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## ICVA BULLETIN

Highlights from August 2018

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### Message from Executive Director

#### Feeling the heat

Conversations about weather are no longer small talk.

Intense heatwaves across much of the Northern hemisphere with record temperatures from Algeria to the Arctic are a reminder of the need to keep the Paris Agreement's temperature limit to 1,5 °C to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

Tropical regions are facing even greater challenges. They are the most affected. Drought and extreme heat conditions will intensify with increasing warming.

The difference in climate impacts will be felt unequally around the world. The majority of poorer developing contexts bearing the brunt of the additional impact.

The 2018 heatwave is a sign of things to come should we not reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The scale of humanitarian impacts of climate change will depend on action taken now.

There is a compelling global peace and security case for climate action. Climate change is a threat with increasing risks of conflict and displacement due to stress on water, food, energy.

As individuals, communities, organisations, sectors, we cannot fail to show leadership in embracing the transformation to a greener economy.

**Ignacio Packer**  
Executive Director

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### ICVA Updates

1. **New staff members:** Please join us in welcoming our three new colleagues:

- **Qingrui Huang, Deputy Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific** joined ICVA at the end of July 2018. She will support ICVA's work in the region, including to strengthen regional engagement on issues related to forced displacement and migration and the changing humanitarian system. Qingrui is currently working to develop and implement ICVA's new Regional Strategy in consultation with ICVA members, NGO Fora and partners. Prior to joining ICVA, Qingrui has worked with the UN and NGOs in Thailand, Myanmar and China.

- **Ariane Leroy, Communications Officer**, started at ICVA at the beginning of September and is based in the Geneva office. Ariane will develop our communication process, tools and capacities for the implementation of our Strategy 2019-2021 and support our communications activities. Before joining ICVA, Ariane worked as the Communication Manager at Gavi the Vaccine Alliance.

- **Tamara Maaita, Programme Officer for ICVA MENA.** Tamara is based in Jordan and will be supporting ICVA's work in the MENA region. She will provide support to ICVA members and NGO Fora, and contribute to strengthening engagement with humanitarian actors in the region. Tamara previously worked for USAID funded projects, as a Communication and MEL Manager.

**2. New Members:** We are pleased to welcome to the ICVA network the following organisations:

- [ACBAR](#), Afghanistan
- [Good Neighbors International Geneva](#), Switzerland
- [New World Hope Organisation](#), Pakistan
- [4FM Paso Libre](#), Mexico

For more information about membership with ICVA please contact [Secretariat@icvanetwork.org](mailto:Secretariat@icvanetwork.org)

**3. Enhancing accountability SEA: Is a Sector Ombudsperson the next step?** The idea of creating a Humanitarian Sector Ombudsperson's office (HSO) with the power to handle SEA issues throughout the sector is being discussed. As its establishment and running might have various significant implications for the entire sector, a wide consultation within the sector is necessary. Such consultation should aim to assess whether the HSO is the best tool to respond to the need for enhanced protection against SEA within the sector, and if yes, how to make it function efficiently. ICVA commissioned a [discussion paper](#) aiming at feeding this reflection among ICVA members,

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## Forced Displacement

### 4. UNHCR – upcoming events and updates

- **Standing Committee:** UNHCR's 73rd Standing Committee meeting will take place in Geneva from 19-20 September. ICVA is coordinating NGO statements on the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) and the Grand Bargain. These statements will be made available on [ICVA's dedicated webpage](#) soon after delivery. NGOs interested in attending the Standing Committee meetings can confirm their participation to the UNHCR Partnership Section ([partnership@unhcr.org](mailto:partnership@unhcr.org)) by 13 September.

- **Executive Committee:** UNHCR's 69th Executive Committee meeting will be held in Geneva from 1-5 October. This year, NGOs plan to deliver statements on the General Debate and on International Protection. An NGO side-event will also be organised looking at possible evolutions in refugee responses. More information related to this year's ExCom – including on attendance and registration – can be found on the [UNHCR dedicated page](#).

- **UNHCR-NGO Annual Consultations 2018:** The [NGO Rapporteur's final report](#) on the consultations is now available. The report will be shared with and presented to Member States during the ExCom in October. Many thanks to the Rapporteur, Yamamah Aga, of Settlement Services International, and her team for the concise summary of the rich discussions, which took place over three days.

**5. IOM-NGO Humanitarian Consultation:** IOM and ICVA are hosting this year's IOM-NGO Humanitarian Consultation on 25 September 2018, in Geneva, Switzerland. The overarching theme of this year's Humanitarian Consultation will be 'Internal Displacement'. Consultation sessions will focus on: Addressing internal displacement in protracted crises through the triple nexus of humanitarian, development and peace; IOM-NGO complementarities in protection; and Transitional justice and internal displacement. Registration is now open. ICVA members and current and prospective IOM humanitarian NGO partners are eligible to participate and are encouraged to apply online as early as possible [on this link](#).

**6. Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD):** Governments and civil society will meet in Morocco in December to discuss the intersections of migration and development.

Individual applications to attend the [civil society days of the GFMD](#) on 4 and 6 December is now closed, but it is still possible for up to three ICVA members. If you are an ICVA member, please indicate your interest to [Ignacio.packer@icvanetwork.org](mailto:Ignacio.packer@icvanetwork.org) at latest by 15 September. Being selected unfortunately does not mean that there will be funding available.

[12 Civil Society Recommendations for the future of the GFMD.](#) To prepare for the debate on the future of the Forum and its role in the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration, recommendations were gathered by ICMC through an open survey. The 12 recommendations call, amongst others, for an effective interface between the GFMD and the GCM. Civil society members are invited to sign-on to these recommendations.

**7. Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM):** The Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the GCM will be held in Morocco on 10 and 11 December 2018. Registration for NGOs starts early September at <https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/>

## **8. Internally displaced persons (IDPs)**

- **Consultation on UNHCR Policy on Internal Displacement:** On 29 August, ICVA facilitated a consultation between UNHCR and ICVA members on the development of UNHCR's updated policy on internal displacement. This policy provides the foundations for realising UNHCR's vision of working across the entire spectrum of displacement and ensuring a more decisive and predictable engagement with the internally displaced people, as laid out in [UNHCR's Strategic Directions 2017-2021](#). A follow-up discussion on this topic will be organised between UNHCR and ICVA members in the coming months.

- **Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement (GP20):** At least 10 UN Resident Coordinators' offices have established focal points to take the Plan of Action forward. Work has progressed on several initiatives on the [four priorities in the Plan of Action](#) – IDP participation, law and policy, data and analysis, and addressing protracted displacement while driving durable solutions. In June 2018, IDPs from Nigeria, South Sudan, Mexico and Japan attended the UNHCR Annual Consultations and the UN Human Rights Council's first ever High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement (co-hosted by Honduras, Uganda, Austria and the UN Special Rapporteur). In August, a local Plan of Action for IDPs developed in Niger through regional workshops was finalised. In South Sudan, the development of a law to address internal displacement has begun. You are invited to support IDPs by signing the GP20 mission statement at: [www.gp20.org](http://www.gp20.org). Signatures will be handed over to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs at the end of 2018 to use in her work on internal displacement.

**9. UNHCR Propose a Solidarity Approach for the People of Rakhine State:** In early August 2018, UNHCR shared a [Concept Note](#) that proposes a comprehensive approach solutions for all people of Rakhine State in Myanmar. The note highlights the importance of "responsibility-sharing and inclusive growth" in line with the ongoing process of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and encourages multiple stakeholders to "address the refugee situation in a holistic and coordinated manner". However, the note itself is not clear on entry point(s) for NGOs and the role foreseen for them. In response to this note ICVA collated feedback from NGOs, and organised a multi-stakeholder dialogue on this topic in Bangkok on 5 September.

**10. CRRF in Afghanistan:** In mid-August, Afghanistan announced they have officially joined the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) as the first (and currently only) registered country of origin. ICVA's Regional Representative for Asia met with the Head of UNHCR in Kabul to discuss the announcement and its implications for NGOs. In many ways,

the CRRF in Afghanistan builds on the pre-existing Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees to Support Voluntary Repatriation, Sustainable Reintegration and Assistance to Host Countries (SSAR). It was highlighted that more clarity is needed regarding the announcement, particularly related to third-country involvement. It is hoped this announcement will be elaborated on further during the coming visit of the UNHCR High Commissioner to Afghanistan. ICVA has requested that UNHCR organise a dialogue regarding the announcement with NGOs in Kabul.

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## Humanitarian Financing

**11. The Grand Bargain:** September will be a busy month for the Grand Bargain, with a number of meetings planned to follow up on recommendations emerging from the 2018 Grand Bargain Annual Meeting held in June:

- **On 14 September**, Grand Bargain co-conveners (workstream leads) will gather in Geneva to discuss the plan to reduce or simplify the overall number of workstreams. Co-conveners will also discuss the [recently-released recommendations from ODI](#) on prioritisation of Grand Bargain commitments.

- **On 23 September**, Kristalina Georgieva, Grand Bargain Eminent Person, will host a high-level meeting in New York with key stakeholders to agree on how to enhance the political will to implement the Grand Bargain.

For more information on Grand Bargain meetings, or to highlight particular concerns or questions with the implementation of workstream commitments, please contact [jeremy.rempel@icvanetwork.org](mailto:jeremy.rempel@icvanetwork.org).

Also linked to the Grand Bargain meetings, ICVA and Germany will co-host a gathering on 13 September in Geneva to discuss the results of the harmonised narrative reporting pilot mid-term review, and implementation of year two of the pilot. Both current pilot participants and organizations interested in joining the pilot may attend. To add your organisation to the invite list, please contact [jeremy.rempel@icvanetwork.org](mailto:jeremy.rempel@icvanetwork.org).

**12. Safeguarding and humanitarian financing:** The ICVA Humanitarian Finance Working Group (HFWG) is looking at the implications for NGOs of a new UN Protocol on Allegations of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Involving Implementing Partners. The rollout of this protocol particularly affects NGO partners with funding from UNICEF, UNHCR, WFP, or OCHA, but may affect funding from other UN agencies as well. UNICEF has taken the lead in pressing forward with implementation, with new partnership agreements referencing the protocol to be implemented starting immediately, and a requirement that all NGO partners submit evidence of training of staff in PSEA by the end of 2018. Ongoing funding with UNICEF will now be dependent on partners adhering to the requirements of the protocol. ICVA, through the HFWG, is working to identify appropriate points of feedback to ensure that NGO concerns over how this new protocol is implemented are gathered and shared with UN agencies. If you would like to engage in the discussion on PSEA within the HFWG, or receive updates on progress, please join the HFWG mailing list by contacting [secretariat@icvanetwork.org](mailto:secretariat@icvanetwork.org).

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## Humanitarian Coordination

**13. Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Update:**

- **Emergency Directors Group (EDG) - Ebola:** The EDG organised 4 calls in August (on 09, 16, 23 and 30) to discuss the Ebola outbreak on the Eastern DRC. At the end of August, a total of 116 cases had been reported (86 confirmed and 30 probable cases), 77 deaths, and 4,831 people vaccinated. Preparedness and readiness measures are also strengthened in selected non-affected provinces in DRC and neighbouring countries to allow timely detection and response to potential threat. For more information you can consult [WHO](#)

[page](#).

- **IASC Deputies Forum:** on 1 October, the Deputies Forum will host Ms. Louise Arbour, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration, to update on the first-ever Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, to share the latest on the repositioning of the United Nations Development System. The Deputies will also discuss about restructuring the IASC.

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## Humanitarian Partnership

**14. Learn more about the World Food Programme's vision to end malnutrition:** The WFP will consult interested ICVA members on their new vision on ending malnutrition. 51 million children currently suffer from acute malnutrition. Despite global efforts and other areas of success, this number has only decreased by 10% since 1990. The consultations will take place on 26 September (members in Africa & MENA), and 27 September (members in Asia). If you are interested in joining this conversations, please contact [Nishanie.Jayamaha@icvanetwork.org](mailto:Nishanie.Jayamaha@icvanetwork.org).

**15. The African Union** commission is preparing to commemorate anniversaries of key conventions on refugees and IDP's in the continent. the 31st African Union Summit has designated 2019 as the "Year of Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in Africa: Towards Durable Solutions to Forced Displacement". ICVA will be involved in the various activities, planned for the theme year alongside various partners to ensure members stay informed and involved.

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## Field Support

**16. CVA - ACBAR Workshop: Understanding the Humanitarian, Development and Peace Nexus in Afghanistan:** ICVA and the Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan relief and Development (ACBAR) co-hosted a workshop to support NGO participants to develop a better understanding of the Humanitarian, Development and Peace Nexus in Afghanistan, including to discuss the current state of global and regional-level policy discussions on the triple nexus, discuss which actors are working in these three sectors in Afghanistan, and how to build synergies between this work, understand and unpack the challenges, risks and opportunities for principled and effective humanitarian action when working in the nexus, and share lessons learned and best practices from the wider NGO and humanitarian community. The workshop was followed by a dialogue with humanitarian and development donors in Kabul, where the recommendations resulting from the workshop were shared with donors as the basis for ongoing dialogue on the topic.

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## Humanitarian Learning Stream



## 17. Webinar on Donor Perspectives on the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus - 11

**September:** the fifth and final session of the ICVA /PHAP learning stream on the humanitarian-development-peace nexus takes place on 11 September. After having explored how the three main types of actors in this nexus view the current processes and discussions, join us for a discussion on how the actors behind a large proportion of the funding in these sectors are approaching the issue of how and to what degree humanitarian, development, and peace works should be coordinated and/or integrated.

We will hear from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) as they share perspectives on the nexus.

[Register for the webinar](https://phap.org/11sep2018)

ICVA reached out to other donors to get their perspectives on the humanitarian-development-peace nexus. You can read [Sweden's perspectives](#) and keep an eye out for more donor perspectives on [ICVA's website](#).

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## New and Noteworthy

**18. Managing Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Investigations.** Managers play a critical role in preventing and responding to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) by creating a culture of safety among humanitarian staff and communities. [InterAction's online course](#) will help you establish a code of conduct, community complaint mechanisms, and investigation protocols. You will gain access to downloadable tools and resource materials and learn to identify key responsibilities of managing investigations.

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## Forthcoming Events

### *ICVA meetings and events*

**September 11:** Learning Stream Webinar on donor perspectives

**September 26:** Online discussion with WFP on "Transforming the approach to addressing acute malnutrition" (Africa and MENA regions)

**September 27:** Online discussion with WFP on "Transforming the approach to addressing acute malnutrition" (Asia region)

**October 22:** Forced Migration in Asia and the Pacific: Future Impacts and Trends, Bangkok

**November 7-8:** National NGO Fora workshop, Geneva

**December 10-13:** ICVA Asia Regional Members and NGO Fora meeting, Bangkok

### *Other meeting and events*

**September 3-5:** Conference on Lake Chad Basin, Berlin

**September 19-20:** UNHCR 73rd Standing Committee meeting, Geneva

**September 23:** Grand Bargain High Level meeting, New York

**October 1:** IASC Deputies Forum, Geneva

**October 1-5:** UNHCR Executive Committee Meeting, Geneva

**October 1:** UNHCR Nansen Award Ceremony

**October 8-9:** IOM International Dialogue on Migration, Geneva

**October 8-9:** IASC Working Group meeting, Geneva  
**October 18:** DFID Hosted summit on PSEA, London  
**October 23-25:** Asia-Pacific Conference on Refugee Rights (APCRR7), Bangkok  
**November 1-2:** ICSC Global Perspectives Conference, Berlin  
**November 5-8:** Geneva Peace Week, Geneva  
**November 29:** IASC Principals meeting, Geneva  
**November** (last week TBC), African Union Humanitarian Symposium, Nairobi.  
**December 3:** IASC Principals Meeting, Geneva  
**December 5:** Regional Consultative Group (RCG) on Civil Military Coordination, Bangladesh  
**December 5-7:** Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), Marrakech  
**December 8-9:** Mayorol Forum, Marrakech  
**December 8-9:** Youth Forum on Migration, Marrakech  
**December 10-11:** Intergovernmental Conference to adopt the GCM, Marrakech  
**December 14:** Asia Regional Launch of Sphere Handbook Revision, Bangkok  
**December 18-19:** High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges, Geneva

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