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Highlights from October 2021

Message from the Executive Director

Advancing Collective Accountability to Affected Populations

Is Accountability to Affected People a tick-the-box exercise or a truly transformative process of the current system, shifting from a supply-driven to a community-led model?

As reported in the [Grand Bargain 2021 review](#) the sector as a whole has done a lot but with the preoccupation of “doing”... “doing AAP to people.” We too often approach AAP as a technical fix to improve projects rather than “being accountable” and partnering with people by empowering local actors.

Despite commitments, [multitude of guidance, tools, approaches and initiatives](#), efforts at country level to implement more predictable and systematic collective AAP remain sporadic, inconsistent and largely uncoordinated.

There is renewed leadership recognition on how far the humanitarian system has still yet to go.

AAP implementation is a priority for a number of NGOs as noted in the [ICVA2030 strategy](#) adopted by ICVA's broad and diverse membership. The ERC, Martin Griffiths, has it high on his agenda. Accountability and inclusion is a [strategic priority 2022-2024](#) for the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC). A statement from the [IASC Principals](#) on the commitment to the centrality of collective AAP is expected any time. AAP was on top of the list of issues that the Resident/Humanitarian Coordinators raised at the HC retreat mid-October. The [IASC Result Group on Accountability and Inclusion](#) – co-chaired by UNHCR and UNICEF – is finalising tools to support the field to deliver more coherently on system-wide AAP.

Shifting from AAP driven by specialists within our organisations to getting the genuine buy-in at the leadership level is indispensable but, of course, not sufficient.

We have to tackle the blockages to implement collective AAP. Today, there are too little incentives for the system to change and no consequences when the system does not engage with affected people. To effectively implement, we have to address the failure to fully involve local actors in all phases of the response.

We may have the expertise, but the incentives have to change for AAP to effectively be the cornerstone of principled humanitarian action. Not a nice to have.

Ignacio Packer
Executive Director | ICVA

SAVE THE DATE!

ICVA@60 COMMEMORATION

9TH MARCH 2022
GENEVA

1. Save the Date for the ICVA@60 Commemoration and Valuing ICVA2030

ICVA is 60 years next year and it has been an incredible journey. From its humble beginnings in 1962 as a small coalition of refugee and migration focused NGOs, it has grown into a diverse network of close to 140 NGOs with an outreach to 8'000 NGOs operating in 160 countries worldwide. **To commemorate this special occasion, we're inviting you to join us for a webinar on Wednesday 9th March 2022 from 3pm to 5pm CET.** The webinar will reflect on our journey, milestones and value the ICVA 2030 strategy. After the webinar, **the ICVA board will host a reception in Geneva from 5:30pm CET.** Social events will also be conducted in our regional hubs (Africa, MENA, Asia Pacific, and Latin America) on dates to be confirmed soon. Stay tuned for more information in our next bulletins. Also keep an eye out on our socials - [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#). For now, please mark your calendars!!

Forced Migration

2. UNHCR 72nd Executive Committee

Thanks to valuable inputs from the NGO community, ICVA coordinated the drafting and delivery of two collective NGO statements on [International Protection](#) and [the General Debate](#) during UNHCR's 72nd Executive Committee from 4 to 8 October. The statement on International Protection focused on externalisation trends, including many examples of practices that are unlawful, exploitative, dangerous, costly, and ineffective. The statement

also highlighted recommendations for Member States to improve responsibility-sharing, solidarity and cooperation that promote international protection. The General Debate statement focused on gender equality in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and the integration of age, gender, and diversity perspectives in operations and policies. Additionally, the statement called to maintain political momentum in the follow-up to the [report](#) of the High-Level Panel's on Internal Displacement. Furthermore, a [reporting](#) of the seven UNHCR-NGO Regional Consultations and ten UNHCR-NGO Monthly Consultations held in 2021 was presented. More information on the Executive Committee is available on [UNHCR dedicated webpage](#).

Finally, ICVA welcomed the adoption of the [Executive Committee Conclusion on international protection and durable solutions in the context of a public health emergency](#). NGOs have been involved this year in the process through meetings with the ExCom Rapporteur and an [NGO statement](#) delivered at the September Standing Committee. Member States should safeguard fundamental international protection principles including against *refoulement*, access to territories, asylum as well as access to durable solutions during a health emergency. ICVA and NGOs will also aim to engage with the process for the next Executive Committee Conclusion to focus on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support.

3. NGO ExCom Side Event

On 8 October, in the margins of the UNHCR Executive Committee meeting, ICVA organised an NGO side event on "[Refugee protection: Share - not shift - responsibility!](#)" with the participation of [New Women Connectors/Global Refugee-Led Network](#), [Geutanyoe Foundation](#) and [the 2019 Martin Ennals Award Laureate for Human Rights Defenders](#). Gathering over ninety participants from Member States, NGOs, Academia, and UN Agencies, the participants highlighted the dangerous trends that shift responsibility and ways to reject externalisation practices and respect the 1951 Refugee Convention as well as the spirit of the Global Compact on Refugees. The participants notably emphasised the need to step up complementary pathways and to meaningfully involve refugees in decision-making processes affecting them. A summary of the event will soon be available on [ICVA website](#).

4. Internal Displacement: NGO Letter on the Recommendations from the High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement

Along with 25 other organisations, [InterAction](#) and ICVA signed on 15 October an [NGO letter](#) to the UN Secretary-General urging him to take forward recommendations outlined in the High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement's report. The letter was also shared with Permanent Missions in Geneva and New York. The NGO community engaged heavily in the Panel process, proposing ideas and feedback on various recommendations to improve efforts to prevent internal displacement, better assist internally displaced persons and ensure that situations of displacement do not become protracted. NGOs stand ready to continue to fulfil their role in realising the recommendations, working alongside displaced communities and other stakeholders. Since the launch of the report, ICVA members also continue to voice their analysis of the report, including [The Internal Displacement Monitoring Center](#) and [The Lutheran World Federation](#). More information on ICVA's work on the Panel is available [here](#).

5. Global Refugee Forum Follow-up: Stocktaking Events

On 20 October, ICVA co-organised with UNHCR Partnership and Coordination Service an online **NGO stocktaking event** on "**NGOs and the Global Refugee Forum: Taking Stock and Looking Forward.**" Over one hundred participants from NGOs and UNHCR reflected on their experience in implementing pledges, common challenges and ways to overcome them. Benefiting from perspectives and analysis from UNHCR Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, the Head of the GCR Coordination Team, [The Refugee Self-Reliance Initiative](#) as well as [The Queer Sisterhood Project](#), the event also shed light on areas where more efforts are needed. In addition, preliminary findings from an upcoming study commissioned by International Rescue Committee, Danish Refugee Council, and Norwegian Refugee Council on the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees were discussed.

The event was also an opportunity to start focusing on key NGO recommendations for the 2023 Global Refugee Forum, which will be presented in a joint NGO statement to be delivered at [The High-Level Officials Meeting](#) in December 2021. The drafting process for this statement is ongoing, and any NGO interested in contributing should get in touch with ICVA.

6. Asylum Capacity Support Group Stocktaking Event

On 12 October, ICVA and several NGOs attended an Asylum Capacity Support Group (ACSG) Stocktaking event on promoting partnerships to build asylum systems that operate with fairness, efficiency, adaptability, and integrity. It included updates and information on ACSG pledges progress as well as calls for support. ICVA will continue to share information to the NGO community on this important initiative from the Global Compact on Refugees.

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7. Migrants in Vulnerable Situations

International Dialogue on Migration (IMD)

The second session of the 2021 International Dialogue on Migration took place on 14 and 15 October 2021. Under the overall title of 'Leveraging Migration for a Resilient and Sustainable Post-Pandemic Recovery: Opportunities and Challenges.' Discussions focused on the impact of Covid 19 on human mobility and on migrants as actors of change and post-pandemic recovery. Find more on this session [here](#).

International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)

With the first IMRF to be organised in the first half of 2022, The President of the General Assembly, His Excellency Abdulla Shahid, delivered a keynote address in which he outlined the way forward towards the IMRF. You can read his address [here](#).

On 19 October the Coordinator of the UN Migration Network briefed UN Member States, UN entities and stakeholders on our progress to date and the upcoming International Migration Review Forum. For more, please read [here](#).

Watch Out!



The People’s Migration Challenge is back!

You can join every Tuesday, from 16 November to 14 December 2021 at 3 PM CET for another round of conversations on Migration, COVID-19 and a New Social Contract, Race and Ethnicity in Migration and many more.

[Register here](#)



Save the Date

The Virtual Launch of the Mixed Migration Review 2021, Tuesday 30 November 2021, 14:00-15:30 CET.

[Book your seat](#)

Financing

8. Grand Bargain 2.0 Updates

ICVA took over the NGO representative role from SCHR in the Grand Bargain Facilitation Group. In the next few months, initial steps will centre on the new 'national reference group' and 'caucus' structures. Three priority topics for new caucuses have been identified as: cash coordination; the role of intermediaries in supporting or funding local partners; and quality funding. The first two groups are currently active and working to define specific problem statements and timelines. For the group on quality funding, leaders still need to be identified for the caucus.

Further, work is also underway to develop the national reference group concept, including guidance for use by groups at the country level. The intention is that these groups would not add additional layers of complexity or replace Humanitarian Country Teams but would build on existing structures where possible to improve local engagement with the Grand Bargain. Read more information on the Grand Bargain [here](#).

9. IASC Humanitarian Finance Results Group (RG5)

The work of RG5 continues to focus on cascading of overheads, cost classifications, and funding flexibility. A draft of revised final funding flexibility measures has been circulated with RG5 members for initial comments. Negotiations will continue over the coming weeks. A top priority for NGO colleagues remains improved budget flexibility, both in terms of percentage and focus on outcome/category rather than line-item flexibility. The IASC OPAG also met on 6 October to discuss the future structure and priorities for IASC groups. A draft proposal will be circulated later in October for inputs from IASC members and NGO invitees.

Coordination

10. Annual Humanitarian Coordinator's (HC) Retreat

ICVA attended the partners day of the annual Humanitarian Coordinator's (HC) Retreat in Montreux, Switzerland. The event gathered all the Resident and Humanitarian Coordinators globally to discuss a range of issues around leadership and humanitarian system reform. On the agenda for discussion during the partners day was Accountability to Affected People (AAP) and responding to the impacts of COVID-19.

Taking advantage of the HC retreat, ICVA scheduled several small-group discussions with HCs and DHCs from the DRC, South Sudan, Libya, Venezuela, Burkina Faso, Afghanistan and the oPt. These discussions were a chance for exchanges with the HCs around the humanitarian situation, the role of NGOs and areas for increased advocacy or support from regional and global levels.

Also, ICVA and the EU Delegation co-chaired a roundtable discussion for donors and NGOs on the situation in Haiti. Discussions focused on the challenges facing NGO operations in their responses, including concerns for safety and security of humanitarian workers.

11. Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC)

On 20th October, at second IASC Principals bi-annual meeting for 2021, IASC Principals discussed key humanitarian crises and agreed on specific actions to respond to the urgent humanitarian needs on the ground. Their discussions specifically focused on the situations in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Myanmar, and Syria. Principals gathered in Geneva at a key moment, as humanitarian needs are rising to unprecedented level. **Follow-up Actions were decided by Principals on** Accountability to Affected People (AAP), Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment (PSEA/SH); climate change; and the IASC strategic priorities for 2022-2023.

This included to reconvene on 23 November under the auspices of the IASC Champion on PSEAH to consider concrete proposals from the IASC External Review; to encourage IASC members to sign the climate and environment charter and to issue an [IASC statement](#) to inform the IASC's position on climate ahead of COP26 (issued on 3rd November).

IASC Emergency Directors Group (EDG)

The EDG met face to face for the first time since early 2020. Discussions focused on the situation in Afghanistan and in Northern Ethiopia, including feedback from the recent Operational Peer Review.

Operational Policy and Advocacy Group (OPAG)

The OPAG met on 6 October to discuss potential IASC Strategic Priorities for 2022-2023 and reflect on the structures required to take them forward. The NGOs member to OPAG were shared concrete suggestions and asks on the way forward. The suggestions were then further discussed at the Deputies Forum which took place on 15 October. The Forum also focused on the report and recommendations of the High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement's report.

12. Update on IASC Results Groups

RG 1 Operational response:

IASC RG 1 Sub-group on Localisation: The subgroup members from local NGOs, INGO and NEAR network had a discussion during the last week of October on how to disseminate the IASC guidance on Strengthening Participation, Representation and Leadership of Local and National Actors in IASC Humanitarian Coordination Mechanisms: [IASC Guidance on Strengthening Participation, Representation and Leadership of Local and National Actors in IASC Humanitarian Coordination Mechanisms](#). Going forward global, regional and in country discussions will be held to ensure that local actors link this guidance with their daily advocacy and engagement efforts. The guidance will be made available and translated into different languages in the upcoming months.

RG 1 Subgroup on Bureaucratic and Administrative Impediments (BAI): No updates

RG 2 Accountability and inclusion: No updates

RG 3 Subgroup on Climate Change: No updates

RG 4 Nexus: The IASC RG4 met in October and worked at the Nexus Podcast series. ICVA has involved members expert on various sub subjects of the nexus as speakers. Podcasts will be recorded in mid-November and will be released after.

The biannual **RG4 OECD DAC INCAF** meeting took place in October. It was an opportunity to share with donors the findings of the lessons learned exercise.

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

13. COVID-19 Vaccines

Phase 2 of the [UN System wide vaccination campaign](#) has now launched. In Phase 1, over 21,000 INGO staff members in 33 countries were vaccinated through this campaign. INGO staff obtained vaccines through the Ministry of Health with an estimate of 70% of them in certain humanitarian contexts not receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. In Phase 2, 600,000 vaccines have been procured with 25,000 J&J vaccines available immediately for INGO staff. This campaign is led by the Resident Coordinator's Office in each participating country. If your INGO is interested in participating, please contact the RCO or [UN vaccine focal points](#) to find out more.

- If you wish to join the ICVA Working Group for COVID-19 Vaccines mailing list or the online meetings, please email eileen.morrow@icvanetwork.org.

Navigating Change: Cross Cutting Issues

14. Child Rights

Global Forum on Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Children

On November 30 - December 1, 2021, UNICEF and the Government of Finland will host the Global Forum on AI for Children. Reflections will be around UNICEF's updated Policy Guidance on AI for Children and case studies from organisations that have piloted it. Panels will share diverse perspectives on effective AI policies and strategies. Join the conversation [here](#).

15. Civil Society Space in Humanitarian Action

On 5 July, 2021, the Development Assistance Committee adopted the [Recommendation on Enabling Civil Society in Development Co-operation and Humanitarian Assistance](#), their first-ever policy instrument on enabling civil society. ICVA members too provided input to this policy instrument. See [ICNL's note](#) on what DAC members can do to begin implementing the Recommendation's provisions.

CIVICUS 2021 State of Civil Society Report

CIVICUS 2021 State of Civil Society Report looks at where people have mobilised to demand more just, equal and sustainable societies during the pandemic. This is the 10th edition of the report, and it covers five key areas of civil society action during 2020 including the global struggle for racial justice, challenging exclusion and claiming rights, demands for economic and environmental justice, democracy under the pandemic, and civil society in the international arena. Read more information in the [Executive Summary](#) and the [Interactive Report](#).

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16. Climate and Environment

**JOIN THE COLLABORATIVE ACTION NOW FOR THE
COP26 AND BEYOND!**

CLIMATE ACTION

COP26

**The humanitarian community must get its priorities
right while responding to humanitarian needs.**

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Engagement at COP26

World leaders are gathered in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November for COP26 to debate how they can keep our planet from going into a state of climate chaos. The topic at hand remains between developed economies and developing ones on how to fund the battle against the climate crisis. ICVA members are engaged in the discussions and negotiations both in-person and virtually. One of our members, Oxfam, is calling for three things from the conference: 1) Tough new emissions targets to limit warming to 1.5°C, with rich countries and the largest emitters doing their fair share. 2) Rich nations to keep their promise to provide \$100 billion a year to help poorer nations adapt and reduce emissions. 3) Wealthy nations agree a way to finance loss and damage for the now unavoidable impacts of climate change, from flooding to desertification, already destroying homes and lives.

Meanwhile, ICVA has signed on to the following initiatives:

- [Statement on behalf of the Climate and Environment Charter Signatories](#). The statement is available in English, Spanish, French and Arabic. We encourage you to use it publicly on your own website, through social media channels, and in any other way you find useful.
- [Key messages on Climate Change and Human Mobility](#) by the Advisory Group on Climate Change and Human Mobility

And just as a reminder, if you have not signed the climate charter, you can now sign it [here](#).

Explore all our key messages, initiatives and calls to action mobilised by NGOs and partners on our [Climate and Environment webpage](#).

The UN Human Rights Council (UNHCR) recognises the Right to a Healthy Environment and Appoints a New Special Rapporteur

The UNHCR adopted [Resolution 48/13](#), recognising for first time that having a clean, healthy and sustainable environment is a human right and calling on UN Member States to cooperate to implement this right. The Council adopted [Resolution 48/14](#), establishing a Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change.

Planet: Red Summit

On 12 October ICVA's Executive Director, Ignacio Packer participated in a Public High-level discussion on the Climate and Environmental Charter for Humanitarian Organisations. The recording of this event is now available. Listen to [ICVA's contribution from minutes 26](#).

- For more information visit ICVA's [Climate and Environment](#) webpage or contact: nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org

17. Safeguarding

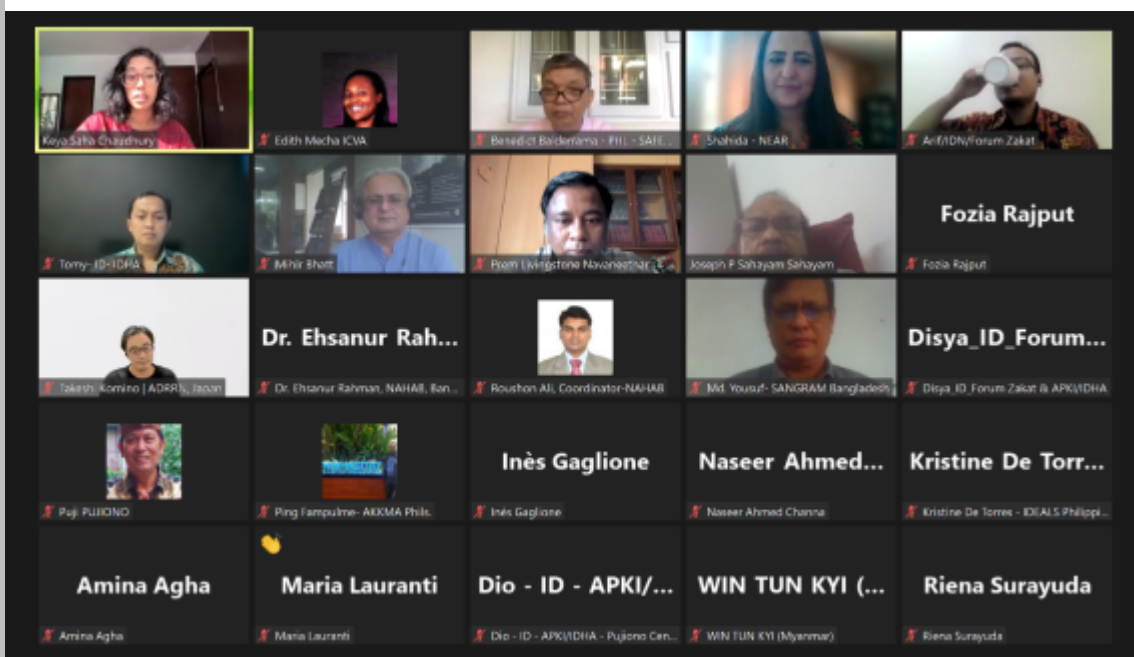
The PSEA Outreach Fund: The Interagency PSEA Outreach and Communication Fund received 1000 applications this year. These have been reviewed and selected by a Steering Group of experts from NGOs and UN agencies, according to strict criteria and ensuring a geographic coverage and diversity of target groups. The selected organisations are already working on the projects funded by the Fund and are expected to finish by end of 2021. You can read more about the Fund [here](#).

IASC PSEA ToRs: The IASC has endorsed the Generic Terms of Reference for [PSEA Focal Points](#), [PSEA Networks](#), and [PSEA Coordinators](#). ICVA and its members participated in several rounds of consultations and inputs to the ToRs, with the aim of achieving a final product that is useful and inclusive. The Generic ToRs harmonise and systematise the role of PSEA actors in-country, while allowing for the ToRs to be **adopted to context** depending on practical needs and realities on the ground. The PSEA Focal Point ToR should be especially useful for NGOs looking for a base to create ToR for this important role.

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Region Specific

18. Asia and the Pacific



On 3rd November, ICVA and NEAR network organised a regional workshop for local actors on **Alternative Funding**. The workshop gathered over 50 Civil society representatives from the Asia Pacific region to share and exchange on diverse humanitarian funding models being used in their context, such as NGO led pooled funds and community philanthropy. Presentations were also made by ICVA's Jeremy Rempel and NEAR's Innovative Finance Advisor on current global initiatives. This workshop was a first step to better highlight diverse funding models targeting local actors, in complement to ongoing discussions about improving the quality of humanitarian funding mechanisms and localisation.

Also, ICVA is feeding into various strategic planning processes for NGOs through presentations on key issues around localisation and Climate Change. We will be co-facilitating a regional consultation on climate change and humanitarian action with ECHO, in mid-November as part of their series on regional consultations ahead of the European Humanitarian Forum in 2022. So far, ICVA has facilitated the participation of NGOs in each of the sessions but does not make any decisions related to attendees.

In addition, various monitoring, coordination and support activities for Afghanistan are ongoing in partnership with the heads of the different ICVA focus areas.

As we start to develop our regional direction for the next three years we are liaising with various member and partners to understand priorities and gaps in the region where we could add value. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have suggestions you would like to discuss.

- For more information about ICVA's work in Asia and Pacific, contact Keya Saha-Chaudhury, keyasahachaudhury@icvanetwork.org

19. Africa

NGO Fora Support:

ICVA support to **NGO fora in Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan and Sudan** are coordinating with the Building a Better Response (BBR) project to co-organise a 3-day face to face learning workshop in **Nairobi, Kenya in the first quarter of 2022**. The workshop will provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the international coordination system for large-scale emergencies and help them identify where they can act and engage directly within the system through a coordinated response. Topics such as humanitarian principles and standards, country-level leadership, and humanitarian programming cycle and financing will be addressed as they relate to coordination.

European Humanitarian Forum (EHF): ECHO is organising regional consultations in preparation to the EHF to be held on 22 January 2022. ICVA is supporting the ECHO offices in Dakar and Nairobi, facilitating both the written consultations and the upcoming roundtables. Country-level consultations are currently ongoing, and will include representatives from the NGOs, the UN agencies, and the Red Cross Movement. Note that while ICVA has advocated for the inclusion of NGO fora where existing to encourage consultations at country-level, the exact list of participants is ultimately ECHO's decision, through the input of their own country offices. The themes for consultations in West and Central Africa include engaging with non-state armed groups and CMCoord and for East and Southern Africa they include access, protection for civilians and climate change.

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20. MENA Region

EU Regional Consultations in MENA Region

The European Humanitarian Forum [EHF](#) is a new EU meeting aiming to shape the future of humanitarian assistance. The first edition of the Forum will be organised by the European Commission and France in the perspective of its future Presidency of the Council of the European Union. This will take place in Brussels on 22-24 January 2022.

For the first time, preceding this forum there will be a series of regional consultations. ICVA is supporting the Regional EU team in organising the **MENA Regional Consultations** that will take place in November 2021 (*exact date to be announced soon*) virtually. Consultations will be around Humanitarian Access, Climate Change and Humanitarian Needs, and Protecting Civilians and Essential Civilian Infrastructure in Urban Warfare.

Capacity Strengthening Program and Learning for Yemen CSOs Network

In October, ICVA MENA began a capacity strengthening program and learning for Yemen CSOs Network. The program is targeting the 10 members of the Yemen CSOs network in a tailored training with supporting tools and resources to strengthen their skills on humanitarian coordination, good governance, and strategic planning. The program includes understanding the different regional and global models and in-depth discussions about the processes needed to review the network governance, their strategy and enhancing the communication and representation strategies. The training also focuses on joint coordination and enhance understanding of the global and regional humanitarian ecosystem.

Upcoming ICVA Research “Advancing NEXUS in MENA: Breaking the Silos”

ICVA aims to undertake research to better understand the current stage of implementation of NEXUS approach in seven countries throughout MENA and how localization can be interconnected with NEXUS to create a holistic approach. Find more details [here](#).

Regional MENA: ICVA Regional Representative, Eman Ismail, participated in the Regional 3RP workshop held on 13 October 2021 and co-chaired by 3RP secretariate from Regional UNDP and UNHCR. Eman shared reflections from the perspective of ICVA members on key emerging trends and issues linked to Localization and Nexus focussing on climate change and Grand Bargain 2.0. The recommendations from the recent [ICVA case study on supporting the local Syrian networks](#) were also shared.

In country: In Jordan

On 26 October 2021, ICVA MENA presented to the Jordan INGO Forum Country Directors Meeting on NEXUS and Localization Opportunities. The presentation focused on unpacking what Nexus means, opportunities and barriers during protracted humanitarian settings.

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21. Latin America Region

Venezuelan INGO Forum

Some key issues discussed during the INGO forum included the need for an incident and crisis management protocol and strengthening coordination among humanitarian actors. Coordination spaces exist in Venezuela and are functioning through the facilitation of OCHA and the 4 Field Coordination Centers (Caracas, Ciudad Guyana, Maracaibo, San Cristobal) the clusters, sub-clusters and the INGO Forum. The need for more participation of national and international organisations and UN agencies in coordination spaces was emphasised.

On 21 September, the INGO Forum held a meeting with the newly appointed Humanitarian Coordinator, Mr. Gianluca Rampolla. Some of the key points raised were on the insufficient humanitarian response and that the Humanitarian Fund of Venezuela is a way to give visibility. Also, there was emphasis that publication of the HRP 2021 is still necessary to make the humanitarian situation visible and the registration system for international organisations (REGONG) represents a step forward.

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Learning Opportunities

24 November 2021
14:00 - 16:00 (CET)



The Climate Charter – A Practical Guide
Session 2: Maximising the environmental sustainability of our work

22. Happening on 24 November 2021: ICVA-PHAP's webinar on Maximising the Environmental Sustainability of our Work

This will be the second webinar of our [Learning Series on Climate Change and Humanitarian Action](#) - The Climate Charter: A practical guide. The webinar will present an overview and initial lessons learned on how organisations can develop and implement more environment friendly policies, the challenges and opportunities, and some of the requirements and standards being put in place by donors. Save your spot today [here](#).

Missed the Topic 1 webinar on [Adapting to impacts of climate and environmental crises?](#) Check the YouTube recording and the podcast [here](#).

New and Noteworthy

23. ICVA participated in the Pre APC 2021 briefing on the new World Food Program Strategic Plan on 5 October. Read more about the discussions [here](#).

24. WFP Annual Partnership Consultation 2021 (APC) on 9 – 11 November

This consultation brings together more than 100 CEOs from 60+ partner organisations and represents an important opportunity for WFP to strengthen their partnerships. Register by 5 November [here](#).

25. Airlink - An Invaluable Partner during Crisis Response

Airlink is an NGO addressing logistical barriers to humanitarian response and arranging air transportation of relief workers and aid to crisis-stricken communities. Through Airlink's partnership with [airlines](#), logistics providers, and donors, NGOs serving vulnerable communities receive no-cost or reduced-cost flights and logistics guidance. Learn more about [Airlink](#) and their work in Latin America.

26. Have you joined the Global Citizen Assembly?

This is an opportunity to meet online and in communities to learn about and discuss the climate and ecological crisis. World leaders will hear your recommendations at COP26 and in a report in March 2022. You can take part [here](#).

27. The British Red Cross held a Webinar to launch their joint report with DA Global: 'Is aid really changing? What the Covid-19 response tells us about localisation, decolonisation and the humanitarian system'

The panel of experts offered perspectives on humanitarian reform, decolonisation and locally led action as well as practical ideas to find genuine pathways towards a more equitable humanitarian system that is truly localised. Find the webinar recording [here](#).

28. ICoCA and GISF conducted research to better understand NGOs practices, procedures and policies vis-à-vis private security. Findings were synthesised in a Policy Brief. [Read the report and watch the webinar convened for its launch.](#)

Agenda

31 October to 12 November: COP26, Glasgow

November 3: ICVA with NEAR network regional workshop for local actors on alternative finance mechanisms

November 9-11: WFP Annual Partnership Consultation 2021

November 24: ICVA PHAP webinar on Maximising the Environmental Sustainability of our Work

December 9-10: Global Humanitarian Policy Forum (GHPF)

December 9-10 – Annual Meeting of the UN Network on Migration

December 10: Human Rights Day

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

2022

January 24-26: European Humanitarian Forum

March 09: ICVA@60 and ICVA2030

May 2-20: 8th Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (HNPW 2022)

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