

Montreux X

Retreat on the Consolidated Appeal Process and Humanitarian Financing Mechanisms 18-19 March 2010

ANNOTATED DRAFT AGENDA

MR.X-2010.1

DAY 1 - THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2010

THEME: EARLY RECOVERY

Background documents for Day 1:

- Ø CAPs over the years: a brief retrospective on ten years of Montreux Retreats, a study by OCHA, commissioned by the Convenors for Montreux X (ref. MR.X-2010.2)
- Ø Early Recovery: a background paper prepared by the Cluster Working Group on Early Recovery (CWGER), commissioned by the Convenors for Montreux X (MR.X-2010.3)
- Ø Early Recovery in Humanitarian Appeals: a study by Sarah Bailey (HPG, Overseas Development Institute), commissioned by the Convenors for Montreux X (MR.X-2010.4)

08.45 Registration and coffee

09.15 **Welcome by host country:** Mr. Toni Frisch, Deputy Director-General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

09.25 **Welcome by the Convenors** and outline of the programme

09.45 **Montreux X: a retrospective** of the past 10 Montreux CAP retreats

*A paper commissioned for Montreux X (MR.X-2010.2) will be introduced by OCHA, providing participants with an overview of the impact achieved by the Montreux process since its inception in 2000. This presentation will be followed by a short discussion on the **expectations from and the value added of the Montreux process.***

10.30 Break

11.00 Theme 1: **Early Recovery**

For several years, participants at the Montreux Retreat have expressed interest to discuss Early Recovery in the context of humanitarian appeals. The overarching objective of the day's presentations and discussion will be to:

- Ø *Develop a common understanding of how early recovery activities can and should be included in humanitarian appeals;*
- Ø *Increase mutual understanding of the opportunities and constraints donors face when funding ER activities through humanitarian appeals;*
- Ø *lay the foundations for continuing discussion on ER issues between Geneva-based actors, after the Montreux Retreat*

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- 11.15 Achievements and challenges for early recovery in humanitarian appeals, presented by the **Cluster Working Group on Early Recovery (CWGER)** (see background paper MR.X-2010.3 and annex)
- 11.30 **Early Recovery in Humanitarian Appeals:** Sarah Bailey (HPG, Overseas Development Institute) will present key findings from her study (see background paper MR.X-2010.4)
- 11.45 **Donor Approaches to Early Recovery:** Judith Randal (Development Initiatives) will give an overview of key issues surrounding donor approaches to funding early recovery
- 12.00 Comments and reactions from **a donor perspective** will be provided by Sweden
- 12.15 Q&A: comments and discussion in plenary
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.30 **Break-out discussion:** 3 sets of break-out groups will discuss questions related to the following themes:
- Ø *Which are the most important criteria for the inclusion, tracking and implementation of ER-projects in humanitarian appeals?*
 - Ø *How can the impact of ER projects be measured?*
 - Ø *Can you suggest ways to enhance funding ER projects in humanitarian appeals?*
- 15.30 **Feed-back** by 3 groups randomly chosen, representing each of the three sets of break-out group discussions
- (Coffee and tea will be available in the room during the afternoon session)*
- 16.45 **Discussion** in plenary with a panel of the previous speakers and the active participation of other key stakeholders
- The outcome of the discussion is expected to be a higher degree of mutual understanding as to how early recovery measures should be included in appeals and, ideally, recommendations on how this should be done*
- 17.30 **Conclusions and wrap-up** (closure 17.45)
- 19.00 Apéritif, with announcement of winner of Montreux X Quiz
- 19.30 Dinner, with Guest Speaker: **Martin Griffiths**, Director, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Geneva

DAY 2 - FRIDAY 19 MARCH 2010

THEME: SAFETY AND SECURITY IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Background document for Day 2:

- Ø Supporting Security for Humanitarian Action: A review of critical issues for the humanitarian community, by Abby Stoddard and Adele Harmer (Humanitarian Outcomes), commissioned by the Convenors for Montreux X (MR.X-2010.5)

08.30 **Welcome and introduction of theme 2: Safety and Security for Humanitarian Action**

The humanitarian community has faced a surge in the number of violent attacks on aid worker since 2006. The ability of humanitarian agencies to operate in high-profile and large-scale emergencies is becoming increasingly constrained due to security threats and the shrinking of humanitarian space, leaving vulnerable communities without much-needed assistance. As agencies look to identify new ways to manage risk, the question is raised as to how these individual approaches fit into a coherent strategy that maximizes the security benefits for the broader community, and how funding can be made available in a manner that suits all partners. In this discussion, participants will seek clarity regarding the current system for assessing and managing security related risk in humanitarian emergencies; identify synergies among the approaches; and explore the most appropriate funding mechanisms for security activities in support of humanitarian action.

The overarching objective of the day's presentations and discussion will be to:

- Ø *Explore ways to increase coherence in donor policies and mechanisms for funding security requirements associated with humanitarian action;*
- Ø *Identify areas to strengthen the international architecture for security risk management to best serve the broad humanitarian community;*
- Ø *Establish a dialogue among donors and between donors and partners regarding the concept of Safety and Security in humanitarian action.*

08.40 **Managing Risk: The Global Context**

Gregory B. Starr, UN Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security (UNDSS) will provide his perspectives on the current operational environment and challenges facing UNDSS and the broad humanitarian community in managing risks

09.00 **Panel** views: reactions and perspectives from

- Ø Amin Awad, UNHCR
- Ø Shawn Bardwell, USA
- Ø Jacques de Maio, ICRC
- Ø Pascal Daudin, Care International

followed by a short Q&A session

10.15 Break

10.45 **Safety and Security for Humanitarian Action**

Presentation by Abby Stoddard of study commissioned by Montreux followed by a short Q&A session (see background paper MR.X-2010.5)

Agencies in highly insecure contexts require significantly greater security expenditure to effectively manage and mitigate risks in order to maintain

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humanitarian operations. Currently, the majority of funding for security flows through individual agencies, making the CAP a less relevant channel for security funding and not reflective of the level of requirements. Gaps exist both in practice and funding for common security platforms, and in coordination in funding, policy. Good practice should be improved by more open and active discussion between and among humanitarian donors and agencies.

11.15 **Breakout discussion:** 9 break-out groups will be tasked to consider a series of questions related to the following:

- Ø *What are the most effective risk management strategies in support of humanitarian programmes and what kind of indicators reflect commitment to, and success of, such strategies?*
- Ø *How can partners budget for security without accurate costing and what are the most effective funding channels to support individual and collective security measures?*
- Ø *What are the most appropriate multi-stakeholder forums for discussions regarding safety and security of humanitarian action?*

13.00 Lunch

14.15 **Feed-back** from break-out session
First set of three groups followed by discussion

15.15 **Feed-back** from break-out session
Second set of three groups followed by discussion

16.15 **Remarks by Guest Speaker and Panel**
Comments to break-out feed-back and ensuing discussions

16.30 **Conclusions, final comments on Montreux X Retreat, and closing remarks**

16.40 **End of retreat**

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