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PARTNERSHIP: FROM PRINCIPLES TO PRACTICE

CONSIDERING PARTNERSHIPS IN PREPARATION FOR THE WORLD HUMANITARIAN SUMMIT 2016

**ICVA Annual Conference
9 March 2015 – 09:00- 18:00
CICG, Geneva, Switzerland**

Background

In 2007, the [Global Humanitarian Platform](#) (GHP) introduced the [Principles of Partnership](#) (Equality, Transparency, Results-Oriented Approach, Responsibility and Complementarity) as a framework of guiding principles for humanitarian agencies to factor into their operations. However, putting these principles into practice has proved to be challenging.

The importance - and the challenge of partnerships is a recurring theme of humanitarian programming and consultations. Building on these discussions, the [World Humanitarian Summit](#) (WHS) process provides an important opportunity to further these discussions at a global level. ICVA therefore invites a collective gathering of its members and partners to **discuss the value and implementation of the Principles of Partnership (PoP)** in the lead up to the WHS and **generate ideas to transform the PoP into reality on the ground.**

To inform this process, the wide body of knowledge existing within humanitarian actors needs to be shared, discussed and utilized to ensure partnerships live up to the PoP.

Objective

The 2015 Annual ICVA conference aims to:

- Provide a platform for humanitarians to share experiences regarding:
 - The value of the PoP.
 - Important achievements and sharing of good practices.
 - Innovative solutions in their applicability.
- Suggest ways forward for the PoP in the lead up to, and beyond the WHS into the coming decade.
- Be interactive, promote learning among participants and encourage an exchange

of views and experiences.

Content

The one-day conference will encourage reflection and discussion based on the following key themes:

2007: Where have we come from?

- What drivers led to the development of the PoP in 2007?

2015: How are we doing?

- What is the value and impact of the PoP?
- What have been their limitations?

2015 - 2025: What is the way forward...?

- What needs to change in the lead up to the WHS to make the PoP foundational to the relationship between humanitarian actors?
- What needs to occur to ensure the PoP remains relevant, applicable and implemented in humanitarian response programming over the coming decade?
- Do we need to reaffirm our commitment to these Principles?

Conference preparation

In the coming weeks, further information relating to the conference will be shared, including the conference agenda and other useful documentation.

In the meantime, to encourage dynamic discussions throughout the conference, we encourage you to reflect on the above questions and your overall experience in the PoP.

