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## Introductions and Welcome Address:

### Grounding the Discussions on Principled and Effective Humanitarian Action



**Mr. Anoop Sukumaran**, Chair, ICVA/ACT Alliance Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific

*He brings more than 25 years of experience in Development and humanitarian action. Previously, he was the Executive Director of the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN). He has also served on the ICVA Board. Anoop has a M.A and M.Phil in Political Science. Over the last two and half decades he has worked with NGOs, social movements and academia on a wide range of issues including labour rights, land rights, economic justice, human rights and refugee rights. He was involved in research and capacity strengthening of civil society and social movements.*



**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. Claire Doole**, Master of Ceremonies, Communications Trainer and Coach

*Claire Doole is a former BBC correspondent in London, Brussels and Geneva and international spokeswoman for the UN, International Federation of the Red Cross and WWF International, who is passionate about helping people communicate with confidence. Since 2006, she has successfully trained hundreds of professionals in the art of presenting and public speaking, talking to the media, managing communications in a crisis, and writing for the web. In addition, she has coached C-level executives and public figures to give powerful TEDx and TED style talks in Europe and the Middle East. As well as an expert coach and trainer, Claire is a sought-after moderator and Master of Ceremonies. She has facilitated panel discussions with presidential candidates, Vice-Presidents, government ministers, heads of international agencies, NGO activists, humanitarians and human rights specialists at major events. Holding British and Swiss nationalities, Claire speaks 4 languages and is based in Geneva.*

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## Session 1: Short of Change: the state of play in the humanitarian sector

A setting stage of changes in the humanitarian sector and how NGOs need to adapt



**Mr. Paul Knox-Clarke**, Head of Research, ALNAP

*Paul joined ALNAP in 2011. He manages the ALNAP research team, overseeing ALNAP's research and evaluation activities. His own research is on systemic issues: humanitarian effectiveness, leadership and organisational change. Before joining ALNAP, Paul was the director of a consulting company specialising in organisational effectiveness in international organisations. Paul has also worked at headquarters and on programmes for Save the Children (UK) and for WFP, where among other things he established the UN's food security monitoring unit for Afghanistan and developed WFP policy on accountability and participation.*



**Dr. Wolfgang Jamann**, Executive Director, International Civil Society Centre

*Dr. Wolfgang Jamann is the Executive Director at the International Civil Society Centre in Berlin. He has been working in the field of development cooperation and humanitarian assistance for most of his professional life, in the past 15 years in CEO positions at international aid organisations like CARE International, Deutsche Welthungerhilfe and CARE Deutschland. As a strong supporter of inter-organisational collaborations, he has lead strategic partnerships like the 'Alliance 2015' or 'United for Africa', to promote collective approaches toward large ambitions under the Sustainable Development Goals.*



**Ms. Emele Duituturaga**, Executive Director, Pacific Islands Association of Non-Government Organisations (PIANGO)

*Emele Duituturaga, a Fijian national, is the Executive Director of the Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO), a position she has held since June 2009. In this role, she has been instrumental in PIANGO's strong positioning as a regional and global civil society development actor and has spoken at numerous high-level meetings raising the profile of the Pacific's concerns such as climate change, localisation of humanitarian aid, gender equality, development effectiveness and implementation of*

*Agenda 2030 and the SDGs.*

*Prior to joining PIANGO Emele was a Research Associate at Fiji's University of the South Pacific (2017-2018) and Fiji Government's CEO for the Ministry of Women, Social Welfare, Poverty Alleviation and Housing (2014-2017). She has worked in the development sector for over 2 decades in most Pacific Islands countries working and living in NZ, New Caledonia, PNG, Solomon Islands and Fiji. Previously, she worked as the Project Manager for UNFPA; was head of the Women's Bureau with the SPC based in Noumea; an ADB long term adviser in PNG; a short-term gender adviser with RAMSI in the Solomon Islands. She started her career as a social worker, policy adviser, housing manager and university lecturer in NZ central and local government. She has a Bachelor in Social Work, a Postgraduate Diploma in Corporate Management and a Masters in Business Administration.*

**Ms. Sarah Noble**, Director of External Relations, IRIN News (The New Humanitarian from 21 March 2019)



*Sarah joined IRIN in 2017 and heads up its external relations and communications portfolio. Sarah brings with her more than a decade of experience in strategic communication and engagement in the field of international peace and security. For the past 11 years she has worked at the global peacebuilding organisation, Interpeace in a variety of key positions. Sarah also serves as Curator of the Peace Talks, an initiative that highlights the inspirational stories of people who are making positive contributions to peace. She has been recognized by the World Economic Forum for her contribution as a Global Shaper (2011-2015). She is a member of the Banff Forum of leaders under 40 in Canada. Sarah holds an MA in International Affairs from Norman Paterson School of International Affairs.*

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

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## **Session 2: What's the Bargain Now: Localisation and where to next?**

A conversation on how some of the positive outcomes of the Grand Bargain initiative can be taken forward through the lens of localisation



**Ms. Sema Genel Karaosmanoğlu**, Chair, NEAR Leadership Council

*Sema Genel Karaosmanoglu has been working in the field of humanitarian aid and international development for over 22 years. She has carried out project work in India, Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan and now focuses on work inside Turkey, related to the Syria crisis. Sema has worked as short-term consultant to a number of aid and development agencies working internationally. In 2005, Sema became the founding member and Director of Hayata Destek / Support to Life, a nongovernmental and impartial humanitarian aid organisation with headquarters in Istanbul, Turkey. In addition to post-disaster relief and resilience work, STL is involved in protection for refugees and displaced populations. Using her vast experience and expertise in the field of humanitarian action, Sema leads discussions on localisation of aid and the role of local actors. With a Ph.D. degree in Political Science and Public Administration, Sema has lectured in a number of universities in Istanbul. She continues to be involved in humanitarian aid and protection work in Turkey and the region.*



**Mr. Husni Al-Barazi**, Founder, Big Heart, Syria

*Husni Al-Barazi is the Founder of Big Heart, and an entrepreneur. He was educated at the University of California, Berkeley before working in the private sector where he held executive roles, founded and led numerous private ventures across the Middle-East, Africa and the Americas. Al-Barazi brings private sector expertise into the public sector at multiple levels. To date, Big Heart has delivered vital assistance to more than 2 million conflict-affected people. Its current grant portfolio includes projects in the Food Security & Livelihoods, NFI, WASH and Education sectors. While Big Heart was born in response to the crisis in Syria, Big Heart is committed to a sustained presence and to playing a leadership role in the recovery of communities. Big Heart's mandate and ambition is served by a well-established, rigorous and highly dynamic team of humanitarian, private sector, and regional experts. Al-Barazi has participated in multiple high-level governmental, non-governmental, UN and EU forums as a representative of Syrian NGOs.*



**Mr. Sean Lowrie**, Director, Start Network

*Sean grew up in Canada and was educated as a Mechanical Engineer. He has lived in the UK since 1999, and is married with two children. A decade ago he retrained as a social scientist at King's College London, studying collaboration and adaptiveness in humanitarian organisations. Sean has worked for close to 30 years in the delivery of solutions that help people, communities and organisations respond to crises and manage future risks. He has experience with front-line local delivery, international organisation management, inter-organisational collaboration, digital platforms, financial innovation, business models, futures, networks, partnerships, and systems change. Worked in civil society, UN and networked organisational contexts. Proven strategist, communicator, broker and innovator.*



**Mr. Michael Mosselmans**, Member of the Charter4Change Coordination Group

*Michael is Head of Humanitarian Policy and Practice and Head of Humanitarian Programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean in Christian Aid, (a member of the ACT Alliance). Michael is Chair of the ACT Alliance Humanitarian Policy and Practice Group, and is a member of the VOICE Board and the Charter for Change coordination group. Before Christian Aid, Michael worked in WFP as coordinator of the Towards a Safer World initiative; in OCHA as Chief of its Pandemic Influenza team; and in DFID as Head of its Conflict Humanitarian and Security (and previously United Nations and Commonwealth) Departments.*

**Interventions by the Co-conveners of the Grand Bargain Work Stream on Localisation:** Government of Switzerland and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

The Localisation Workstream is comprised of signatories to the Grand Bargain (including donors, UN agencies, INGOs, representatives of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement) as well as an invited group of local actors. It is intended to build momentum and support for all signatories to meet their commitments on localisation. A small group convenes regularly to develop joint projects and plans in order to share good



practices, find ways to overcome barriers, develop tools and disseminate information. This group has developed a workplan for 2018-2019 to guide its efforts. Public webinars and events are also organised periodically to bring more voices and share ideas and information. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Government of Switzerland currently serve as co-conveners of the Workstream. To find more about the workstream please visit our website at [https://media.ifrc.org/grand\\_bargain\\_localisation/](https://media.ifrc.org/grand_bargain_localisation/)

### Co-Moderators:

**Ms. Anita Kattakuzhy**, Humanitarian Policy Advisor – Local Humanitarian Leadership, Oxfam



*Anita is a humanitarian campaigner, working with Oxfam over the past 8.5 years with a special focus on localisation policy and advocacy in the past 3 years. Her work supports local and national localisation champions from many countries – spending significant time in Bangladesh and Uganda, learning from the best. Anita is leading Oxfam’s efforts to promote and publish how funding flows through the international humanitarian system at the national level, a staunch supporter of principled, transparent, and accountable humanitarian action. She is the chair of the Charter4Change advocacy group and represents Oxfam in the Grand Bargain Workstream on localisation.*

**Mr. Barnaby Willitts-King**, Senior Research Fellow, Humanitarian Policy Group, ODI



*Barnaby Willitts-King has worked in humanitarian action for over 20 years, including for the UK Department for International Development (DFID), Save the Children, and as a consultant to international agencies including the World Food Programme, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). His current research focuses on humanitarian financing, the foreign policy and decision making of both DAC and rising donors including the UK and China, and the role of emerging actors such as the private sector and regional organisations.*

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### Session 3: Let's Ex-Change!

A dynamic session sharing experiences of change and how organisations and initiatives are translating commitments to action.



**Ms. Mia Marzotto**, Senior Advocacy Officer, Translators Without Borders

*Mia Marzotto is the senior advocacy officer at Translators without Borders (TWB) and has supported field teams in Maiduguri and Cox's Bazar in recent months. Her past roles include working with Oxfam on media and advocacy in the occupied Palestinian territory and Israel, and on advocacy and outreach around the refugee response in Italy. TWB is making communicating in the right language the standard in humanitarian action. Since 2013, TWB has partnered with over 100 humanitarian and development organisations to provide language support and translate millions of words of written and audio content in more than 250 language pairs.*

#### **The language lesson: what we've learned about communication and community engagement in the Rohingya refugee response**

Acknowledging the reality of multilingual humanitarian environments, the session will open with a case-study presentation on TWB's work in the Rohingya refugee response in Bangladesh, including research on language barriers and a glossary web app of terms available to all responders. TWB will highlight some key translation and communication failures and successes, and implications of these for Rohingya refugees, host community members, and humanitarians. The aim will be to facilitate a discussion about practical steps humanitarian actors can take to improve two-way communication with affected populations, consistent with commitments on community engagement and accountability.



**Ms. Yessenia Soto**, Community Engagement Officer on Civil Society Resourcing, Civicus (SPANISH)

*Ms. Soto is a communications specialist who has worked with media and international corporate and non-profit organisations, helping raise visibility and awareness about different conservation, sustainability, travel, education and culture projects in Latin America. CIVICUS is a global alliance of civil society organisations and activists dedicated to strengthening citizen action and civil society throughout the world. We were established in 1993 and since 2002 have been proudly headquartered in Johannesburg, South Africa, with additional hubs*

*across the globe. We are a membership alliance with more than 7,000 members in more than 175 countries.*

#### **How can Civil Society Organisations Leverage More and Better Resources?**

Civil society organisations and movements around the world are facing a reduced and unbalanced access to adequate resources. This is a reality for both development and humanitarian organisations. So, how can we navigate this? At Civicus, we are making efforts to understand the resourcing trends and challenges for these organisations, especially in the Global South, and we are engaging in different ways with several stakeholders to leverage more and better resources for citizen action. Join us to learn more about our findings and initiatives, and let's discuss how these can apply to the humanitarian sector.



**Mr. Hugh MacLeman**, Policy Advisor & Head of the International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF) Secretariat, Development Cooperation Division, OECD

*Hugh MacLeman is Policy Advisor & Head of the International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF) Secretariat, Development Cooperation Division, OECD, where he supports OECD-DAC Member States and their partners to translate political commitments to risk and resilience into more effective programming on the ground. Prior to joining the OECD, Hugh worked in academia, with the Humanitarian Futures Programme at King's College, London; for government, as*

*a Director in the Humanitarian Branch of Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs; and as Head of Humanitarian Policy at the British Red Cross.*

### **DAC Recommendation on the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus**

In 2016, USD 68.2 billion or 65.5% of total earmarked ODA was spent in fragile contexts, compared to USD 35.8 billion spent in non-fragile contexts. And, while the multilateral system delivers around 80% of humanitarian assistance in fragile contexts, the majority of development assistance in these contexts—77%—is channeled through bilateral mechanisms. As such, a more coherent and coordinated effort that strengthens complementarity across the 'nexus' must involve a central role for OECD-DAC members in their collaboration with civil society and the multilateral system. The new **DAC Recommendation on the humanitarian-development-peace nexus** aims to guide this collaboration through a common set of principles to strengthen coordination, programming and financing to address risks and vulnerabilities, strengthen prevention efforts and reduce need in order to ensure that we reach the furthest behind and meet our commitments to Agenda 2030. This session will explore the details and implications of this initiative for donors, multilaterals and civil society.



**Ms. Perveen Ali**, Senior Policy Advisor (Protection) to UNHCR's Assistant High Commissioner (Protection) and the Head of the Global Refugee Forum coordination team (FRENCH)

*A human rights lawyer and social worker by training, Ms. Ali has been working in the field of refugee and human rights protection since 1993, previously with NGOs in the Middle East, South Africa, and the US, and most recently with UNHCR at Headquarters and in the field. Ms. Ali has closely supported the development of the Global Compact on Refugees and is now leading the preparations for the first Global Refugee Forum in December.*



**Ms. Sweta Kannan**, Policy Officer (Multi-stakeholders) on the UNHCR Global Refugee Forum coordination team (FRENCH)

*For the past six years, Ms. Kannan has worked for UNHCR in various capacities at both Headquarters and in the field, covering operations in Central and South-west Asia and Europe. She has followed the development of the Global Compact on Refugees closely as part of the Office of the Assistant High Commissioner (Protection) and is leading the engagement with multi-stakeholder partners in the lead-up to the Global Refugee Forum.*

### **How can civil society engage in the Global Refugee Forum?**

The Global Compact on Refugees (GCR), which was affirmed by the UN General Assembly in December 2018, seeks to provide a basis for more predictable and equitable responsibility-sharing, recognizing that a sustainable solution to refugee situations cannot be achieved without international cooperation. The GCR calls for various arrangements, including at the global and national level, to translate the principle of international solidarity into concrete action. Chief among them is the organisation of a Global Refugee Forum (GRF), the first of which



will be held in Geneva later this year (17-18 December 2019). The GCR clearly calls for a broad-based, multi-stakeholder engagement in its implementation and identifies different means of engagement. Join our discussion to learn more about recent developments in the preparations of the GRF, and ways in which civil society actors can contribute.



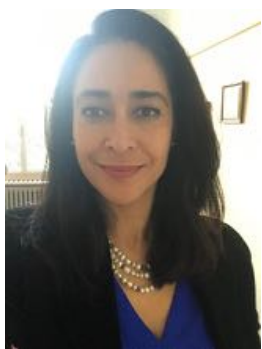
**Ms. Christine Knudsen**, Executive Director, Sphere  
(FRENCH)

*Christine Knudsen was appointed Executive Director of Sphere in 2014. Christine has brought over 20 years of humanitarian experience to the post. Formerly the Humanitarian Partnerships Manager in UNICEF's Office of Emergency Programmes, she has negotiated and built common policies on key issues with the United Nations, the Red Cross and the NGO community. Before joining UNICEF, she worked with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) and with Save the Children, leading child*

*protection responses in Sudan, Somalia, Chad, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Mozambique and Indonesia. She also worked in Burundi, Gambia, Iraq and in the Russian Federation.*

### **The new Sphere Handbook: From humanitarian principles to humanitarian practice**

Find out how the fourth edition of the Sphere Handbook translates principles and rights into practice. The Handbook sets out agreed minimum standards which translate the right to water or the right to food into practical and measurable actions. It is field tested, builds on 20 years of expertise and reflects the latest developments and learning in the humanitarian sector and beyond.



**Ms. Mervat Shelbaya**, Chief of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Secretariat  
(ARABIC)

*Ms. Shelbaya is the Head of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) secretariat, appointed by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator. In this capacity Ms. Shelbaya plays a crucial role supporting UN and non-UN humanitarian partners in this unique humanitarian forum to bring forward a broad range of issues, to facilitate effective humanitarian action. Ms. Shelbaya has over 20 years of experience in humanitarian affairs, including serving as the Deputy Chief of the World Humanitarian Summit secretariat. She was also the Asia-Pacific region Section*

*Chief in OCHA's Operations and Advocacy Division. Prior to joining OCHA, she served with the UN World Food Programme in Afghanistan, Jordan, Liberia, the UAE and Rome and has also served as Director of Operations with ADRA International in Kukes, Albania and jump-started and managed its operations in Kosovo.*

### **IASC Reform: How can NGOs engage in the new IASC structures?**

In May 2018, the IASC agreed on five Strategic Priorities for the IASC: Operational Response, Accountability and inclusion, Collective Advocacy, Humanitarian-Development Collaboration, and Humanitarian Financing. In January 2019, the IASC endorsed new IASC structures that are lighter, outcome-oriented and focus on ensuring timely collective humanitarian action in support of field operations. Join us to learn more from the IASC secretariat to better understand the IASC reform, how NGO can engage within these new IASC structures, and what is the reform's expected impact in terms of country support.



**Ms. Monica Noriega Ardila**, Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Specialist in the Department of Operations and Emergencies with the International Organization for Migration (IOM)

*Ms. Monica Noriega Ardila is the Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Specialist in the Department of Operations and Emergencies with the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Ms. Noriega has worked with IOM for the last 10 years within both programme support and emergency responses. As the lead GBV Specialist, Ms. Noriega provides technical support and guidance at global and country levels on*

*how to integrate GBV risk mitigation, response and prevention in IOM's crisis and operations worldwide. Over the past four years, Ms. Noriega has led the development of IOM's Institutional Framework for Addressing Gender-Based Violence in Crises (GBViC Framework) and promotes IOM's participation in global GBV initiatives. IOM is now an active partner to the Call to Action on GBV in Emergencies and Real-Time Accountability Partnership (RTAP), as well as a member IASC GBV Guidelines Reference Group and the GBV Area of Responsibility, among others.*

### **Strengthening collective responses to Gender-based violence in crises: IOM's GBViC Framework**

Building on concerted efforts undertaken of the past four years to transform the way IOM addresses GBV in crises, the Organisation launched its Institutional Framework for Addressing Gender-Based Violence in Crises (GBViC Framework) in September 2018. The GBViC Framework helps IOM safeguard the safety, dignity and well-being of all crisis-affected persons, especially women and girls, and aims to ensure that their equitable access to services are prioritized, integrated and coordinated across all IOM crisis operations. It articulates why and how the Organisation tackles GBV in crises and defines its vision and scope through three institutional approaches: mitigating risks; supporting survivors; and addressing root causes, which are outlined in the Framework's Operational Model. The GBViC Framework also provides the foundation for IOM staff to strengthen their engagement and contribution towards the collective efforts of the UN system, civil society and partners to address GBV worldwide. Join us to learn more about IOM's work on addressing GBV in crises and explore how we can strengthen collective initiatives!



**Mr. Said Alhudzari**, General Manager of Program Operations, MERCY Malaysia

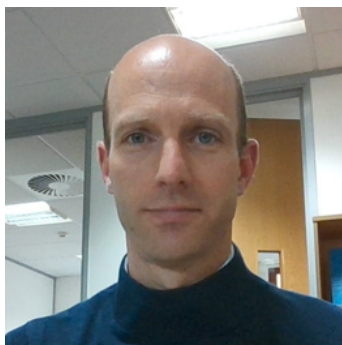
*M. Said Alhudzari is the General Manager of Program Operations at MERCY Malaysia. He is an operations specialist who leads the overall strategic development of MERCY Malaysia programming and response operations and its implementation, both locally and internationally. On top of that, he also helps to advocate about the global humanitarian issues and about MERCY Malaysia works to potential stakeholder and donors in Malaysia and worldwide and was involved in the development of MERCY Malaysia ISF framework. MERCY Malaysia is a non-profit organisation founded back in 1999 in Malaysia and*

*headquartered in Kuala Lumpur. They started off as an emergency response organisation but has now expanded into humanitarian and development works with a mandate within the Health and WASH sector. MERCY's main focus area of response is within the ASEAN region and they also work in the other part of Asia as a whole.*

### **An overview of 'Islamic Social Financing (ISF)' and its future for the humanitarian sector**

The 2016 High-Level Panel report on humanitarian financing, "Too important to fail – addressing the humanitarian financing gap," explored ways to address the USD 15 billion funding gap annually for humanitarian action. As part of the solution, during the WHS in 2016 'Islamic Social Financing' (ISF) was featured prominently in the deliberations and recommendations. It is estimated that between USD 200 billion to 1 trillion is available on annual basis. In 2018, MERCY Malaysia in collaboration with ICVA (IASC HFTT) conducted a Learning Lab on Innovative Humanitarian Financing in Kuala Lumpur to further discuss and elaborate about ISF potential and

how it could be unlocked to address the humanitarian needs worldwide. What is ISF? And how can ISF contribute to addressing humanitarian suffering in the future? Join us to discuss and learn more about ISF.



**Mr. Angus Urquhart**, Senior Policy and Engagement Advisor, Development Initiatives (DI)

*Angus Urquhart is a Senior Policy and Engagement Advisor at Development Initiatives (DI). Angus has worked in the not-for-profit sector for over 15 years as a policy researcher and programme manager promoting more effective approaches to peacebuilding and humanitarian programming. He currently works on DI's humanitarian portfolio of projects and was author of the 2018 Global Humanitarian Assistance report. DI is an independent international development*

*organisation working on the use of data to drive poverty eradication and sustainable development. DI works to ensure that decisions about the allocation of finance and resources result in an end to poverty, increase the resilience of the world's most vulnerable people, and ensure no one is left behind.*

### **Grand Bargain Transparency core commitment: promoting and enabling the use of IATI humanitarian data**

In 2016, signatories to the Grand Bargain committed to publishing *timely, transparent, harmonised and open high-quality data on humanitarian funding* to enable more effective decision-making. 91% of signatories are now publishing to the IATI standard. This is notable progress. The challenge is to ensure that the data published can be accessed and is useable. Development Initiatives is working with the co-conveners of the Grand Bargain Transparency workstream to support Grand Bargain signatories in implementing their commitments. Our work aims to: help access and demonstrate the potential of IATI data; analyse how data is being used; and understand what the needs are of data users. Join us to discuss the opportunities and challenges of enabling better data use, and to share your thoughts on and experiences of using humanitarian data to support your work.



**Mr. Jeremy Rempel**, Senior Policy Officer for Humanitarian Finance and Coordinator Less Paper More Aid, ICVA

*Mr. Jeremy Rempel serves as the ICVA Senior Policy Officer for Humanitarian Finance. In this role, he coordinates ICVA's Less Paper More Aid initiative, which is currently focused on the harmonisation and simplification of donor conditions for humanitarian financing. Jeremy has worked with NGOs over the past twenty years in roles linked to accountability, capacity assessment, and audit. Prior to joining ICVA, he spent eleven years with World Vision International where he led the operations audit group and helped to develop capacity assessment processes for national offices. Jeremy holds a*

*bachelor's degree in Diplomacy from Occidental College, and a master's degree in Public Policy from the University of California Los Angeles.*

### **The Grand Bargain and Harmonized Reporting: Putting Less Paper More Aid into practice**

Through the Grand Bargain agreement, signatories have committed to reduce the burden of narrative reporting on field staff by harmonising and simplifying the donor reporting process, improving the use of technology in reporting, and improving quality. The benefit of improved harmonisation of narrative reporting was identified in ICVA's work on Less Paper More Aid starting in 2015. Through the Grand Bargain, ICVA and Germany now co-lead efforts to pilot and roll-out a harmonized reporting template known as the "8+3 Template". With the planned conclusion of pilot work in May, work is currently underway to encourage a smooth transition from pilot to full implementation of the 8+3 reporting template. We will discuss the current status and plans for harmonised reporting, take questions on how best to engage, and give an update on next steps for Less Paper More Aid.



**Ms. Claudia Janet Valverde**, Member of Board of Directors, FM4

*Ms. Claudia Janet Valverde Hernández forms part of the Board of Directors of FM4 Paso Libre. Ms. Valverde is a migration specialist, since 2012 she has been engaged with different civil society organisations in Latin America that defend the human rights of migrants and refugees. Her collaboration has been focused on the implementation of advocacies strategies, educational activities and humanitarian actions that seek to address the challenges faced in this field. FM4 Paso Libre is a civil society organisation that promotes and defends a dignified*

*and fair treatment that respects the human rights of migrants and refugees in western Mexico through comprehensive humanitarian support, social integration, research and advocacy. The organisation was created in 2007. In 2010 they open the Migrant and Refugee Center, since then they have provided humanitarian aid to more than 40,000 migrants and refugees.*

### **What protection for children and youth fleeing violence in the Northern Triangle?**

Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador – commonly called the Northern Triangle due to their crime levels – have been plagued by the violence of the maras, criminal gangs characterized by extreme violence. In addition to spreading terror in various Central American cities, these gangs also recruit children and teenagers, pulling them into organized crime. Intense child and youth migratory flows between El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and the United States, and the hard-line suppression policies against youth gangs in institutionally weak Central American countries have created a major concern for youth protection in Central America. This session will engage participants in a discussion on how youth fleeing violence in Central America (within and from) can be protected under, and not limited to, protection frameworks in Latin America (Cartagena Convention).

\*Please note that there will be no translation during Session 3 due to its dynamic nature. While instructions will be translated into French and Arabic, all Lead Discussants will present their organisation or initiative in English, except for those indicated as French or Arabic presenters in the bio.

### **Facilitator:**



**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 2017 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.*

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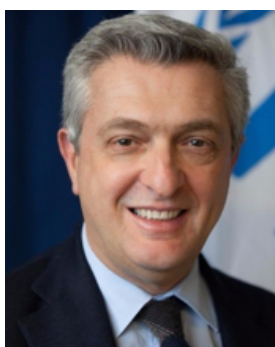


## Session 4: Change Re-Actions



**Mr. Mark Lowcock**, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

*In May 2017, Mr. Mark Lowcock of the United Kingdom was appointed as the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, and head of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). With more than 30 years of humanitarian and development experience, Mr. Lowcock serves as the chief coordinator of the world's humanitarian response in times of urgent crisis. Mr. Lowcock began his career at DFID (formerly the Overseas Development Administration) in 1985, and he served in a diverse range of roles — including overseas postings in Malawi, Zimbabwe and Kenya — in addition to holding leadership positions at headquarters. Prior to joining the United Nations, he was the Permanent Secretary for the Department for International Development (DFID), where he led the United Kingdom's humanitarian response to conflicts in Iraq, Libya and Syria, and to natural disasters in Nepal and the Philippines. Born in 1962, he holds a bachelor's degree in Economics and History from Oxford University and a master's in Economics from the University of London. He is a chartered accountant.*



**Mr. Filippo Grandi**, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

*Filippo Grandi was born in Milan, Italy in 1957. He has been engaged in international cooperation for 35 years, primarily with the United Nations. He has served in field operations in many of the major refugee and humanitarian crises of the last three decades. As United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, he heads the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) leading the international response to refugee crises around the world, working with governments to ensure that refugees have access to protection and support, and helping find solutions to displacement and statelessness. He speaks Italian, English, French and Spanish.*



**Dr. Shaheen Kassim-Lakha**, Director, International Programmes, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

*Dr. Shaheen Kassim-Lakha oversees the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation's international program areas, including Safe Water Access, Young Children Affected by HIV and AIDS, Avoidable Blindness, and Disaster Relief and Recovery. In addition to managing the operations of the Hilton Foundation's international grant program team, she leads grant programs related to global health issues and capacity building, and contributes to the Foundation's strategic planning. Dr. Kassim-Lakha has a broad academic and professional background in health services and public health, including experience in hospital administration, developing environmental health policy for urban centers in North America, and program management in several countries in Asia and Africa. Prior to joining the Foundation, she was a senior program officer at the UniHealth Foundation for six years. Dr. Kassim-Lakha received a Master of Public Health from the University of California at Los Angeles and pursued a career in international development and environmental epidemiology. She completed the doctoral program in health services at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, where her research focused on measuring results and developing an evaluation approach for healthcare philanthropy.*



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## **Wrap-up: Food for thought and next steps**

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