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Message from Executive Director

Trading Humanitarian Principles?

As we commemorated World Humanitarian Day on 19 August, we recognised the renewed importance of the humanitarian principles — humanity, impartiality, neutrality and independence. Yet, they are increasingly coming under pressure.

Unfortunately, simply recognising humanitarian principles does not make them easy to implement into practice. NGOs and other humanitarian actors are constantly confronted with difficult choices.

Because of this, we want an honest conversation about the pressure on NGOs to deliver better services with less resources and under increased legal, bureaucratic, security and political restrictions. This impacts the commitments to principled intervention. NGOs tackle risks in diverse ways and question their own limits faced to these restrictions and their agility to adapt.

The topic for the [2020 ICVA Annual Conference](#) is “The risk of trading principled humanitarian action: an honest conversation on risk management.” On 18 March 2020 we will dive deeper into the risk to principled humanitarian action and how NGOs manage such risks and others to deliver effective and efficient humanitarian assistance to those most in need.

This is not a conference in isolation. We will be creating a document of outcomes which will capture key messages from the Annual Conference and the Engagement Days (17 and 19 March 2020). ICVA will also facilitate peer to peer exchanges between members and support them through the connection of specific learning tools like the [ICVA briefing papers](#) on risks and the [learning stream 2020](#).

All of this will guide the policy and advocacy work with ICVA members towards Member States and other actors around some of the issues of risk to humanitarian principles, and risk to NGOs, aid workers, and to civilians.

Ignacio Packer
Executive Director | ICVA

ICVA Updates

ICVA Annual Conference, 18 March 2020 The risk of trading principled humanitarian action: an honest conversation on risk management

Save the Date – ICVA Annual Conference, 18 March 2020

“The risk of trading principled humanitarian action: an honest conversation on risk management.” The Annual Conference held on 18 March will look at the risk to principled humanitarian action and in turn the risks taken by NGOs to deliver effective and efficient humanitarian assistance to those most in need. The conference will be preceded by a Members Day on 17 March and followed by a Partners Day on 19 March which will provide an opportunity for NGOs to further engage and interact around the theme. For more information please see [ICVA website](#).

Survey on Security Risk Management: As part of our work on risk ICVA is cooperating with the Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies on a research project looking into security risk management and risk aversion in the humanitarian sector. The project will focus on analysing how security risk management is implemented in decision-making processes in NGOs. We would thank you for answering [this short survey](#) or passing it to the relevant risk/security staff in your organisation.

Welcome new staff at ICVA

We are pleased to welcome two new staff to the ICVA team:

Eman Ismail is our new deputy Representative for ICVA in MENA. Based in Amman, Eman is coming with very rich experience on localization, emergency and refugee response, community mobilisation, NGO capacity building and Nexus. Eman has worked on Leading numerous assessments and evaluations; contributing to different advocacy and high-level Forums.

We thank Eman Moankar for her commitment with ICVA during three years as Representative for ICVA in MENA. We will soon be recruiting for her replacement.

Christian Benadum has joined the Geneva office as the Communications Officer. Christian recently moved to Geneva from the US, has a background in communications, and brings strong writing skills and competencies to support and move forward our communications strategy.

For more information about ICVA staff, [see our website](#).

Forced migration

1. The Global Compact on Refugees (GCR): Global Refugee Forum

In the first week of July ICVA participated in two major events. First, was ICVA's role in co-hosting the UNHCR-NGO Annual Consultations (more details below), which provided ample space to discuss NGOs' potential role in the first Global Refugee Forum. Second, ICVA participated to the 25th **Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement (ATCR)**, which launched the [three year strategy on resettlement and complementary pathways \(2019-2021\)](#). ICVA contributed to the multi-stakeholder process that developed the strategy, as called for in the GCR. In the same week, ICVA also contributed to the UNHCR-NGO RSD Retreat, with reflections on strengthening asylum systems through the GCR provided by Senior Policy Officer, Jerome Elie.

Over the summer, **UNHCR launched a system of multi-stakeholder co-sponsorship groups focused on six thematic priorities for the GRF** (Arrangements for Burden and responsibility sharing, Education, Jobs and livelihoods, Energy and infrastructure, Solutions and protection capacity). Those groups aim to mobilise contributions and identify good practices, as well as influencing the organisation of the Forum itself. In July and August, UNHCR organised the first meetings of the co-sponsorship groups and civil society started engaging with the process. For example, an ["AGD Tip Sheet for GRF Pledges"](#) was developed and widely endorsed by NGOs, while many NGOs started acting as co-sponsors on each group.

Additional information and notes from the meetings are available on [ICVA's webpage](#). Information is also on the [UNHCR's webpage](#).

For our part, **ICVA decided to act as co-sponsor** on the following critical groups: **Arrangements for Burden and responsibility sharing, Solutions and Protection capacity**. ICVA will work to support the activities of those groups towards principled pledges, while still assisting NGOs in their engagement with and understanding of other groups activities. For more information, please contact jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org.

2. UNHCR NGO Consultations

"Whole of Society Approach-Working Better Together". The UNHCR Southern Africa consultations with NGOs and multi-stakeholders takes place in Johannesburg, South Africa 10-11 September. Marco Rotelli, Regional Representative for Africa, ICVA, is co-facilitating the NGO dialogue with Arafat Jamal, Head of Partnership and Coordination Service, UNHCR, on day two. For more information about the two day conference [click here](#).

UNHCR-NGOs Annual Consultations, 3-5 July, Geneva: The ICVA-UNHCR co-organised Annual Consultations brought together 453 participants from 243 organisations and 76 countries. Through lively workshops, sessions and thematic discussions, NGO and UNHCR staff debated around the theme: "Working together, better", particularly looking at data and evidence, the meaning of the regionalisation process for UNHCR-NGO partnership, and how to ensure NGOs can contribute to the first Global Refugee Forum in December. The report of the consultations is now being written and will be presented to UNHCR's Executive Committee by the NGO rapporteur in early October.

Additional information (including session reports and background information) can be found on the [Consultations' webpage](#).

3. 2019 IOM-NGO Regional Humanitarian Consultation

IOM and ICVA are hosting this year's Regional Humanitarian Consultation on **29 and 30 October 2019 in Istanbul, Turkey**. The overarching theme will be **humanitarian access** in emergencies and protracted crises. The primary focus will be on the MENA region, however, relevant discussions from other regions will also be included. ICVA members, operational IOM partners, and NGOs with experience relevant to the theme of the consultation are invited to apply through [this link](#) as soon as possible but **no later than CoB Friday, 20**

September 2019. The organisers have the possibility to sponsor only a limited number of national/local NGO participants.

For additional information or registration questions, please email humanitarianpolicy@iom.int and secretariat@icvanetwork.org

4. Migration and vulnerabilities

The UN Network on Migration

On the 16 July UN Member States and UN entities launched a new trust fund in support of achieving safe, orderly, and regular migration. The initiative, The Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF), was called for by the Global Compact on Migration (GCM), adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 2018. The aim is to provide financing for innovative programmes designed to support States' migration priorities, ensure better protection of migrants, foster cooperation, and further the promotion of migration governance that benefit all.

The Action Committee on Migration (AC), which ICVA co-convenes, strongly supported the launch and called for MPTF to invest in partnerships between States and UN Agencies with civil society and NGOs. The AC continues to follow up with the selection of the civil society representative for the Steering Committee of the Fund and other developments within the UN Network on Migration.

Civil society and the Global Compact on Migration

On 10 December 2018, 164 countries formally adopted the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). Although not a binding document, ICVA hopes that the GCM will help States and all actors to jointly govern migration at the benefit of migrants and society. But how is the GCM influencing migration work by civil society itself?

The AC is undertaking a mapping of the implementation of the GCM by its members and partners. The goal is to gather and generate evidence of where AC members and partners are already engaging in GCM implementation so that NGOs can be better informed, share lessons learned, support each other, find avenues for cooperation, and identify current or potential gaps.

Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)

In August civil society organisations applied for participation to the GFMD. This year, the GFMD will take place on 19-22 November in Quito, Ecuador. In addition to a full one-day civil society agenda (20 November). ICVA is contributing to the Programme Note of the [Civil Society Day](#) that will be shared in the next bulletin edition.

5. Empowerment Leadership Convening for NGOs

ICVA contributed to a “**Legal Empowerment Leadership Convening for NGOs**”, organised by Asylum Access, on 1 July. NGOs leading legal empowerment programme gathered in Geneva to work on the following objectives: build a network of refugee legal empowerment providers by connecting programme leaders from around the world; exchange lessons and best practices between legal empowerment providers; go through a “Deep dive” training and lesson-sharing sessions on key topics; and Identify collective advocacy points around refugee legal empowerment.

6. 20th anniversary of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement (GP20)

Since its launch in April 2018, ICVA has been supporting the implementation of the **GP20 Plan of Action to Advance Prevention, Protection and Solutions for IDPs (2018-2020)**.

[The latest GP20 newsletter](#) outlines the most recent activities in line with the Plan of Action.

This includes quarterly thematic meetings in Geneva where governments share their experience on internal displacement. The last meeting focused on addressing protracted displacement while fostering durable solutions, and Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia and Ukraine presented their progress and challenges. A summary of the meeting is [available here](#).

For more information, please contact the GP20 Coordinator at gp20@unhcr.org.

Financing

7. IASC Humanitarian Finance Results Group (RG5)

At the 20 August meeting of the Humanitarian Finance Results Group, NRC led an informational discussion on the recently released study "[Financing the Nexus: Gaps and Opportunities from a Field Perspective](#)". The research was commissioned by NRC, FAO and UNDP and supports the RG5 strategic priority to bridge the gap between humanitarian and development financing instruments. Field research was conducted in Cameroon, the Central African Republic (CAR), Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Ukraine, and recommendations will be used by RG5 to further develop joint development and humanitarian financing solutions targeting multi-year and flexible funding.

The final priority areas and associated work plan for the group are now in final approval phase after much discussion and should provide a good basis for implementation of key deliverables in the coming months. Moving forward, the [ICVA Humanitarian Finance Working Group](#) (HFWG) will also adjust its meeting schedule to provide for at least one week of time between HFWG meetings and RG5 meetings, enabling NGO colleagues not part of RG5 to have better input to the agenda and discussion in RG5 through ICVA.

8. Grand Bargain – 19 September Workshop on Quality Funding:

On 19 September in Geneva the co-conveners of Grand Bargain Workstreams 7 and 8, including Canada, UNICEF, Sweden, OCHA, ICRC, and NRC, will co-host a workshop on "*Enhanced Quality Funding through Reduced Earmarking, Multi-Year Planning and Funding*".

The primary goals of the workshop are to improve understanding of evidence and benefits of quality funding (unearmarking and multi-year) and planning; to further understand the barriers and opportunities to provide higher levels of quality funding and planning; and identify a concrete set of actions that will require political-level engagement and solutions.

Although participation in the workshop is limited, ICVA is working with members to gather NGO input in advance and identify common NGO messaging to be shared at the event. The upcoming 16 September ICVA Humanitarian Finance Working Group (HFWG) will be focused on NGO preparation.

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9. UN – NGO dialogue on harmonising and simplifying partnership agreements

ICVA continues to follow-up on the 28 March 2019 meeting between NGOs and UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, OCHA, and UNFPA. UN agencies agreed at that meeting to move forward with the dialogue on harmonisation and simplification of UN partnership agreements based on the recommendations from the 2019 Oxfam-led NGO analysis of agreements. We are seeking to bring partners together before the end of September for a virtual engagement on proposed changes for 2020 agreements.

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Coordination

10. Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC)

IASC Emergency Directors Group (EDG):

Nigeria: Representatives of the EDG, amongst whom Christian Gad, from the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), and José Barahona from the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), **visited Nigeria from 1-5 July**. The purpose of the visit was to identify opportunities to revitalize humanitarian operations to reach millions of people in urgent need and overcome the challenges of working in an increasingly complex operating environment. ICVA organised a debriefing session with Christian Gad and José Barahona for its members on 20 August.

Cameroon: On 17 July, the EDG organised a call to discuss about the **three concurrent humanitarian crises on going in Cameroon**. An EDG delegation will **visit Cameroon from 26 September to 2 October**, looking at how to increase the visibility of the humanitarian situation and the response. This visit will be followed by a **visit to Burkina Faso from 2-5 October**. Christian Gad from DRC and Julien Schopp from InterAction will be part of the delegation.

Ebola crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo: On 24 July 2019, the EDG had a discussion on the Ebola outbreak in DRC. As a result, the IASC System-Wide Scale Up for the control of the Ebola outbreak in affected areas of the DRC was endorsed by the ERC and extended to 30 November 2019.

IASC Principals: Next IASC Principals will take place 5 December 2019 in Geneva

OPAG: The second OPAG meeting will take place 7-8 November 2019 in Geneva

11. Update on IASC Results groups

RG1 operational response - The RG1 continues to meet monthly to follow up its priority areas of work: Making sure that protection is mainstreamed throughout humanitarian responses, address bureaucratic impediments imposed on humanitarian actors that curtail their access and ability to deliver, pursue activities to support and reinforce humanitarian leadership and strengthen early warning and early action analysis. Next face-to-face meeting will take place on 18 September.

RG 2 on Accountability and Inclusion - final workplan and results from the frontline responder's survey: Back in May, frontline responders were asked to participate in a survey that would help shape the workplan of the new Results Group. The [results](#) have been taken into consideration during the 28 June retreat and the workplan has now been finalized and can be found [here](#).

RG 3 collective advocacy - The RG3 has been active over July and August on specific files linked to counter-terrorism measures that could negatively impact humanitarian assistance. At the end of June, the "[The World Is Watching](#)" campaign was launched to stand with civilians under fire in Idlib.

RG 4 Sub Working Group on Collective Outcomes - See nexus section below

RG 5 (Finance) F2F - See Finance section above

12. Saving Lives Together (SLT)

Mr. James Davis, ACT Alliance Global Security Advisor will be representing the ICVA network at the SLT Oversight Committee and the sub-set Working Group for the next two years. ICVA members will receive agenda, minutes of the meetings and updates through the ICVA Humanitarian Coordination mailing list.

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13. NGO Fora Support

For the past three years, ICVA has actively supported coordination networks of Humanitarian NGOs (referred to as NGO fora) through a programme of direct support, mentoring and structured engagement on a range of issues. Key areas have included promotion of the role of Fora in collective NGO action, guidance on governance and membership-related issues, information sharing, capacity building, promotion of learning opportunities and advocacy on the importance of NGO coordination with donors and agencies. This programme has highlighted both the similarities and the differences between NGO Fora in a range of settings, in the region and globally and shared challenges related to their structure, membership, governance, resources, capacity building, and changing operating environments.

The Asia Pacific regional NGO Fora Exchange invited the secretariat staff of participating NGO Fora for shared learning through exchange regarding the work and activities of other fora facing similar issues and challenges. Participants in the NGO Fora exchange were Humanitarian and Development focused NGO networks in each of the major donor countries in the region (Japan Platform, JANIC in Japan, KCOC in Korea, ACFID and the AHP in Australia and CID in New Zealand). This exchange responded to the identified need for improving principled and effective engagement between NGOs and donor government agencies, prioritising a focus on policy, funding, advocacy and coordination.

Ukraine NGO Forum - In the first week of July, ICVA and InterAction completed a joint visit to Kiev in order to support the Ukraine NGO forum about on its governance set up and its advocacy regarding the humanitarian situation.

For more information contact Emmanuelle Osmond: emmanuelle.osmond@icvanetwork.org

NATO and SHAPE – engagement on Children and Armed Conflict: NGO Fora from Afghanistan (ABCAR) and Iraq (NCCI) and the ICVA ED contributed to the Children and Armed Conflict (CAAC) meeting in Naples, 24–25 July 2019. The meeting was organised by the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) and NATO Allied Joint Force Command Naples (JFCNP). Contributions offered major added value complementing what ICRC, INGOs (NRC and Save) and ICVA provided.

14. Benefits of the multilateral humanitarian system

OCHA, in collaboration with the Qatar mission in Geneva, invited ICVA's ED, on 3 July to address the participants of the "Familiarization Programme" from Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Brunei, Pakistan, India, and Malaysia. ICVA's contribution highlighted NGO perspectives on the need for raising awareness about the multilateral humanitarian system to ensure an effective response.

Navigating change: cross cutting issues

15. Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus

Community of Practice on the Nexus: ICVA and WFP organised the monthly call of the IASC Community of Practice on the Nexus. The call hosted representatives from the Central African Republic and Bangladesh. Their presentations centred around achievement, challenges and way forward in the respective contexts. These topics sparked a very lively session. The next call will be on 12 September and will host a presentation from Nigeria and from the UN Joint Steering Committee. ICVA and WFP co-facilitate the works of the CoPN which is open to all practitioners and interested organisations, including donors.

IASC RG4 Sub Working Group on Collective Outcomes: ICVA is representing members in the IASC Sub working Group on the definition of an IASC Light Guidance on the Collective Outcomes. The tool aims at providing support to practitioners in the definition of Collective Outcomes. The consultation process is open. The next meeting of the RG4 is planned for 4 September.

UNSDCF Companion on the Nexus: In July, with a tight turnover, ICVA consulted members on the "[United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework Companion Piece on Humanitarian Development and Peace Collaboration](#)". This document was field tested during the month of August. Interested members should liaise with the respective Resident Coordinator Office.

Member briefing - Horn of Africa: Responding to their request, ICVA contributed to the Save the Children Horn of Africa Workshop held in Nairobi between 22-24 July, providing updates, views and reflections about HDP Nexus and Localization.

Member briefing - Chad: On 9 July, ICVA briefed the NGO community in Chad during their work meeting on the Nexus. It was an opportunity to share the main successes and challenges of the process from the observation and work done by ICVA in representation of its membership. Moreover, Chad is experiencing a revamped appetite for NGOs coordination which ICVA will sustain.

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16. Localisation

"The Case for Complementarity": On 16 July in Nairobi, ICVA contributed as a panellist to the regional launch of the ICRC/British Red Cross report "[The Case for Complementarity](#)". Marco Rotelli, Regional Representative for Africa, addressed the questions from audience and participants composed of RCRC members, Donors and NGOs.

Regional Conferences on Localization of Aid:

In the past three years, significant efforts have been undertaken at international, regional and local levels by the Grand Bargain signatories to achieve the goal of the *Workstream 2: More support and funding tools for local and national responders* to realise these commitments. Particular attention has been paid to the themes of **capacity strengthening, financing, partnership, and coordination**, as well as **gender** issues. To bring these efforts together to effect even more significant changes at system, strategic and operational levels, the Grand Bargain Localization Workstream held a **series of regional conferences** in Africa, Middle East and Asia Pacific regions during July and August. ICVA Secretariat and members participated in all three conferences, which brought together local and national humanitarian actors, donors and international aid agencies in a **dialogue** on the opportunities and challenges of localization at regional, national and global levels. The conferences contributed to on-going initiatives and plans for individual and collective actions on localization in the region.

For more see the [website](#) or contact jeremy.wellard@icvanetwork.org

17. Diversity, Gender and PSEA

Members of the OECD's Development Assistance Committee (DAC) – 29 donor countries and the EU – have agreed on a comprehensive set of [recommendations](#) aimed at preventing sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment, in the aid sector.

Age considerations: child rights: On the 20 November 2019, the [Convention on the Rights of the Child celebrates its 30th anniversary](#). The General Assembly Resolution on the Commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Adoption of the CRC Convention has been officially adopted.

On 22 August, ICVA hosted an exchange between its members and UNICEF on revision of [UNICEF Core Commitments for Children](#) (CCCs). Initially developed in 1998 and reviewed in 2004 and 2010, the CCCs provide a framework for humanitarian action, around which UNICEF seeks to engage with partners. To reflect the recent global changes and their impact on children, the changing nature of humanitarian situations and the operational environment, the CCCs are under revision again. The meeting provided information on the content of the future CCCs and the revision process. ICVA Secretariat is further following the revision process as a member of an external advisory group.

For more information on diversity, gender and PSEA contact: Mirela.shuteriqi@icvanetwork.org

18. Civil society space

You can now listen to the podcast of the webinar on "[How do NGOs navigate shrinking civil society space?](#)" organised by ICVA and PHAP in July where we heard from Norwegian Refugee Council, South Sudan NGO Forum, International Centre for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Denmark on the challenges, trends and how actors are working on counter-initiatives of the shrinking space in humanitarian action.

The Annual State of Civil Society Report analyses how contemporary events and trends are impacting on civil society, and how civil society is responding to the major issues and challenges of the day. This is the [eighth edition of the report](#) by CIVICUS, which focuses on actions and trends in 2018, including highlights of how civil society in general, are standing in solidarity and [compassion with migrants and refugees around the world](#).

Guiding Principles for Sida's Engagement with and Support to Civil Society (May 2019): These [guiding principles](#) aim at assisting staff at Sida and Swedish missions abroad to engage with and support civil society in more aid and development effective ways. They provide good practice for building effective partnership with civil society.

OECD Working Paper 57: "[Enabling Civil Society for Sustainable Development: Select survey findings.](#)" This paper introduces a selection of key findings and recommendations that form the basis of new DAC guidance for effective support to and partnerships with civil society.

Act Alliance and Institute of Development Studies, "[Synthesis report Development Needs Civil Society: The implications of civic space for the Sustainable Development Goals](#)" The study concluded that tighter civic space has different implications for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in different settings, depending on how states use the power they gain from restricting civil society. Overall, shrinking civic space is highly likely to halt or reverse progress towards reducing inequality, ensuring inclusion and improving sustainability.

The European Centre for Not-for-Profit Law (ECNL) has prepared a [summary](#) on the [Report](#) of the "UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism." Find out what causes the negative impact on civil society, how it manifests and what are recommendations for effective counter-terrorism strategies.

Global Perspectives, 30 October to 1 November 2019, Addis Ababa- **Let's make Lemonade – Impact and Legitimacy in Times of Scrutiny**. Serving as a platform for a group of up to 150 leaders and change makers from the global CSO community, Global Perspectives will explore opportunities with clear emphasis on championing why a powerful civil society is as crucial as ever before. This will also be the launch event for the Centre's first ever Innovation Report on '*Responses to Populism in a Digitally-Enabled Era*'. Join the International Civil Society's conference and [register today](#).

For more information on the civil society space contact: Nishanie.Jayamah@icvanetwork.org

Region Specific

19. Access to Yemen Initiative- ICVA attended the conference hosted by King Salman Humanitarian Aid Centre and UAE, on 25 August 2019 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. This conference was initiated by the Governments of UAE and Saudi Arabia to discuss with their partners their concerns around the accountability for the funding provided through the UN system, and to get assurances to them as donors that the right systems are being put in place, and aid is going to the people who need it most. KSA and UAE are under a lot of pressure to release the funding for Yemen`s humanitarian response (HRP). Seven recommendations presented by KSR and UAE were discussed with participants and included : strengthening independent third party monitoring and evaluation; standardisation and harmonisation of UN agency reports on delivering aid; use of Yemini and Saudi ports for delivery of aid and enhance port capacities; UN agencies to respect contractual obligations regarding the communication of significant violations against humanitarian actions. For more information contact Michael.hyden@icvanetwork.org

20. RSIS-ACDM Workshop “[Realizing ASEAN Vision 2025 on Disaster Management, Making Strategy a Reality](#)” 19-20 August 2019. ICVA attended this workshop which aimed to engage existing and potential champions for cross-sectoral partnerships in disaster management to identify: 1) what worked well and how, and 2) what did not work and why. The recommendations produced from the workshop are expected to be integrated into The ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) 2021-2025 work plan development. The workshop was conducted in collaboration with the ASEAN Sec, ACDM Knowledge and Information Management Working Group and the AHA Centre, and attended by governments, UN, INGOs and NGOs, private sector, and academics from the 10 ASEAN countries.

21. Building a Better Response - BBR workshops in Africa Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, November 5-7, 2019 (This workshop is open to NGO staff working in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Somalia, or Sudan). Entebbe, Uganda, November 12-14, 2019 (This workshop is open to NGO staff working in Uganda, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan, or Tanzania). For more information [click here](#).

Learning Opportunities

22. [International Normative Framework in Humanitarian Protection](#) – course provided by ProCap – an IASC project jointly managed by NRC and OCHA focuses on strengthening work in the field by increasing the understanding of the relevant bodies of law and other normative guidance on protection and learning how the legal framework informs and provides the foundation of protection work.

23. Introduction to International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

This is an [introductory course](#) by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on the basics of International Humanitarian Law (IHL). It is principally addressed to humanitarian practitioners, policy makers and other professionals who are keen on understanding how and when this body of law applies, and whom it protects. (Duration: 5 hours self-paced, available in English).

24. Responding to Sexual Violence in the Aid Workplace

[Learn](#) how to take action, report an incident, and get support when sexual violence and abuse happens to you or a colleague in the aid and development workplace. DisasterReady in partnership with Insecurity Insight, has created this [free interactive, mobile-friendly guide](#) for survivors and their colleagues in the aftermath of sexual violence. (Duration: 10 minutes, available in English and Arabic).

25. Wellness and Resilience for Frontline Workers and Managers

This [free online course](#) by the Humanitarian Leadership Academy (HLA) helps aid workers understand the impact that stress is having on their lives and how to build personal and organisational resilience. By the end of the course, they will have developed a personal action plan and increased knowledge of various wellness and resilience techniques to apply during stressful situations. (Duration: 120 minutes including pre and post assessment. Available in English).

26. Toolkits

HLA has developed [4 online toolkits](#) to help you create user-driven, innovative learning resources in new and emergent formats. While the concept building toolkit will help you create a concept from scratch, the other three toolkits will help you further develop your concept into a chatbot, immersive film or gamified experience.

New and noteworthy

27. The Global Shelter Cluster is glad to share the latest edition of the publication “Shelter Projects”. Shelter Projects 2017-2018 – [available Here](#).

28. Lives in Crises: [What Do People Tell Us About the Humanitarian Aid They Receive?](#)
The results of a series of surveys to assess whether the commitments made at the World Humanitarian Summit, including the Grand Bargain, are having a tangible impact on people’s lives in the most difficult contexts in the world.

29. The Interactive Summary of the 2018 reporting of achievements, challenges and cross-cutting issues by each of the 24 Transformations of the Agenda for Humanity for Humanity by stakeholders on implementation of commitments made at or after the World Humanitarian Summit is [now available here](#). Click on the tabs to explore achievements, challenges and cross-cutting issues.

Mark your agenda

September 10-11: UNHCR Africa Consultations with NGOs / multi-stakeholders, Johannesburg

September 17-30: 74th Session of the UN General Assembly, New York

September 18-19: UNHCR 76th Standing Committee Meeting, Geneva

September 23: UN 2019 Climate Summit, New York

September 24-25: Sustainability Development Impact Summit, WEF

September 30 to October 9: 74th Session of the UN General Assembly – General debate, New York

October 7: 65th Anniversary Nansen Refugee Award, Geneva

October 7-11: UNHCR 70th Executive committee meeting

October 15-16: IOM’s International Dialogue on Dialogue on Migration, Geneva

October 15-16: WorldHumanitarianAction Forum, Istanbul

October 15-17: ALNAP 32nd Annual Meeting, Berlin

October 29-30: IOM-NGO Regional Humanitarian Consultation, Istanbul

October 30- Nov 1: Global Perspectives, Addis Ababa

November 5-7: BBR Workshop Addis Ababa

November 7-8: IASC OPAG meeting, Geneva

November 12-14: BBR Workshop Entebbe

November 14: Third preparatory meeting for Global Refugee Forum, Geneva

November 19-22: Global Forum on Migration, Quito, Ecuador

November 20: 30th Anniversary of the CRC - High Level Meeting of the General Assembly, New York

November 26-29: Asia and the Pacific Regional NGO Partnerships Week, Bangkok

November 26-29: IOM – 110th Council, Geneva

November 7-8: IASC OPAG Meeting

December 4: Launch of the Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO), Geneva

December 5: IASC Principals meeting Geneva

December 5: UNHCR Pledging Conference, Geneva

December 9-12: 33rd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent - "Act today, shape tomorrow," Geneva

December 17-18: 1st Global Refugee Forum, Geneva

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