

ICVA Conference

Adjusting to Reality?

Monday 19 March 2012

 Geneva, Switzerland

Time	Event	Content	Facilitator/ Speakers
08:45	Coffee <i>(Outside the Meeting Room)</i>	Participants are invited for coffee before the meeting begins.	
09:00	<i>Session 1</i> Welcome and Introduction to the Day and Participants <i>(Meeting Room)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming Remarks and framing the day, Paul O'Brien, Chair, ICVA Executive Committee • Key Questions: Humanitarian response and the Humanitarian Community – Who's in and who's not? Challenges for the humanitarian community in making humanitarian action more effective. Her Excellency Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani, Ambassador of Qatar to the United Nations in Geneva • Workshop schedule and methodology, Gillian Martin Mehers, Facilitator, Bright Green Learning • Table Introductions and Mapping the Room: Participants introductions • ICVA's Expectations for this Conference – Updates and future focus. Table Discussions: Facilitated by Board Members • Setting the Stage: Speed Meeting - Is impartiality the only principle in humanitarian response? • Plenary reflections on the discussions. 	Paul O'Brien Her Excellency Ms. Al-Thany Gillian Martin Mehers
10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11:00	<i>Session 2</i> The Reality Check <i>(Meeting Room)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews: What is the current reality – what does humanitarianism mean today? Is there room for both “traditional” and “new” actors to work together effectively? What needs to change to make aid more effective? Four speakers are interviewed by Richard Blewitt. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Degan Ali, Horn Relief/Adeso (Somalia) 2. Jean Luc (*Djaloki) Dessables (USA/Haiti) 3. Frederick Koome, Refugee Consortium Kenya (Kenya) 4. Ramiro Lopes da Silva, WFP Director External Relations • Discussion 	Gillian Martin Mehers Richard Blewitt Degan Ali Jean Luc Dessables Frederick Koome Ramiro Lopes da Silva
12:30	Lunch (Buffet)		

14:00	<p><i>Session 3</i> The Way Forward – Part I <i>(Meeting Room)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With this changing reality, what does this mean for our organisations – 3 stories to start: 1. Lt. Gen Santos Cruz, Haiti former Commander UN peacekeeping force 2. H.E. Ambassador Atta Manan Bakhit, Assistant- Secretary-General, Organization for Islamic Cooperation (OIC) 3. Philippe Lazarini, Deputy Director of the Coordination and Response Division, OCHA (tbc) • Table discussions: How our own organisations can and are adapting to this new reality. • Plenary exchange of ideas – what are some of the actions that stick out, what are we noticing about the kinds of things organisations are doing? 	<p>Gillian Martin Meheers</p> <p>Lt Gen Santos Cruz</p> <p>Atta Manan Bakhit</p> <p>Philippe Lazarini (tbc)</p>
15:15	Coffee Break		
15:45	<p><i>Session 4</i> The Way Forward Part II</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Space Table discussions – Your advice on ICVA’s position: 1. What does the new reality mean for humanitarian response and coordination? 2. Do NGOs and others need to consider setting up their own structures when UN-led coordination remains too UN-centric? 3. How will the transformative agenda being put forward by the Inter-Agency Standing committee address the realities on the ground or is there a risk that the emphasis on tweaking the existing architecture will simply reinforce or even exacerbate the divisions that have been created by the humanitarian reform process? 4. What new opportunities are created by having new actors joining existing coordination mechanisms? 5. What role do the Member States of the UN have in supporting the architecture that the UN puts in place in humanitarian responses? • Gallery Walk and plenary reflections - what are the best ideas which have come forward? 	<p>Gillian Martin Meheers</p>
17:00	<p><i>Session 5</i> Next Steps and Closing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Reflection: What do we see as the next steps as individuals and organisations. Plenary thoughts. • Next steps for ICVA, Ed Schenkenberg • Closing words, Paul O’Brien 	<p>Ed Schenkenberg</p> <p>Paul O’Brien</p>
17:30	End of the Day		
		Cocktail/Reception to mark ICVA’s 50th birthday with Guest Speaker	