



**UNICEF – NGO Partnership in Humanitarian Action
2020 Annual Consultation (virtual)
‘Working Together to Address Emerging Challenges’
17-19 November 2020
Agenda**

Brief overview of the sessions

Day	Timing	Agenda items	Speakers	Duration
Day One: 17 Nov				
Session 1	15h00-16h00 CET 09h00-10h00 EST	Opening session: Looking back at UNICEF 2019 commitments The 2020 UNICEF-NGO Consultation follows up on the discussions and commitments undertaken in 2019. The first session of the Consultation will not only remind participants on such commitments, but it will also create a space for discussion on progress reached and next steps. The opening and introduction words by both ICVA and UNICEF, will be followed by a short progress report from UNICEF and a Q&A session between participants and UNICEF, facilitated by ICVA	Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mirela Shuteriqi ICVA Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meritxell Relano, UNICEF Luc Chauvin, UNICEF 	1h00
Session 2	16h00-18h00 CET 10h00-12h00 EST	What has changed? A panel discussion on how COVID-19 has impacted partnership Session Two, which will be organized as a panel discussion, will zoom in 2020, giving a possibility to both UNICEF and NGOs to exchange on the major challenges and achievements of the year, the role played by the partnership, and lessons learnt/take away for the upcoming period. As the COVID-19 pandemic has triggered an unprecedented global health, humanitarian, socioeconomic and human rights crisis, the COVID-19 response will be very much at the center of the discussion, looking in specific contexts of interventions, various measures undertaken to mitigate impact and what more can be done jointly by UNICEF and NGOs. Other important 2020 developments will also be considered in this session, linking	Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kehkashan Beenish Khan, UNICEF Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manuel Fontaine, UNICEF Ignacio Packer, ICVA Pius Ojara, South Sudan NGO Forum Carmen Garcia, World Vision 	2h00

		up with the commitments towards partnership taken by UNICEF in 2019 and identifying areas where continued investment is needed.		
Day Two: 18 Nov				
Session 3	14h00-14h30 CET 08h00-08h30 EST	<p>Operationalising partnership: UNICEF Civil Society Organizations partnership survey</p> <p>In the last years, UNICEF has increasingly invested in improving its partnership with civil society by also more pro-actively reaching out and asking their feedback in such a partnership. In 2019, upon request by UNICEF, ICVA carried a humanitarian partnership survey that, together with several regional feedback sessions, shaped the themes and session of the 2019 UNICEF-NGO Consultations. In 2020, UNICEF itself carried out another partnership survey going beyond the humanitarian sector and covering all its civil society partners. The Survey results will be presented by UNICEF during the session. This will be followed by a short reaction from ICVA, which will compared it to the 2019 survey findings which were limited to its humanitarian members. A short Q&A session will follow.</p>	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeremy Rempel, ICVA <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frankie Chen, UNICEF Jeremy Rempel, ICVA 	30min
Session 4	14h30-15h15 CET 08h30-09h15 EST	<p>Operationalising partnership: UNICEF simplified partnerships procedures</p> <p>This session will look at how simplified partnership procedures and new partnership modalities can support the delivery of results for children, what some of the remaining challenges faced are and how UNICEF and NGO partners can address such challenges in the future. This session will give us the opportunity to hear points of concern from the NGO side as well as continue the discussion on harmonization and simplification of UN partnership agreements with a focus on UNICEF Programme Cooperation Agreement (PCA), a discussion that has been reignited in 2019.</p>	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeremy Rempel, ICVA <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kate Phillips Barrasso, InterAction Miriam Mbembe, Kenya Red Cross Josephine Odanga, UNICEF Kenya Frankie Chen, UNICEF 	45min

<p>Session 4 (cont'd)</p>	<p>15h15-16h30 CET 09h15-10h30 EST</p>	<p>Funding flexibility for NGOs in the context of COVID-19 and beyond</p> <p>This panel is very much linked to the previous one, as the COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated how the humanitarian system is able to quickly apply flexibility measures advocated by NGOs and UN agencies for decades. During this panel we will discuss ways to incorporate elements of quality funding, funding flexibility and lighter reporting requirements into standard practice beyond the pandemic, cascading the benefits throughout the partnership line and improving equitable risk transfer. Specific attention will be given to access and quality of funding for local and national NGOs.</p>	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremy Rempel, ICVA <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magda Cavanna Highams, IRC • Virginie Lefèvre, Amel Association International • Samar Muhareb, ARDD • Jelena Jovanovic, UNICEF 	<p>45min</p>
<p>Day Three: 19 Nov</p>				
<p>Session 5</p>	<p>14h30-16h00 CET 08h30-10h00 EST</p>	<p>Anti-racism, anti-discrimination efforts for a respectful, inclusive, diverse, equitable, mutually accountable & safe partnership</p> <p>The third day of the Consultation will start with a session focusing on anti-racism, anti-discrimination and localization efforts. Co-organized with A4EP, a network of national and local organizations, the first panel will discuss anti-discrimination and anti-racism efforts, addressing institutional aspects and the external ones, e.g. programming and partnership as well the inter-linkages between them. By sharing on their ongoing initiatives, NGOs and UNICEF will also explore opportunities to leverage results for concrete changes in the system.</p>	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smruti Patel, A4EP <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ritah Nansereko, AWYAD • Julie Diane Hackett, UNICEF • Ferdous Ara Rume, COAST Trust • Saranel Benjamin, Oxfam GB 	<p>1h30min</p>
<p>Session 5 (cont'd)</p>	<p>16h00-17h30 CET 10h00-11h30 EST</p>	<p>Localization and decolonization of aid efforts for a respectful, inclusive, diverse, equitable, mutually accountable and safe partnership</p> <p>Co-organized with A4EP, a network of national and local organizations, the second panel will highlight how decolonialization of aid and how the principles of partnership should be so implemented so as to ensure joint decision-making, respect, diversity, equality and mutual accountability in</p>	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smruti Patel, A4EP <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philimon Majwa, UNICEF • Christian Els, Local2Global • Regina "Nanette" 	<p>1h30min</p>

		<p>partnership at the benefit of children and their families. Specific attention will be dedicated to the roll out of existing commitments on localization of aid in country programmes, the strengthening of partnerships with local and national actors and progress reached since last year's consultations.</p>	<p>Salvador-Antequisa, Ecosystems Work for Essential Benefits, Inc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noha Yeha, Yemeni Women Union 	
<p>Session 6</p>	<p>17h30-18h00 CET</p> <p>11h30-12h00 EST</p>	<p>Closing session and ways forward, with concluding remarks by UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore and ICVA Executive Director Ignacio Packer</p>	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natascha Paddison, UNICEF <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director • Ignacio Packer, ICVA Executive Director 	<p>30min</p>