

# ICVA Conference

## Adjusting to Reality?

# Monday 19 March 2012

 Geneva, Switzerland

Time	Event	Content	Facilitator/ Speakers
08:45	<b>Coffee</b> <i>(Outside the Meeting Room)</i>	Participants are invited for coffee before the meeting begins.	
09:00	<i>Session 1</i> <b>Welcome and Introduction to the Day and Participants Setting the Stage</b>  <i>(Meeting Room)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcoming Remarks and framing the day, <b>Paul O'Brien, Chair, ICVA Executive Committee</b></li> <li>• 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. <b>Her Excellency Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani</b>, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the United Nations in Geneva</li> <li>• Workshop schedule and methodology, <b>Gillian Martin Mehers, Facilitator, Bright Green Learning</b></li> <li>• <b>Table Introductions and Mapping the Room:</b> Participants introductions</li> <li>• <b>ICVA's and Participants' Expectations for this Conference</b> – Updates and future focus. Table Discussions: Facilitated by ICVA EXCOM Members</li> <li>• Setting the Stage: Speed Meeting - Is impartiality the only principle in humanitarian response?</li> <li>• Plenary reflections on the discussions.</li> </ul>	<p>Paul O'Brien</p> <p>Her Excellency Ms. Al-Thany</p> <p>Gillian Martin Mehers</p>
10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11:00	<i>Session 2</i> <b>The Reality Check</b>  <i>(Meeting Room)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Interviews:</b> 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 <b>Richard Blewitt</b>.</li> <li>1. <b>Degan Ali</b>, Horn Relief/Adeso (Somalia)</li> <li>2. <b>Jean Luc ('Djalòki') Dessables</b> (Haïti)</li> <li>3. <b>Imaana Fredrick Koome</b>, Refugee Consortium Kenya (Kenya)</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>	<p>Gillian Martin Mehers</p> <p>Richard Blewitt</p> <p>Degan Ali</p> <p>Jean Luc 'Djalòki' Dessables</p> <p>Fredrick Koome</p>
12:30	<b>Lunch (Buffet)</b>		

14:00	<p><i>Session 3</i> <b>The Way Forward – Part I</b> <i>(Meeting Room)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With this changing reality, what does this mean for our organisations – 3 stories to start:</li> <li>1. <b>Major Gen. Carlos Dos Santos Cruz</b>, Haiti former Commander UN peacekeeping force</li> <li>2. <b>H.E. Ambassador Atta Manan Bakhit</b>, Assistant- Secretary-General, Organization for Islamic Cooperation (OIC)</li> <li>3. <b>Philippe Lazzarini</b>, Deputy Director of the Coordination and Response Division, OCHA (tbc)</li> <li>• Table discussions: How our own organisations can and are adapting to this new reality.</li> <li>• 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?</li> </ul>	<p>Gillian Martin Mehers</p> <p>Major Gen. Carlos Dos Santos Cruz Amb. Atta Manan Bakhit</p> <p>Philippe Lazzarini (tbc)</p>
15:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
15:45	<p><i>Session 4</i> <b>The Way Forward Part II</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Open Space Table discussions – Your advice on ICVA’s position:</b></li> <li>1. What does the new reality mean for humanitarian response and coordination?</li> <li>2. Do NGOs and others need to consider setting up their own structures when UN-led coordination remains too UN-centric?</li> <li>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?</li> <li>4. What new opportunities are created by having new actors joining existing coordination mechanisms?</li> <li>5. What role do the Member States of the UN have in supporting the architecture that the UN puts in place in humanitarian responses?</li> <li>• Gallery Walk and plenary reflections - what are the best ideas which have come forward?</li> </ul>	Gillian Martin Mehers
17:00	<p><i>Session 5</i> <b>Next Steps and Closing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group Reflection: What do we see as the next steps as individuals and organisations. Plenary thoughts.</li> <li>• Next steps for ICVA, <b>Ed Schenkenberg</b></li> <li>• Closing words, <b>Paul O’Brien</b></li> </ul>	Ed Schenkenberg Paul O’Brien
17:30	<b>End of the Day</b>		
		<b>Cocktail/Reception to mark ICVA’s 50th birthday with Guest Speaker</b>	