

Navigating the Nexus: NGO Perspectives

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Dato' Dr. Ahmad Faizal Mohd. Perdaus, Chair, ICVA/ President, MERCY Malaysia
Dato' Dr. Ahmad Faizal Mohd Perdaus obtained his Bachelor of Medical Science in 1989 from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, followed by his Master's degree in Internal Medicine in 2000. He was accredited as a Respiratory Physician in 2003. He is now attached to KPJ Johor Specialist Hospital as a Consultant Physician (Internal Medicine, Respiratory and Sleep Medicine. His involvement with MERCY Malaysia began in 2003, when he signed on as a volunteer. He was made a member of MERCY Malaysia's Executive Council in the same year. He headed the Drug Rehabilitation and Assistance Programme in Malaysia, before being elected as President in 2010 and was re-elected in 2011. In 2014, he was also appointed to the

Board of Trustees for MERCY Malaysia UK (MMUK). Dato' Dr. Ahmad Faizal's tours of duty include Sri Lanka, Iran, Sudan, Indonesia, Pakistan, Myanmar, Syria and Philippines. He currently sits on the boards of Humanitarian Innovation Fund (HIF), Advanced Training Program on Humanitarian Action (ATHA) and Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP), of which MERCY Malaysia is a member. He became the first Asian to be elected as Chairperson of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA). ICVA is on the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) as one of three NGO representatives globally. The IASC is the highest decision making and direction forming body in the humanitarian world and is chaired by the Under Secretary General (USG) for Humanitarian affairs/ Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) of the United Nations (UN).



Mr. Ignacio Packer, Executive Director, ICVA

Ignacio has over 30 years of experience in humanitarian work and development issues. Until recently, he was the Secretary General of the Terre des Hommes International Federation, and has previously worked for the Swiss Tropical Institute, the European Association for Development and Health, Médecines Sans Frontières, KPMG and the European Bank for Latin America. He is an expert on human rights and social issues, and has been strongly engaged in global advocacy on protection frameworks for people on the move with a particular focus on children and youth.



Ms. Nishanie Jayamaha, Learning and Programme Coordinator, ICVA

Nishanie started her humanitarian career in Sri Lanka following the Indian Ocean Tsunami and has over 15 years of experience working in the United Nations, Government institutions (Secondment), the NGO and private sector in managerial and leadership roles. She joined ICVA in September last year and has worked at the Professionals in humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP), the World Humanitarian Summit secretariat (WHSs) in Geneva and New York, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Sri Lanka and Geneva and at the Centre for Women's Research (CENWOR) in Sri Lanka. She has a Masters in

International Relations from the University of Colombo and a Bachelor's Degree in English, Sociology and Psychology from the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

Session 1: From a People Centred Approach to Collective Outcomes

A conversation to set the stage on community and NGO perspectives



Ms. Najeeba Wazefadost, Founder and President, Hazara Women in Australia, Deputy Chair for Australian National Committee On Refugee Women (ANCORW) and Deputy Chair of the Working Committee for Detention in APRRN (Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network) *At 10 years old, Najeeba fled Afghanistan with her parents. She sought asylum from Australia by sea in September 2000 and spent several months in mandatory immigration detention before being recognised as a refugee. Najeeba has a Bachelor of Medical Science from the University of Western Sydney and is now studying a second degree at the University of Technology Sydney.*

Najeeba has been involved in a number of organisations and is also currently the CEO of Hazara Women of Australia, advocating for the rights of women, refugees and the release of children from detention centers nationally and internationally. She has assisted women to increase women economic growth through establishing businesses. She has been the co-chair of Australian National Committee on Refugee women and has been mentoring and training refugee and migrant women for self-representation, leadership and sharing their voice. In 2010, Najeeba was a finalist of the Young Human Rights Medal Award, 2011 the 'Young Woman of the West Award' for her work in not-for-profit organisations, 2012 UTS human rights medal award and 2013 Finalist for the New South Wales Premier woman award and 2014 the local citizen award for the second time. Najeeba is currently working as a case manager with new arrivals and refugees for SSI (Settlement Services International), and also have established her own business. She is also the founder of an Afghan women business network in Asia pacific, supporting women to establish their own businesses.



Ms. Rolla Hinedi, Advocacy and Communication Manager, Syria Relief

Rolla works at Syria Relief, a UK based Charity working on the Syria response. The organisation works across sectors, in all areas where access is possible inside Syria. Previously, Rolla has worked extensively with the United Nations in conflict and post-conflict zones as a Public Information Officer in South Sudan, Timor-Leste, and Western Sahara. She has also served within the Department of Public Information at UN Headquarters in New York City. Rolla obtained her BA in Graphic Design and Advertising at the Instituto Arte Design in Milan, Italy and her MAS in Peace and Conflict Transformation from the University of Basel in Switzerland.



Ms. Nasra Ismail, Deputy Executive Director, Somali NGO Consortium

Nasra is a development practitioner with over 10 years of international development experience in Africa, Asia and Europe. She was recently Country Director of Somalia for Oxfam International and previously spent 8 years with the US government in managing public sector programs. Prior to that, she consulted in Washington DC, and managed large-scale poverty reduction programs aimed at strengthening the capacity of local, regional and national governments in resource constrained countries. In all of her professional endeavors, Nasra continues her pursuit to find the 'sweet spot'

in her work in development, humanitarian and security sectors, utilising her inclusive leadership style and bridge building skills to arrive at sustainable and long lasting change in some of the world's toughest places. She holds a Bachelor's Degree from the George Washington University and multiple professional certificates from top tier universities like Harvard, Oxford and Berkeley.



Dr. Win Tun Kyi, National Director, Karuna Myanmar Social Services (KMSS)

Win Tun Kyi, a.k.a. Richard, was appointed by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Myanmar (CBCM) as the National Director of Karuna Mission Social Solidarity (KMSS) and is serving a second term which ends in February 2021. He has a MBBS in Medicine from the Institute of Yangon, Myanmar and a Master's degree in Development Management from the Asian Institute of Management (AIM), Manila, the Philippines. Win has worked at World Concern Myanmar (WCM),

an International faith based NGO and at various positions to serve remote rural communities. He has worked at Paung Ku (PK), a consortium of civic society strengthening initiative and served there as Program Manager and Acting Director. He began at KMSS national office as the Program Coordinator and then Associate National Director. He is serving in various local organisation Boards and participating in a number of development and humanitarian institutions and mechanism at national, regional and international level. He is married and has three children. His wife is a social worker in local NGO serving the Yangon urban poor women and children. As the KMSS National Director, his vision is for the "growth of KMSS

where professionalism is balanced with the formation of the heart, to provide quality services to the poor and the needy people of Myanmar”.



Moderator: Ms. Melissa Pitotti, Director Policy and Programmes a.i., ICVA

Melissa has worked at ICVA since 2012. She currently serves as ICVA's acting interim Director for Policy and Programmes. Her two specialties are forced displacement and humanitarian financing. She also works with ICVA members to promote effective and principled humanitarian action more broadly, including through their engagement in the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC). She's the author of "The Grand Bargain, Explained" and "The New Way of Working, Examined" and co-chairs the IASC's Humanitarian Financing Task Team. Prior to ICVA she worked for a humanitarian donor (PRM), a think tank (CSIS), and an international bank. She received her Master's Degree in Conflict Management and International Relations from the Johns Hopkins School of Advance International Studies (SAIS), her Bachelor's degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology(Georgia Tech), and completed a Rotary Cultural Ambassadorial fellowship learning Chinese in Taiwan.

Session 2: Understanding our Comparative Advantages **A dynamic session to get to know actors working in the nexus**



Dr. Mamadou Dian Balde, Deputy Director for Comprehensive Response, Division of Resilience and Solutions, United Nation High Commission of Refugees (UNHCR)

Mamadou Dian Balde is current Deputy Director for Comprehensive Responses in the newly established Division of Resilience and Solutions. Prior to his current responsibilities, Mamadou has worked with UNHCR for 19 years. He has been posted in Africa (Benin, Liberia, Guinea, Sudan, Kenya, Ethiopia, Chad and Algeria), Asia (South Korea) and Switzerland. His most recent assignments include UNHCR's Assistant Representative for Protection in Ethiopia; Acting Representative to the African Union (AU) and Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in Addis Ababa; and Deputy Representative in Chad. He previously served in UNHCR's Division of International Protection in Geneva, as the Head of the Comprehensive Solutions Unit. Mamadou Balde holds a PhD in International Law, from the Universite Catholique de Louvain, in Belgium; and has researched and taught International Human Rights Law. He was a Lecturer in International Law and International Human Rights Law at Universities in Guinea and South Korea.

Elements of the **Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF)** has been set out in Annex 1 of The New York Declaration, which was adopted by all 193 Member States of the United Nations in September 2016. The Declaration requests UNHCR to work closely with States and all relevant stakeholders towards its implementation and further development in situations involving large movements of refugees. Annex I of the New York Declaration proposes a comprehensive response to refugee movements designed to ensure:

- Rapid and well-supported reception and admission measures;
- Support for immediate and ongoing needs (e.g. protection, health, education);
- Assistance to national/local institutions and communities receiving refugees and investment in the resilience of refugees and local communities (livelihoods); and
- Expanded opportunities for durable solutions.

The CRRF draws on best practices from over 65 years of experience in international refugee protection, humanitarian assistance and the search for solutions.



Mr. Angelo Barampama, Member of the Council of the Geneva International Peace Research Institute (GIPRI), Trainer responsible for Peace activities put into practice for the Muntunuwundi-Circles of Peace and Development in Burundi Project, Creators of Peace Circles-**French speaker**

Angelo is Swiss and Burundi. He has a bachelor's degree in Arts (history, geography, and pedagogical) from the University of Fribourg, a Masters in development from the University of Geneva. He completed a PhD in geography at the University of Lausanne. He taught classes at the University of Geneva, Lausanne, Yurich, Fribourg and Neuchatel in political and regional geography of Africa from 1996-2013. He also taught Geography in High School in Geneva.

In Burundi he works on the “Muntunuwundi-Cercles de Paix et Développement au Burundi” project from Creators of Peace circle where workshops are taught on how to use dry toilets and transform their waste into compost and then use this as fertilizer. In a country like Burundi and its neighboring countries where majority are poor and work in the agriculture sector, this becomes a solution to the problem of the lack of fertile land and

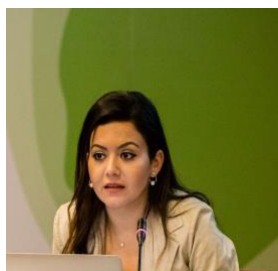
an increase in agricultural production. During these circles there is also an encouragement to produce local products and new inventions to improve production.



Ms. Daphrose Barampama, Ambassador and Initiator and Coordinator of the Muntunuwundi-Circles of Peace and Development in Burundi and the Great Lakes Region of Africa, Creators of Peace Circles-**French speaker**

Daphrose served as International President of Creators of Peace from July 2013 to August 2016. Daphrose was born in Burundi in 1956 in the province of Kayanza. She shares all aspects of her life with her husband Angelo Barampama. Her political position in Burundi pushed towards exile in 1988. Switzerland offered her protection and political asylum and became her adoptive country. Her educational and humanist background are an asset in everything she does. In 2007 she won the prize “Femme exile-Femme engage” from the city of Geneva, for her community and social engagement.

Creators of Peace Circles. A member of Initiatives of Change since 1990, it is then that she really became involved with Creators of Peace Circles. During the international conference in Kampala (Uganda) in 2005, she lived through an overwhelming experience which profoundly touched her. This then pushed her to become a certified facilitator of Creators of Peace Circles in 2009, trained in Sidney by Jean Brown a pioneer in the method. Later on, she left her position at the University of Geneva to spend her time promoting Circles of Peace in francophone countries, specifically in Europe and Africa. She was certified an international facilitator of Initiatives of Change programmes by an international jury in Caux in 2011. From 2009 until today she has promoted and facilitated more than 80 Peace Circles for a multicultural audience in Switzerland, France, Burundi, Cameroun, Mali, and Mauritania. She has also trained hundreds of facilitators during different sessions of Creators of Peace in Mali, Burundi and Cameroon.



Ms. Sarah Boukhary, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom(WILPF)-**Arabic speaker**

Sarah Boukhary is the Middle East and North Africa Coordinator at the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF). Her work focuses specifically on the Women Peace and Security (WPS) agenda in the Middle East, conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence, and the impact of militarisation on women and gender. She represents WILPF at the United Nations and is actively engaged in submitting oral and written reports that highlight the impact of conflicts on women in the MENA region to various international human rights mechanisms. Prior to joining WILPF, Sarah has previously worked at Human Rights Watch in Beirut, the Arab NGO Network for Development, and in the humanitarian field.

Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) is the oldest international women’s peace organisation in the world, founded in 1915. WILPF has brought together women from around the world who are united in working for peace by non-violent means to promote political, economic and social justice for all and to address issues of gender, militarism, peace and security. Through its Middle East and North Africa (MENA) project, WILPF works with local women-led civil society organisations in eight countries to preserve and grow the feminist movement for peace in the MENA region by: fostering the exchange of experiences among women activists from different countries of the MENA region; producing knowledge through a gendered lens; supporting the growth of a powerful and resilient women’s movement to combat violence; and facilitating the access and amplifying partners’ voices in the multilateral system.



Ms. Kate Halff, Executive Secretary, Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response (SCHR)

Kate Halff has been the Executive Secretary of the Steering Committee for Humanitarian Affairs (SCHR), since May 2013. SCHR is an alliance of seven NGO networks, ICRC and IFRC, which aims at promoting quality, accountability and learning in the humanitarian field. Before that she was Director of the Norwegian Refugee Council’s Internal Displacement Monitoring Center (IDMC) for five years, after having worked for close to 15 years in humanitarian leadership positions in Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan and Sudan, with Action Contre la Faim, Oxfam, UN OCHA and Save the Children. Kate Halff is a founding Member and Board Director of the Humanitarian Quality Assurance Initiative (HQAI); she is also the co-convener of the Grand Bargain Participation Revolution workstream.

Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response. Affected people-centred responses by nature transcends the HDPN. SCHR will present key enablers/ dis-enablers of affected people's participation in humanitarian decision-making, based on its peer review of participation practices and its recent Conference "Participation is power: Keep it, Share it or Give it Away?". SCHR will propose elements of a vision to progress this agenda.



Ambassador Aissata KANE, Deputy Permanent Observer of the Permanent Delegation of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to the UN in Geneva

Amb. Kane has an extended 15 years of experience in the work of UN organisations. Ambassador KANE served as well, as acting Permanent Observer respectively in the OIC Mission to the EU in Brussels and the OIC Permanent Delegation to the UN in Geneva. She is the OIC focal point for OCHA, UNHCR, IOM, GHD, ICRC and other humanitarian partners in Geneva.

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is a political intergovernmental organisation grouping 57 Member states, including some of the most generous global humanitarian donors, which host millions of displaced persons. With a growing Coordination role in the humanitarian field, the OIC is engaged to provide its comparative advantage to address as well the biggest humanitarian challenges for the international community, faced by number of its Member states.



Ms. Nargis Khan, Policy and Communications Advisor, Pakistan Humanitarian Forum

Nargis Khan OBE has worked with the Pakistan Humanitarian Forum since April 2013 leading on PHF Programmatic work. Nargis has over 20 years of experience in influencing, policy development, stakeholder engagement, coordination, program management, and strategic thinking, with an excellent mix of full-time and advisory experience and leadership in the government, NGO, civil society, and public and private sectors across the UK, South Asia, and West Africa. The Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF) was established in 2003 and is an unincorporated association of 63 International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs) delivering humanitarian assistance and development projects in Pakistan. The PHF ensures Stakeholder engagement and INGO representation primarily with the Government, in addition to donors and United Nations, to ensure that INGOs are able to deliver on priorities vital to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the goals defined in Pakistan's Vision 2025. PHF coordination and reach is across Pakistan.

A Pakistan perspective on the Nexus: Aspirational or pipe dream? A dialogue on how the significant differences in organisational cultures and structures between UN agencies, multilaterals, NGOs and aid contractors prevent realisation of the Nexus. How do we find common ground, and align implementation mechanisms?



Ms. Leila Muriithia, Senior Programme Officer for Legal and Social Justice Programme, Refugee Consortium of Kenya

Leila Muriithia Simiyu is an advocate of the High Court of Kenya with over 13 year experience in child protection and the protection of women. She has experience and training on peace building and transformation. She is an ICVA Board Member.

The Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK), a local NGO, was established in 1998 to respond to an increasingly complex and deteriorating refugee situation in Kenya and the Great Lakes and Horn of African Region. RCK is based in Nairobi, Garissa, Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps. Our mission statement is "To safeguard and protect the rights and dignity of forced migrants and host-communities through provision of legal aid, psychosocial support, advocacy, capacity building and promotion of inclusive governance."



Mr. Atle Solberg, Head of the Coordination Unit, Platform on Disaster Displacement

Atle is a political scientist from Norway and he was the Head of the Nansen Initiative Secretariat, the predecessor of the Platform on Disaster Displacement, from 2012 to 2015. His background is primarily from international humanitarian action and from working in the context of displacement (in both conflict and natural hazard situations). He has worked for the UNHCR and UN OCHA in Switzerland, the Balkans and in Central America, and for the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) in the Balkans, Indonesia and Colombia. He has research and teaching experience from the University of Bergen on humanitarian issues as well as on the protection of unaccompanied minors. Atle has also undertaken evaluation of humanitarian aid and worked as

a consultant both with a focus on Norway as well as on the post-conflict recovery situation in the Balkans and Central America.

The **Platform on Disaster Displacement** follows up on the work of the Nansen Initiative and supports States and other stakeholders in implementing the Nansen Initiative Protection Agenda, a toolbox to better protect those displaced in the context of disasters and climate change. The Platform is state-led but works through its multi-stakeholder Advisory Committee to prevent, reduce and address disaster displacement in the most affected regions of the world.



Ms. Kali Taylor, Advisor to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Lab

Kali Taylor represents the NGO viewpoint and provides expertise on systems change and innovation. She leads the Geneva 2030 Ecosystem initiative at the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD). Kali began her career in the energy industry working primarily on climate and energy transition issues. She left the private sector to run a global youth-focused NGO (Student Energy) that she cofounded while in university. After 3 years as Executive Director, Kali transitioned into the UN system working with the Green Growth Knowledge Platform on the intersection of economics and environment. Kali joined IISD in 2016 to work on policy innovation for the SDGs

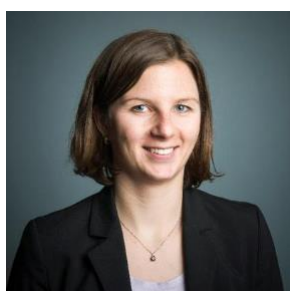
The **SDG Lab** is a multi-stakeholder initiative based out of the Director General's Office at the UN Office at Geneva. It contributes to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by supporting actors in further leveraging expertise and knowledge into policy, practice and action.



Ms. Tiina Turunen, Global Private Sector Programs, Connecting Business Initiative

Tiina Turunen works on UNDP and OCHA-hosted Connecting Business initiative (CBI). CBI is a demand driven multi-stakeholder initiative transforming the way the private sector engages before, during and after crises to create more resilient communities, increase local capacity and alleviate human suffering. Previously Tiina has worked in different global teams in UNDP headquarters in New York and UNDP's Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development, in United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response in Ghana, UNDP Regional Service Center for Eastern and Southern Africa in Johannesburg and UNDP Lesotho Country Office. Before joining UNDP, Tiina is a Finnish national and she holds a Master's Degree in Economics and the Global Alliance in Management Education Degree in International Management.

Connecting Business Initiative engages the private sector strategically before, during and after emergencies, increasing the scale and effectiveness of the response in a coordinated manner. Local communities and private sector networks play crucial roles in disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness, response and recovery. The Connecting Business initiative strengthens and supports those private sector networks. The Connecting Business initiative was launched at the World Humanitarian Summit in May 2016 and it takes forward the Summit outcomes, as well as the 2013 Development Agenda and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.



Ms. Martina Zapf, Head of Programme Support, Interpeace

Martina Zapf is the Head of Programme Support at Interpeace. In this capacity she oversees Interpeace's programmes in Europe and the Middle East, coordinates the development of new programmes, and coordinates Interpeace's International Peacebuilding Advisory Team. In 2015/2016 Martina worked on Interpeace's three-country research project investigating the humanitarian-peacebuilding nexus whose insights and recommendations were presented at the World Humanitarian Summit. Prior to her current role Martina worked as a Programme Officer at Interpeace, designing and implementing peacebuilding programmes together with local partners, and as Special Assistant to the Director-General, backstopping the strategic management of the organisation. She also previously worked as an Advisor/Deputy Team Leader for the German Development Cooperation in Chad and Afghanistan. Martina holds a MSc in Applied Psychology from the University of Liverpool, an MA in International Peace and Security from King's College in London, and a BA in Political Science and Public Administration from the University of Konstanz, Germany.

Interpeace is an independent, international peacebuilding organisation. Protracted conflicts have played a major role in the unprecedented levels of the humanitarian needs that have increasingly overwhelmed the international system in recent years. Therefore the WHS compelled actors from across the humanitarian, peacebuilding, and development sectors to come together to develop strategies and approaches for ensuring that international humanitarian response can positively affect people's resilience to conflict. To contribute to the development of concrete responses to this challenge, Interpeace initiated a project in 2015 together with local partners in three contexts (Indigo, Cote d'Ivoire; Pole Institute, DRC;

Mustakbalna, Palestine), funded by the government of Sweden. Investigating the experiences of local actors of how international humanitarian actors engage with them gave rise to a series of insights and recommendations on how to foster 'Meaningful Partnerships' in the context of humanitarian response that support local capacities for resilience to violent conflict. The presentation will share our insights on what constitutes resilience to violent conflict, how it can be enhanced in the context of humanitarian response, and how this strengthens the humanitarian-development-peacebuilding nexus. Facilitators: Initiatives of Change Switzerland Team



Mr. Bhavesh S Patel, Caux Design Team Manager

Bhavesh Patel designs and facilitates learning and development for people, organisations and networks. He believes that in an increasingly uncertain world, there are no off-the-shelf ideal pre-

defined solutions. Instead organisations can find their evolutionary capacity through engaging the development, to community groups discovering their shared vision. He also works as a trainer delivering workshops that explore skills in self-management, communication, training and facilitation. Bhav has a Masters in Management Psychology and has worked in over 30 countries for a mix of social and corporate clients.



Mr. Rainer Gude, Strategic Partnerships Manager

Rainer Gude took on the post of Chargé de Mission in January 2012. He now coordinates Initiatives of Change International's Organisations and

embassies in Geneva. He studied Theology and International Studies at Boston College and International Affairs at the Graduate Institute of Development and International Studies in Geneva. Before joining IofC he worked several years in the business sector.



Ms. Sofia Mueller, Project Coordinator, Initiatives of Change Switzerland

Sofia Mueller has been a project coordinator since October 2015, being in charge of the Enriching Encounters series and special events. She is Swiss-Canadian and has a background of International Relations and Public Management and Policy. She started out with Initiatives of Changes as a conference assistant for the International Peacebuilders' Forum in 2014.

Initiatives of Change Switzerland, is an officially recognised independent Swiss foundation. It owns and manages the Caux Palace, where each summer it hosts and organises the Caux Forum. Established in 1946, Initiatives of Change Switzerland organises and coordinates international and local conferences, seminars and training in Switzerland, primarily in its Conference and Seminar Centre, the former Caux Palace, bringing together a true diversity of people. Initiatives of Change Switzerland provides a safe and privileged space to inspire, equip and connect individuals, groups and organizations from around the globe to engage effectively and innovatively in the promotion of trust, ethical leadership, sustainable living and human security. Initiatives of Change Switzerland operates in line with its key approach of bringing global change through personal change and with its core values of absolute respect for human dignity, of truth, solidarity and care at every level of public and private life. Initiatives of Change Switzerland recommends silent reflection as a means to access creativity and inspiration.

Session 3:

Contextualizing Response: case studies on how NGOs work in the nexus

Case studies from the African, Asian and Middle East and North African (MENA) regions



Ms. Virginie Lefèvre, Programme and Partnerships Coordinator, Amel Association International, Lebanon

Virginie Lefèvre is a Jurist who has been working for the past 12 years with NGOs, particularly for the promotion and for the protection of Human Rights. Since 2010, she is living in Lebanon where she is involved in the humanitarian and in the development sectors. She is now the Program and Partnerships Coordinator of Amel Association International, a Lebanese NGO. Through her work, Virginie Lefèvre is committed to improve operations and coordination, notably within the framework of the Syrian crisis emergency and stabilisation response, while contributing to reflections around the international humanitarian system, North-South partnerships, national NGOs, etc. She is

the focal point of the Lebanese local NGOs Forum.



Mr. Driuni Jakani, Executive Director, LCHA Community and Economic Development (LCED) South Sudan

Driuni has been the ED of LCED since 2009 and started to support South Sudanese displaced within the country and now has expanded operations to supporting South Sudanese refugees in Uganda as well. He is a member of the Strategic Review Committee for the Shelter and Non-food Item Cluster in South Sudan. Previously, Driuni worked for the International Organization for Migration (IOM) at different capacities including as Officer-in-Charge of IOM Unity State sub-office. He has also worked as a field protection monitor for the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in South Sudan. Driuni has a degree in Social Studies from the University of Juba, South Sudan.



Mr. Neil Sison, Deputy Executive Director, Community and Family Services International, the Philippines

Mr. Neil Sison is Deputy Executive Director and concurrently the Director for Finance and Administration, and has been in humanitarian and development work for the past 12 years. Neil currently leads CFSI's Finance and Administration Team of about 30 persons from diverse backgrounds who are based in CFSI Headquarters in Metro Manila, and in six field offices across the Philippines and in Myanmar. Neil is currently responsible for organisation-wide operational concerns, which include but are not limited to financial management, human resources, administration, logistics, information technology, and social enterprise development. Moreover, Neil serves on the joint Board/Staff Personnel Committee, the Resource Development Committee and the Audit and Finance Committee. Prior to joining CFSI, Neil served in finance, administration, and human resource

management positions for several business firms based in the Philippines, Taiwan, and Australia. Neil earned the Bachelor of Science degree in Business Economics at the University of the Philippines, and a second degree, the Bachelor of Science in Accountancy at De La Salle University-College of Saint Benilde. He is currently taking a Master degree in Public Administration at the University of the Philippines.



Moderator: Mr. Marco Rotelli, Special Advisor and Regional Representative for Africa, ICVA

Since late 2016 Marco has been representing ICVA in Africa in Dakar and Nairobi. He has served in operations with NGOs and the UN in most of the major humanitarian crises since the early 2000s. After several roles in the Italian NGO INTERSOS, including Director and Secretary General he is now the organisation's President. He has participated to most of NWOW global and regional works and he is an active member of the Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus Community of Practice. He is a regular lecturer in Universities and Think Tanks on subjects related to the contemporary challenges of humanitarian aid, including access, principles and civil-military interactions and brings with him extensive experience of humanitarian practice. He owns a degree in Political Science and a Master Degree in

Diplomacy and International Relations. He is currently studying refugees protection and force migration studies at the School of Advanced Studies-University of London.

Session 4: Looking forward: reflections from the High-level panel



Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild-Drummond, Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination in the Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary-General

Mr. Hochschild of Chile served most recently as Deputy Special Representative for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA). He previously served as Deputy to the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Adviser for the Summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants. From 2013 to 2016, he was the UN Resident Coordinator, Humanitarian Coordinator and Resident Representative of the UN Development Programme (UNDP) in Colombia. He also served as the Director of the Field Personnel Division in the United Nations Department of Field Support,

New York; and as Chief of Field Operations and Technical Cooperation in the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Geneva.

Mr. Hochschild began his United Nations career in 1988 with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Sudan. He served in subsequent postings with UNHCR, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA), the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and in peacekeeping. He was posted in Jerusalem, in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in Geneva, in New York, in Timor-Leste, in Serbia) and in the United Republic of Tanzania, and undertook shorter missions in Afghanistan, Albania, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti and South Sudan. A graduate of the University of Oxford, United Kingdom, he has published studies and articles on leadership, on the protection of civilians, on transitional justice and reconciliation among other topics.



Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations, and Partnerships, The World Bank Group
Dr. Mohieldin is the World Bank Group Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, UN Relations and Partnerships. He previously held numerous senior positions in the Government of Egypt, including Minister of Investment. He also served on several Boards of Directors including the Central Bank of Egypt and the banking, corporate, and academic sectors. He is also Professor of Economics and Finance at Cairo University and Honorary Professor at Durham University. .



Ms. Ursula Mueller, Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator in the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

Prior to her current role as Assistant Secretary-General, Ms. Mueller spent over 30 years working in international affairs, global issues and development financing. She served as the Executive Director of Germany to the World Bank Group from September 2014 to February 2017, where she was responsible for strategy, policy and budgeting, and helped to foster closer cooperation between the World Bank and the United Nations.

Ms. Mueller also served in various government and public service roles, including Director-General of Germany's Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development and Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 2009 to 2010, she coordinated a taskforce in the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs to respond to the global financial crisis. Ms. Mueller brings to her position significant humanitarian and field experience. As Germany's Humanitarian Coordinator, Ms. Mueller managed Germany's multimillion-dollar humanitarian aid budget, oversaw Germany's humanitarian operations, and took forward new initiatives on landmines and conflict prevention. During this time, she also served on the Advisory Board of both the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA). Before this, Ms. Mueller was Germany's Special Envoy to Afghanistan and Germany's Civil Coordinator in Kosovo. Ms. Mueller studied economics at the University of Hagen, Germany and graduated from Germany's Foreign Affairs Institute with a Master of Arts in Public Policy and Administration.



Ms. Kelly Clements, Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)

Clements has been closely involved with refugee and displacement issues throughout her three decade career. Before joining UNHCR, she served in the U.S. Department of State as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration since 2010, where she was responsible for humanitarian issues in Asia and the Middle East. She previously led the Bureau's strategic planning, policy development and financial management to protect and assist refugees, conflict victims and vulnerable migrants worldwide. She was also the Acting Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon.

Clements served at the U.S. Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, on a Foreign Service appointment and was the Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs. Clements served as a Senior Emergency Officer for Europe, the Newly Independent States, and the Americas, and later as Balkans Assistance Coordinator; she was deployed to Albania. She also worked for the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Bangladesh. Clements holds a B.A. in International Studies and an M.A. in Urban Affairs from Virginia Tech, USA. She is a national of the United States of America.



Mr. Scott Weber, Director-General, Interpeace

Scott M. Weber is the Director-General of Interpeace, an independent, international peacebuilding organisation and a strategic partner of the United Nations. With over 300 peacebuilders in over 20 countries across Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Middle East, Interpeace aims to strengthen the capacities of societies to manage conflict in non-violent ways. As Director-General, Mr. Weber provides strategic direction to the organisation and oversees its operations, partnerships and budget. Mr. Weber holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations, Economics and Russian from Georgetown University and Certificates of Executive Education in Leadership from Harvard University's JFK School of Government and Oxford University's Saïd Business School. He was selected as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum (WEF) in 2009.



Moderator: Mr. Ignacio Packer, Executive Director, ICVA

Ignacio has over 30 years of experience in humanitarian work and development issues. Until recently, he was the Secretary General of the Terre des Hommes International Federation, and has previously worked for the Swiss Tropical Institute, the European Association for Development and Health, Médecines Sans Frontières, KPMG and the European Bank for Latin America. He is an expert on human rights and social issues, and has been strongly engaged in global advocacy on protection frameworks for people on the move with a particular focus on children and youth.

Wrap-up: Returning to People at the Centre

Reactions from a community perspective



Mr. Yiombi Thona, Chair, Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN)

Yiombi is the current Chair of Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network, APRRN, a growing network of more than 320 NGOs from 28 countries in Asia and the Pacific.

Yiombi is a refugee based in South Korea and Professor at Gwangju University and Chonnam National University in Korea.