)

### **6. Migrants in vulnerable situations**

**International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) 2022: Civil Society Priorities Webinar**

## Series

This webinar series is jointly organised by seven Global and Regional Civil Society Networks and runs from 13 April to 18 May 2021. It marks the start of an extended global civil process highlighting priorities on the ground and bringing to light ambitious interpretations of the Global Compact for Migration and states obligations under it. This will be the beginning of an extensive and inclusive civil society mobilisation culminating in the International Migration Review Forum. [You can register for the upcoming webinars here.](#)

## Guide for implementing the Global Compacts at the benefit of children

Destination Unknown (DU) Campaign publishes - [A Guide – Children and the Global Compacts on Refugees and Migration. Understanding what's in the compacts and how to engage with them.](#)

The guide is developed as part of DU capacity development programme. It aims to support DU members and all other interested stakeholders, including State agencies, in implementing the Global Compacts at the benefit of children. It is a self-learning tool with questions to test knowledge and to reflect on actions that can be taken to engage with the Global Compact implementation. You can learn more about the guide [in this short video.](#)

## International Migration Law Initiative

The 9th session of the International Migration Law Initiative, organised by ICVA, the Civil Society Action Committee and the International Migrants Bill of Rights, took place in April. The session focused on addressing human trafficking and smuggling in people from a right-based approach. The speakers, Kristina Touzenis, Managing Partner at BST Impact, and Borislav Gerasimov, Communications and Advocacy Coordinator at the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW) and Editor of the journal Anti-Trafficking Review, presented the international legal framework and NGO good practices and challenges in addressing human trafficking and smuggling.

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# Financing

## 7. IASC Humanitarian Finance Results Group (RG5):

RG5 will prepare in May for two upcoming updates to the IASC OPAG on progress toward deliverables in the work plan for the group. One RG5 sub-group is currently focusing on developing a concept note for assessing current practices for setting indirect cost rates (overhead) between UN agencies and partners, including how these are cascaded to local partners. A second sub-group is finalising work on recommendations on how to improve guidance for funding in humanitarian-development-peace nexus contexts. Finally, RG5 members are continuing discussion on funding flexibility measures introduced under COVID-19 response and how to convert these into standard practice. [Existing flexibility measures](#) will continue for the short-term while several UN agencies complete internal reviews of the effectiveness of the measures and RG5 members negotiate a specific proposal. Broader NGO feedback on each of these pieces of work will be requested through the ICVA Humanitarian Finance Working Group as appropriate.

## 8. Analysis of UN partnership agreements:

ICVA is working with a small group of both international and national NGO partners to update the Oxfam-led 2019 analysis of UN partnership agreements for OCHA, UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, and UNFPA. The initial draft analyses is now complete as of the beginning of May, with a focus on recommendations for adjusting or simplifying specific clauses in partnership agreements as well as where guidance for implementing agreements can be improved. Over the next month, ICVA will facilitate outreach to individual agencies for bilateral discussions on the draft analyses and recommendations. Any opportunities for additional feedback and the final results of the analyses will be shared with ICVA members.

### **9. Grand Bargain 2.0:**

Current signatories to the Grand Bargain are now fully engaged in discussion on the next phase of the initiative – Grand Bargain 2.0. The planned June annual meeting will focus on endorsement of this new phase of the Grand Bargain. One key element proposed for the future is a reorganisation of current workstreams around the high-level enabling priorities of quality funding, localization and participation. Look for a more detailed ICVA position paper on the future of the Grand Bargain to be released soon, in the meantime updates from the Grand Bargain Secretariat are [available here](#).

### **10. OCHA Regionally-hosted Pooled Fund (RhPF):**

The proposed new RhPF has now been approved to move forward in the Central-West Africa (Sahel) region for OCHA. Although the vision for this concept includes a regional approach with access to pooled funds across several countries in the region, OCHA will initially set-up a fund for Niger and then expand further within the region. ICVA will share more detailed information through the Humanitarian Finance Working Group as it becomes available.

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## Coordination

### **11. COVID-19 Vaccines**

#### **COVAX Humanitarian Buffer**

ICVA continued to support planning and monitoring efforts related to the development of the humanitarian buffer, which is expected to open for requests in early May. On 21 April, the IASC released a [FAQs document on the buffer](#) which will be updated regularly.

- ICVA has established a special Working Group for COVID-19 Vaccines and the Humanitarian buffer. If you would like to designate any contact(s) in your organisation to join this Working Group, please email [Sophie.battas@icvanetwork.org](mailto:Sophie.battas@icvanetwork.org) with the details.

### **12. Un System Wide Vaccination Efforts**

The UN System has begun a global effort towards vaccinating all of its workers, and by extension the staff of some partner NGOs, in certain countries. ICVA continues to actively engage the UN vaccine Task Force to push for the inclusion of all NGO staff (including national NGOs) in the vaccine rollout. We also continue to support NGOs and NGO Fora to undertake direct advocacy with the Resident Coordinator at country level. This remains the best option for emphasising the message on the need for an inclusive approach covering all humanitarian workers.

### **Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC)**

#### **13. The IASC Principals:**

IASC Principals met on two occasions in April. On 9 April to discuss the situation in NE Nigeria and the situation in South Sudan. Humanitarian Coordinators for Nigeria and South Sudan joined the discussion. On 26 April the IASC Principals discussed and decided on follow-up actions on the situation in Ethiopia. As for all IASC Principals meetings, ICVA members contribute to the talking points mainly through the ICVA Humanitarian Coordination Working Group and the Regional Hubs. ICVA IASC Principals are ICVA chair of the board and ICVA Executive Director.

### **14. IASC Emergency Directors Group (EDG):**

The EDG met to discuss the situations in Ethiopia and Myanmar and to input into the CERF

Underfunded Emergencies Round.

### **15. Operational Policy and Advocacy Group (OPAG)**

OPAG met twice in April. On the 22 April, OPAG reflected on recently conducted Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluations (IAHEs) to draw lessons from the key findings and agree on management response plans. The session considered also the findings from the IAHE on the Mozambique Scale-Up response as well as the IAHE on the Ethiopia drought response. The meeting on 29 April provided an opportunity for a deep dive on Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP). The objective of the meeting was to review the Collective AAP Framework and Results Tracker and to discuss what more can be done to achieve a step change to translate policy into action. The OPAG also reviewed the status of delivering on key RG 2 priorities. The summary records of both meetings will soon be published on the [IASC website](#).

### **16. Update on IASC Results groups:**

#### **RG 1 Operational response:**

##### **Sub-group on Bureaucratic and Administrative Impediments (BAI)**

This group, co-chaired by ICVA and InterAction, finalised surveys and interviews in Afghanistan, Nigeria and Venezuela to inform the development of three case studies. These studies will now be the basis for development of toolkits or other guidance around addressing BAI in operational settings.

**RG 2 Accountability and inclusion:** No updates this month.

#### **RG 3 Collective advocacy:**

##### **RG 3 Sub-group on climate change:**

The OPAG-endorsed the **IASC Common Narrative on the Climate Emergency and Humanitarian Action**. It is [now available](#) on the IASC website. The objective of this common narrative is to facilitate consistent messaging among IASC members during upcoming climate events in 2021.

#### **RG 4 Nexus:**

ICVA organises a Community of Practice on the Nexus focused on the DRC hosting NGOs, UN and Donors. There have been numerous participants who have interacted particularly on the progress surrounding multi-stakeholder involvements, collective outcomes and DAC recommendations. The main presentation is available on request.

NGOs, donors and UN agencies in DRC had an exchange on the progress of the Nexus. The meeting was with members of ICVA's working groups for Africa, and on the Nexus. The meeting was held in the framework of the IASC RG4 Community of Practice on the Nexus co-chaired by ICVA and WFP.

ICVA has been briefing the OECD INCAF and planning sessions of exchanges with members to update on the state of the DAC recommendations on the Nexus and the endorsement process.

For more information contact [marco.rotelli@icvanetwork.org](mailto:marco.rotelli@icvanetwork.org) and to join the ICVA Nexus working group.

**RG 5 Humanitarian Finance:** See update above under 'Financing.'

### **17. ECOSOC HAS**

The 2021 ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment (HAS) will be held from 23-25 June 2021 under the theme "*Strengthening humanitarian assistance to face the challenges of 2021 and beyond: mobilising respect for international humanitarian law, inclusion, gender, innovation and partnerships.*" Three high-level panels will focus on: i) health care in times of COVID: a global protection agenda; ii) innovation as a driver of change: the use of new and emerging technologies and humanitarian data; iii) Humanitarian Action and Climate Change: advancing anticipatory approaches, strengthening resilience and enhancing collaboration in

response to the climate crisis. Refer to the [ECOSOC HAS website](#) for more information.

#### **18. NGO Fora Support:**

ICVA's project to support NGO fora in East Africa has been boosted with the addition of a resource person to the team in support of the fora in four countries in the East Africa region.

ICVA continued close collaboration with members operating in Ethiopia, renewing financial support to ensure that the recently reinforced NGO forum could maintain its operation in-country uninterrupted until institutional funding would contribute to the mid-term. The work on Ethiopia, through the support of members, has consisted of sharing information and convening meetings at country, regional and global level. As well as, contributing to the discussions and consultations toward the activation of the system wide scale-up protocol for the Tigray region.

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## Navigating Change: cross cutting issues

#### **19. Child rights**

##### **UNICEF-NGO webinar: "the CCCs- a new tool to partner with UNICEF" New dates: 12 May & 9 June**

As a follow-up the 2020 UNICEF-NGO Partnership in Humanitarian Action Annual Consultation "*Working Together to Address Emerging Challenges*," UNICEF and ICVA are pleased to invite interested members to participate in an open dialogue around the recently revised **Core Commitments for Children (CCCs)**. The focus of the discussion will be to foster understanding on what the revision of the CCCs entails and how the CCCs can be used as a partnership, programming and accountability tool by partners. Two identical webinars form part of this discussion, of which the first will be held in

- English on **Wednesday 12 May** (07:30 am New York; 13:30 GVA time)
- French on **Wednesday 9 June** (07:30 am New York; 13:30 GVA time).

Further information on the CCCs can be [found here](#).

For more information or to register, contact: [vania.gobbo@icvanetwork.org](mailto:vania.gobbo@icvanetwork.org)

#### **20. Civil society space in humanitarian action**

##### **Civic Space after COVID: Emergency Powers, Fundamental Freedoms, and the Way Forward after the Pandemic – 24 May, 15:00 – 17:00 CEST**

International Center for Not-for-Profit Law and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency for a high-level conversation on rolling back emergency measures and revitalising civic space in the wake of COVID-19. Over 170 countries have adopted emergency measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of these responses have restricted fundamental freedoms and undermined the rule of law. As we look forward to the pandemic subsiding, experts are warning that without concerted action by civil society and other stakeholders, emergency powers can often persist and become permanent. You can find out more about the event on the [ICNL website](#).

- For more information see ICVA's Civil Society Space webpage or contact: [nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org](mailto:nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org)

#### **21. Climate and Environment action:**

Following to the consultations conducted by ICVA, ICRC, IFRC and the Advisory Committee, on the **Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations**, please find the link to **latest version of the [Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations](#) in English**, with unofficial translations in **French, Spanish and Arabic** that was shared by ICRC and IFRC.

The text incorporates minor revisions, based on the last feedback received. The link also includes:

- **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** in four languages
- an amended **feedback report** (in English only)

This version is being submitted to the IFRC Governing Board and the ICRC Directorate for adoption, in late May. In this process, minor amendments to the text might still be made. The Charter will then be made available to all humanitarian organisations for adoption.

**ICVA will continue our commitment in engaging on this theme through:**

1. The [Commitment and Motion to Action on Climate and Environment](#) (to be adopted by ICVA members at the General Assembly on 18-19 May 2021)
  2. **ICVA's Virtual Annual Conference on [Climate, environment and Humanitarian Action: How can NGOs mitigate and adapt?](#) on 25 and 26 May 2021** where there will be space to discuss ways forward to implement the Charter, tools guidance and support to organisations throughout the conference. ICVA will also be organising a Learning Stream that will follow-up on gaps and further in-depth discussions on the theme following the conference.
- For more information see ICVA's [Climate and Environment](#) webpage or contact: [nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org](mailto:nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org)

**22. Impact of the pandemic on the activities of Geneva-based NGOs**

ICVA ED was invited to share opportunities and concerns for Humanitarian NGOs at an [event](#) on 22 April organised to present the results of a [survey](#) on the impact of the pandemic on the activities of the Geneva-based NGOs. See [CAGI website](#). ICVA and members with offices in Geneva are looking at adapting ways of working collectively for an International Geneva strengthened by the participation of the diversity of humanitarian NGOs. For more information, contact: [ignacio.packer@icvanetwork.org](mailto:ignacio.packer@icvanetwork.org)

## Region Specific

**23. Asia and the Pacific**

**2021-2025 ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER)**

On 28 April the ASEAN secretariat led by the Disaster, Management & Humanitarian Assistance Division held a briefing for partners on the 2021-2025 [ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response](#) (AADMER), which ICVA led NGO consultations on with partners in 2020. The ASEAN chairs of the various working groups presented the priority programmes, approaches and issues, and welcomed cooperation and support from diverse stakeholders to support the implementation of the plan. In 2021 ICVA plans to continue work with partners to identify opportunities for local NGO engagement in support of AADMER work plan.

**Emergency Preparedness Working Group**

ICVA participates in interagency discussions on Myanmar and the regional implications, including organising briefings through the Emergency Preparedness Working Group which ICVA co-chairs.

**Publications on 'Accountability to Affected Populations in Times of the Pandemic'**

Former ICVA Regional Deputy, Qingrui Huang published a written piece for ICVA member, [All India Disaster Mitigation Institute](#) (AIDMI). Qingrui's publication titled, "[Accountability and Pandemics: Lessons from COVID-19](#)," can be read on page 23. Her publication was part of a series of an online publications on 'Accountability to Affected Populations in Times of the Pandemic'.

- For more information on the working happening in the Asia region,



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## 24. Africa Region

**Sudan** has been object of much attention this month. ICVA has been discussing with members about the deteriorating situation in West Darfur and the appetite for the reinforcement of the NGO forum at country level.

**Peer-2-peer support mission to Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC):** ICVA Africa has been working closely with the P2P team to prepare for a mission aimed at supporting a large-scale and ambitious review of the humanitarian footprint in the country for a more effective and accountable humanitarian response to affected people.

**West and Central Africa : IASC regional meeting May 2021:** We have been working closely with the regional inter-agency team for West and Central Africa in Dakar to contribute, prepare and support members for the May Regional IASC meeting.

**Briefing with new DHC in Mozambique:** ICVA has supported the deployment of the DHC in Mozambique and has organised a briefing and exchange session between the DHC and ICVA members, scheduled for 10 May 2021.

**Critical humanitarian situation in Grand Sud region of Madagascar:** consecutive years of drought in the Grand Sud region of Madagascar has led to widespread food insecurity and malnutrition. With the deteriorating situation ICVA is reaching out to members to extend support, contributed to key messages for donors briefing, and advocated for the inclusion of the country in the CERF underfunded window currently being discussed. This has been done at regional and global level through ICVA's Humanitarian Coordination and Humanitarian Financing unit.

**Engagement with inter-governmental organisations:** ICVA regional team has undertaken a number of engagements with various intergovernmental organisations to highlight and discuss various humanitarian issues in the region. These discussions also include ways to enhance partnership between ICVA and the African Union including by leveraging the reach of ICVA's membership to engage better with AU member states on existing and emerging humanitarian needs. In line with the engagement with intergovernmental bodies, ICVA participated in the first regional experts meeting on the Kampala declaration on jobs livelihood and self-reliance on 27-28 April.

- For more information or to be included in the ICVA Africa Working Group, contact: [marco.rotelli@icvanetwork.org](mailto:marco.rotelli@icvanetwork.org) or [Addis.tesfa@icvanetwork.org](mailto:Addis.tesfa@icvanetwork.org)

## 25. MENA Region

### **Syrian NGO Network Engagement and Partnership Programme**

As part of the Syrian NGO Network Engagement and Partnership Programme between ICVA & UNDP, ICVA has advertised for a consultancy for the development of a comprehensive case study on the evolution of the Syrian NGO networks based in Gaziantep, Turkey. For more information on objectives, please see the advertisement [here](#).

### **MENA Global Refugee Forum Stocktaking NGO/Civil Society Consultations**

The MENA Global Refugee Forum Stocktaking NGO/Civil Society Consultations took place on 20-21 April. ICVA engaged with NGOs by sharing information, communicating ideas/suggestions on the event, topics, and logistical details to UNHCR and providing regular updates to the members from registration, publication to all events related to the conference.

ICVA MENA also organised and moderated a session on "*Partnerships and Localisation in Humanitarian Response*." This session reflected on the current and future roles of local actors, implications of COVID-19 on localised responses, shared responsibilities, partnership dynamics, refugee engagement in responses, and effective inclusion of local actors in international humanitarian coordination structures.

- For more information or to be included in the ICVA MENA mailing list, please connect

with [eman.ismail@icvanetwork.org](mailto:eman.ismail@icvanetwork.org) or [stephanie.yousef@icvanetwork.org](mailto:stephanie.yousef@icvanetwork.org)

## 26. Latin America

### Central America and Venezuela food crisis

On 28 April, the ICVA FM4 team held a meeting with colleagues from Venezuela and Central America to retrieve information about the food crisis that is being experienced in both contexts.

With the intention of following up on this issue, a second meeting will be held on 20 May. The priority of the meeting is to better understand the challenges and impressions that NGOs and INGOs have in the field. A survey has been conducted to gather information. If you are interested in the meeting and/or the survey, contact: [lina.gomez@icvanetwork.org](mailto:lina.gomez@icvanetwork.org)

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## Learning Opportunities



### 27. Webinar NEW DATE: Risk Management and Funding Partnerships, New date: 10 June, 15:00 – 16:30 (CEST)

Risk management practices are playing an increasingly important role in partner selection and engagement when NGOs receive funding from UN agencies or government donors. Join ICVA and PHAP for this upcoming webinar where we *examine the role of risk management in good funding partnerships as NGOs engage with external funders*. You can [Register](#) for the webinar now. This webinar is part of the Learning Series on [Risk Management in Practice](#). You can find the previous webinar recordings and podcasts on the site.

Register!

### 28. Word Into Action eLearning course on Disaster Displacement: How to reduce risk, address impacts and strengthen resilience

Are you wondering how to address displacement in your disaster risk reduction (DRR) policies and practices? Would you like to learn more about how to reduce displacement risk, address displacement impacts and strengthen resilience? The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) and the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) are proud to launch two new online tools to help DRR policy makers and practitioners build the knowledge and skills needed to address disaster displacement in their own communities and countries. The tools – a checklist and an eLearning course – are now available [online](#) in several languages and free to use.

### 29. The Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action: MOOC on Protecting Children in the Context of COVID-19 and other IDOs

This second edition of the massive-open online course “Protecting children in the context of COVID-19 and other IDOs” is focused on the implications of COVID-19 and other person-person transmitted IDOs in humanitarian and development settings for children’s well-being and protection. The course, designed for child protection professionals around the world, is now live and available on-demand on the platform. A [Spanish version](#) is also ready for enrolment and opens for learners on 10 May. [You can find more information here.](#)

### 30. Humanitarian action in times of COVID-19

ICVA participated in the virtual debate series “Un año después: ¿qué hemos aprendido de la COVID-19 en el campo humanitario?” - « Humanitarian action in times of COVID-19” organised by [IECAH](#), leading humanitarian think tank in Spain with Alianza por la

Solidaridad (Action Aid Spain). [Watch here.](#)

**ICVA's Learning opportunities and resources page:**

ICVA's [learning resource page](#) is a curated list of learning and training programmes. Please share with us any interesting opportunities that would be useful to include on the webpage. For more information contact: [nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org](mailto:nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org)

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## New and Noteworthy

**31. UN seeks input on the future of multilateralism**

With the world facing unprecedented challenges, the United Nations is seeking input from stakeholders ahead of a landmark report to be published in September 2021. **Take part in the 'We the Peoples' digital consultation and share your proposals for building a better future.** Hosted by the Igarapé Institute, the consultation is available until May 21 in all six official UN languages. [Sign up today!](#)

**32. Global consultation: health course for refugees**

InZone, in collaboration with the Geneva Centre for Humanitarian Studies and the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Geneva, are revising the health course they offer to refugee populations.

The organisers are keen to gain input from refugees themselves and those who have worked in refugee camp settings regarding the key competencies to include in the course, how the course should be delivered and how the competencies could be used. [Please participate in a short survey.](#)

**33. 2020 Global Humanitarian Policy Forum outcome paper**

OCHA and the United Nations Foundation, recently published a policy brief and outcome paper of the 2020 Global Humanitarian Policy Forum entitled, '[A Case for Transformation? The Longer-term Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)'. The paper outlines key priorities for action, including investing in preparedness, elevating local frontline leadership, leading with equity and inclusion, realising the digital promise, and building coalitions for success.

**34. Survey "Who Governs in Humanitarian Governance?"**

You are invited to participate in the 10-15 minute survey "[Who Governs in Humanitarian Governance?](#)" The survey conducted by **Community World Service Asia (CWSA)**, seeks your feedback on the relationship between international and local agencies, main obstacles to localization and how to achieve greater inclusiveness in the humanitarian sector.

**35. Launch of Save the Children/Oxford University new research: "Advancing Justice for Children: innovations to strengthen accountability for violations and crimes affecting children in conflict" 19 May 15:00-16:30 GVA time**

Save the Children and the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford are holding a virtual discussion to present the findings and recommendations of their report [Advancing Justice for Children: Innovations to strengthen accountability for violations and crimes affecting children in conflict](#). The virtual event will take place on 19 May 2021 from 15.00-16.30 Geneva time. [You can register here.](#)

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## Mark Your Agenda

**May 12:** UNICEF-NGO webinar: The CCCs- a new tool to partner with UNICEF - (in English)

**May 18 & 19:** [ICVA General Assembly](#) (online)

**May 25 & 26:** [ICVA Annual Conference](#) (online)

**May 25-27:** International Dialogue on Migration (IDM) on the theme “Accelerating integrated action on sustainable development: migration, the environment and climate change”

**May 28-29:** World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Center - 2nd Research conference on forced displacement - **postponed to 2022**

**June 9:** UNICEF-NGO webinar: The CCCs- a new tool to partner with UNICEF - (in French)

**June 20:** World Refugee Day

**June 23:** UNHCR informal briefing on the preliminary outcomes of stocktaking to date for the High-Level Officials Meeting (Global Compact on Refugees implementation/Global Refugee Forum follow-up)

**June 25:** Commemoration of the World Refugee Day

**July 5-7:** UNHCR 81st Standing Committee

**July 28:** 70th anniversary of the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees

**August 19:** World Humanitarian Day

**August 30:** 60th anniversary of the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness

**September 15-16 or 22-23:** UNHCR 82nd Standing Committee

**October 4-8:** UNHCR 72nd Executive Committee

**October 27:** UNHCR consultation on modalities and programme for the High-Level Officials Meeting (Global Compact on Refugees implementation/Global Refugee Forum follow-up)

**December 14-15:** High-level officials' meeting (Global Compact on Refugees implementation/Global Refugee Forum follow-up)

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