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Message from Executive Director

“Diversity without inclusion is exclusion.” Just a catchphrase?

As 2019 enters its final quarter, the world increasingly finds itself under protest.

Climate change has taken a rightful position as one of the main concerns. We are also seeing movements in opposition to austerity and economic warfare. We are witnessing mass protests triggered by a tax on the use of WhatsApp in Lebanon, by the lowering of fuel subsidies in Ecuador and Haiti, by a social media tax in Uganda, by subway fare hikes in Chile or by cuts to food and fuel subsidies in Sudan. People are objecting to further social exclusion.

The rupture of the social bond between individuals and society is both one of the causes of and a component of poverty. A significant lesson learned from emergency response is that without proper attention the same structures and systems that make people vulnerable and exposed to man-made and natural hazards can leave them marginalised or excluded from emergency aid and recovery.

The [2019 AidEx conference](#) in Brussels mid-November, will tackle the timely theme of: “*The importance of inclusiveness to global progress*”. I will be delivering the keynote speech on the current situation – who is getting left behind because of poverty, education, gender, race, disability, religion and what must be done to ensure they have a more equal chance in life?

Although there is importance of diversity considerations, the difficult environment and the pressure to deliver urgently hinders often a practical application. We must do better.

This edition of the ICVA Bulletin highlights ICVA's longstanding commitment to diversity considerations: IASC Guidelines on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action, ICVA Localisation briefing paper, national NGOs at the OPAG, IASC RG2 on Accountability and Inclusion ICVA aims to support persons of concern so they can enjoy their rights on equal grounds and participate meaningfully in the decisions that affect their lives, families and communities.

Not just another catchphrase for ICVA.

Ignacio Packer
Executive Director | ICVA

ICVA Updates



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ICVA Annual Conference

18 March 2020, Geneva

Member Engagement Days 17 & 19 March 2020

**Protecting principled humanitarian action:
an honest conversation on risk**

Registration Open: ICVA Annual Conference, 18 March 2020

“Protecting principled humanitarian action: an honest conversation on risk.”

Yves Daccord, Director General of the ICRC and Philippe Besson, Head of the Multilateral Division, Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC), Federal Department of Foreign Affairs will be in the opening panel discussing the Principles at Risk.

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. **Due to limited seating, we encourage you to register as early as possible**. For more information please see the [ICVA website](#).

Invitation to a Briefing for Observers on the 22nd session of the IFRC General Assembly and the 33rd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent

A joint briefing co-organised by ICRC, IFRC and ICVA will be held on Friday, 15 November from 10:30 am to 12:00pm in Geneva to Observers (NGOs, UN, private sector, academia etc.). The briefing will provide an overview of the themes which will be covered, expected decisions at the conference, and review together how observers can best contribute to both events, including practical and logistical information. The briefing will be broadcasted live. Those interested in attending the briefing in-person and online, please confirm your participation via email to conferences@rcrcconference.org.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following organisations as members of ICVA:

[ABAAD Resource Centre for Gender Equality \(ABAAD\)](#) – Lebanon
[Adventist Development and Relief Agency \(ADRA\)](#) – USA
[Africa Development Aid \(ADA\)](#) – South Sudan
[CHS Alliance](#) – Switzerland
[Cross Regional Centre for Refugees and Migrants \(CCRM\)](#) – Lebanon
[Islamic Relief Worldwide](#) – United Kingdom
[Jordan Paramedic Society \(JPS\)](#) – Jordan
[Mercy Hands for Humanitarian Aid](#) – Iraq
[RedR](#) – India
[Rural Empowerment & Institutional Development \(REPID\)](#) – Pakistan

Forced migration

1. The Global Compact on Refugees

NGO side-event at ExCom: During UNHCR's 70th Executive Committee meeting, ICVA organized an NGO side-event on 11 October to discuss concrete options on durable solutions for the Global Refugee Forum (GRF). While the Danish Refugee Council helped in the organisation, Panelists Afghan Voice CIC, Norwegian Refugee Council and Save the Children provided contributions on '[Durable solutions through \(re\)integration: what it takes](#)'. A summary of this event will soon be shared and posted on the ICVA website. For more information contact: jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org

Informal briefing on the GRF: On 11 October, UNHCR organised an informal briefing on the practical arrangements for the Global Refugee Forum. The agenda highlighted the preparation for the GRF, a briefing on the co-sponsoring meetings including members' status, progress made and key pledges opportunities. UNHCR's meeting notes, agenda and PowerPoint presentation are [available here](#).

Meeting with UNHCR on the GRF: On 23 October, ICVA organised a **meeting between NGOs and the UNHCR GRF Team**, including Daniel Endres and Perveen Ali. Gathering over thirty NGOs, the group exchanged on various topics such as co-sponsorship groups progress; updates on the GRF agenda setting; participation modalities for NGOs; possible GRF contributions from NGOs through pledges and advocacy; as well as a discussion on pledges made during the ExCom High Level Segment on Statelessness and possible links to the Forum. Notes will soon be shared with NGOs. For more information contact: jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org

2. UNHCR Executive Committee

ICVA facilitated the drafting and delivery of two **NGO statements** during the 70th Executive Committee meeting, many thanks for the NGOs' contributions. The statements focused on the [High-level segment on statelessness and general debate](#) and the [Report on the UNHCR-NGO Annual Consultations](#). The full report is now available on [ICVA website](#). ExCom debates and interventions focused on statelessness; international protection (with the first intervention from Ms. Gillian Triggs in her capacity as Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees); Programme budgets, management, financial control and administrative oversight. Background documentation is available on [UNHCR dedicated webpage](#).

During ExCom, on 8 October, ICVA and the UNHCR Partnership and Coordination Service organised a meeting with NGOs on the future of the UNHCR-NGO Annual Consultations. The aim was to debrief on the 2019 consultations and look at possible options for the near and longer-term future. It was also the occasion to discuss key takeaways from an ICVA workshop on the topic.

3. International Solidarity Conference on the Venezuelan refugee and migrant crisis

On 28-29 October, the European Union, UNHCR and IOM co-hosted an [International Solidarity Conference on the Venezuelan refugee and migrant crisis in Brussels](#). **The Conference aimed to raise awareness on the humanitarian crisis and displacement of 4.5 million people in the region**; show and call for solidarity at financial and technical levels; and take stock of best practices. NGOs contributed through insightful interventions, including a **joint NGO statement** developed through coordination between NGO networks (ICVA, InterAction, and Voice). This statement on "**Ensuring solidarity with displaced Venezuelans: supporting countries and communities hosting and protecting them**" is now available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Thanks to NGO's worldwide, particularly from Latin America and the Caribbean region, for their many inputs. Visit the [ICVA website](#) for additional information or contact: jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org.

4. Internally Displaced Persons

On 22 October, UNHCR hosted a briefing for NGO's and civil society to introduce the updated [Policy for Engagement in Situations of Internal Displacement](#) and the associated [Guidance Package for UNHCR's Engagement in Situations of Internal Displacement](#). Through this updated policy, UNHCR seeks to reaffirm its ambition of acting in a decisive, predictable and effective manner in situations of internal displacement. The aim of the briefing was to introduce the policy to partners and exchange on how best to collaborate to assist IDPs and affected populations. Notes from this meeting will soon be shared with NGOs-

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5. World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement

On 9 October, ICVA attended a briefing on the [World-Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Center](#) provided in Geneva by Mr. Ewen MacLeod, Director a.i., UNHCR Division on Resilience and Solutions. It was an opportunity to learn more about the JDC origins, its governance system and objectives for the coming year. Aiming to [enhance the ability of stakeholders to make timely and evidence-informed decisions that can improve the lives of affected people](#), the Center was opened on 30 September and [inaugurated by the UN Secretary General](#) on 10 October. Going forward, ICVA will continue supporting its members engagement with the Center. Notes from this briefing, along with additional documents, will soon be available on the ICVA website.

For more information contact: jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org

6. Migration and vulnerabilities

Global Compact on Migration

The Mixed Migration Center launched '[Wheels in Motion: Who's done what since the Global Compact for Migration was adopted \(and what should happen next\)](#)'. The report discusses the implementation and follow-up on specific commitments and objectives of the GCM since its adoption. It provides an overview of major processes initiated at the global level, as well as concrete steps taken towards implementation at regional level and in several selected countries. It also present practical and feasible recommendations for engagement and monitoring of implementation going forward.

The 2019 Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)

In view of the recent developments in Ecuador, the Ecuadorian Chair has decided to reschedule the 2019 GFMD Quito Summit. It will now take place in Quito, Ecuador, from 20 to 24 January 2020. The subject of the Summit is "[Sustainable approaches to human mobility: Upholding rights, strengthening state agency, and advancing development through partnerships and collective action.](#)" Civil society has selected its delegates for the GFMD Civil Society Days (CSD). For the first time, all the GFMD meetings will take place in the same venue. This means that all the GFMD mechanisms: the governments, CSD, the Business Mechanism, and the new Mayors Mechanism will have more opportunities for interaction throughout the summit. The focus of CSD is "Civil society in an era of transforming global migration governance: Strengthening implementation and enriching partnerships for migrants and communities."

2019 IOM-NGO Regional Humanitarian Consultation

IOM and ICVA hosted this year's **NGOs Regional Humanitarian Consultation on 29 and 30 October 2019 in Istanbul, Turkey**. Focusing on the MENA region and bringing together over 65 participants, the Consultation concentrated on issues around access and how a stronger partnership between NGOs and IOM could be instrumental in ensuring access and maintaining it. The meeting concluded with several concrete recommendations to be followed up mainly in the region but also beyond. A report of the meeting is under preparation and will be shared through the bulletin once finalised.

UN Network on Migration

On the 11th of December, the UN Network on Migration will hold its first Annual Meeting. A draft of the provisional annotated agenda that has been developed in close collaboration with the Network's Executive Committee. [Registration is open](#) till the 11th of November. A separate briefing session for Member States will be held in the morning of the following day to update on the first year of the Network and provide space for further discussion.

Financing

7. Islamic Social Financing: As part of its commitments to the IASC Results Group 5 on Humanitarian Financing, ICVA is continuing with its efforts to find ways for deepening and broadening the resource base for humanitarian work. Following the successful 2018 Learning Lab on Islamic Social Financing in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, ICVA is now preparing to release a briefing paper on Islamic Social Financing in collaboration with Islamic Relief Worldwide. ICVA is also working on a meeting to establish a humanitarian Islamic Social Financing working group, to take place in December. For more information, please contact: Alon.Plato@icvanetwork.org

8. Enhanced Quality Funding: The [outcome report](#) from the 19 September Progress Acceleration Workshop on Enhanced Quality Funding is now available online on the [Grand Bargain website](#). Along with key supporting documents used to guide discussion at the workshop, ICVA continues to seek opportunities to improve quality funding (multi-year and flexible), primarily through the Grand Bargain workstreams and IASC Humanitarian Finance Results Group. The Humanitarian Finance Results Group, co-chaired by ICVA and OCHA, is currently considering specific activities to include in the 2020 work plan to support enhanced quality funding, including how to better map existing work on multi-year and flexible funding at the country level and how to improve the link between multi-year planning and funding. To engage more in the discussion from the NGO perspective, join the monthly ICVA Humanitarian Finance Working Group (HFWG). For more information contact: Alon.Plato@icvanetwork.org

9. IASCHumanitarian Financing Results Group (RG5):

Navigating funding opportunities for NGOs through Asian Development Bank (ADB) financed projects: ADB regularly advertises dozens of contracts for entities to work on ADB-financed projects. Over the years, the number of contracts that ADB has awarded to NGOs has grown. However many NGOs are still unaware of where ADB advertises, what the procedures are for expressing interest, and tips for submitting a competitive bid. ICVA in collaboration with IFRC organised a briefing to NGOs based in Geneva. For NGOs interested in information for current advertisements, as well as what work ADB is planning, and what opportunities exists for NGOs primarily in the Asia and the Pacific region, please find the link to "[Working with ADB: A primer for identifying business opportunities for NGOs](#)". For more information, contact Elaine (Lainie) Thomas, the Senior Social Development Specialist (Civil Society Participation), NGO and Civil Society Center Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department at ADB at ethomas@adb.org

Coordination

10. Inter-Agency Standing Committee(IASC):

On 21 October, ICVA organised a webinar on the IASC architecture with Mervat Shelbaya, Head of the IASC Secretariat, who presented the IASC bodies along with ICVA Secretariat staff representing ICVA participation within the different IASC structures. For more information contact: Emmanuelle.osmond@icvanetwork.org

IASCEmergency Directors Group (EDG):

On 11 and 17 October, the EDG met directly following the latest developments in North-East Syria, focusing on the humanitarian situation and ongoing response. On 15 October, the EDG discussed about the operational challenges the NGO community had faced recently in Nigeria. Since this call, the suspensions affecting two of our members have been temporarily lifted.

IASC Principals:Next IASC Principals will take place 5 December 2019 in Geneva. Preparatory meetings with ICVA members will be organised shortly.

OPAG:Thesecond OPAG meeting will take place in Geneva on 7-8 November 2019. The

OPAG will examine the progress of the different IASC Results Groups (see below for more information on the Results Groups) priorities. Specific sessions will also take place about the Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus, an update from the Peer-2-Peer project, as well as on IASC associated entities. The OPAG now counts three national NGOs, making it unique within the IASC in that regard: in addition to Foundation for Rural Development (FRD), ACBAR (the Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief) and COAST (Coastal Association for Social Transformation Trust) have now part of the OPAG membership.

Country and regional updates from humanitarian leadership: Throughout the month, ICVA hosted discussions with Ute Kollies, HoOCHA Mali, and George Khoury, OCHA MENA Director. Both gave updates on the humanitarian situation in Mali and the MENA region and urged the humanitarian community to intensify their joint advocacy.

11. Update on IASC Results groups:

RG1 Operational response: (No updates this month)

RG2 Accountability and Inclusion:

RG2 focused the 7 October meeting on drafting its first progress report to the Results Groups oversight body, the Operational Policy and Advocacy Group (OPAG) and started the planning process for its 2020 work. ICVA's commitments in RG2 are around the dissemination of the Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action (see below under 'Diversity'); supporting the work on an Inter-Agency Learning Package on PSEAH for partners and connecting the work of the Results Group to local and regional networks.

For more details, please contact: Alon.Plato@icvanetwork.org

RG3 Collective advocacy:

Next RG3 face-to-face meeting will take place on 5 November.

RG4 Nexus:

ICVA has supported the sub working group on Collective Outcomes to ensure the widest reach from the consultants in charge of developing the IASC light guidance on Collective Outcomes, which will be one of the key tools for field practitioners.

ICVA has been reaching out to members to ensure NGOs participate in the upcoming OECD/INCAF- IASC RG4 Workshop, planned for November 8th in Paris, France. There will be time for NGOs to voice their views on building local capacity to anticipate, reduce, and manage disaster and climate change risks during facilitated breakout sessions.

As Co-Chair of the IASC RG 4: Community of Practice on the Nexus, ICVA has been able to identify additional participants from NGOs and institutions.

Mirroring the increased responsibility of the UNDCO in the Nexus, related joint analysis and joint planning, ICVA is intensifying the relations with DCO, and is planning a dedicated briefing to ICVA members.

ICVA briefed participants during the IASC Reform webinar on 29 October about the NGO perspectives on the IASC RG4.

For more information about ICVA's work on the Nexus, or how to join the working group, contact: marco.rotelli@icvanetwork.org

RG5 Finance:

See update above in the "Financing" Section.

12. NGO ForaSupport

Interaction and ICVA have worked on a joint [induction guide](#) for NGO Fora showing both areas of overlap, and where both networks complement each other in terms of upper level humanitarian ecosystem advocacy. These are some of the avenues through which both Interaction and ICVA promote discussions within IASC.

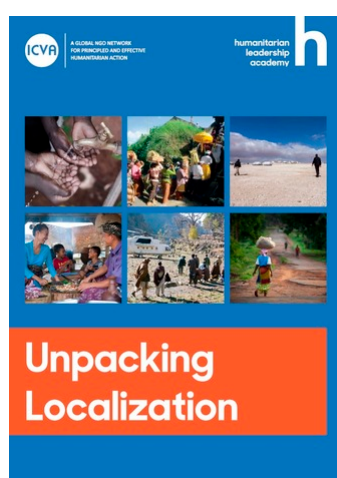
ICVA has briefed the new coordinator of the Democratic Republic of Congo INGO forum ahead of her deployment in Kinshasa.

ICVA has been supporting the Somalia NGO Consortium and the South Sudan NGO Forum in their mid-term strategy review and impact reviews respectively.

ICVA supported the LCB CSO forum to address AU member states at the AU Continental Consultation on “Global solidarity and responsibility sharing to tackle root causes and find solutions in Africa: supporting local ownership, socio-economic inclusion and durable solutions.”

Navigating change: cross cutting issues

13. Humanitarian-Development- Peace Nexus



Unpacking Localization

ICVA and the [Humanitarian Leadership Academy](#) published a new paper – [Unpacking Localization](#) – which takes a deeper look at the processes and considerations associated with localization and poses questions for NGOs wishing to engage more deeply in this complex topic. The paper was launched 14 October, ahead of the World Humanitarian Action Forum in Istanbul on 15-16 October and the Grand Bargain Localization Workstream Global Conference in Brussels on 23-24 October. You can read the background paper from the Brussels conference [here](#).

Read now!

More on Localization

ICVA participated as a member of the core working group and facilitation team for the Localization Roundtable at the World Humanitarian Action Forum, held in Istanbul on 15-16 October. The outcome document of the Localization roundtable can be [found here](#). For more information, visit the [WHAF website](#).

In Africa ICVA is working with members to organize a regional debate on the Localization, starting from the '[Unpacking Localization](#)' document and other products.

14. Diversity

The 2019 UNICEF – NGO Consultation for Partnership in Humanitarian Settings will take place on 11-12 November in Geneva Switzerland. Under the theme of 'Enhancing the Culture of Partnership', the Consultation will discuss issues around the Principles of Partnership, the Core Commitments for Children, the Partnership Agreements, Localization etc. The concept note and draft agenda are [available online](#).

The Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) will soon [launch](#) its “*Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action*.” The Guidelines, which are the result of three years of consultation over 600 stakeholders will assist coordination, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation for the full and effective participation and inclusion of persons with disabilities in all phases of humanitarian actions. They will be **launched in New York on 12 November 2019, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.**, with the participation of Under-Secretary-General and Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC), Mr. Mark Lowcock, and Under-Secretary General and UN Secretary-General’s Advisor on Policy, Ms. Ana Maria Menéndez. ICVA will promote and disseminate the Guidelines in the coming weeks. There will be a webinar for members and wider community, details coming soon.

15. Civil society space in humanitarian action

Legal assistance to ICVA NGO members:

ICVA Members can apply for a fast-track membership with [TrustLaw](#) to access free legal assistance. TrustLaw aims to support ICVA members with common legal matters that arise in the course of day-to-day operations (e.g. advice concerning general commercial matters, intellectual property protection, employment and HR related issues, templates for staff/volunteer contracts etc.), to large multijurisdictional programmes.

To find out more how ICVA members can access the services and membership with TrustLaw, please contact ICVA's Learning and Programme Coordinator: nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org

ICVA Working Group on civil society space in humanitarian action:

ICVA will be opening a working group for Members Only to share information, lessons learned, best practice and tools related to NGO/civil society space in humanitarian action. For members interested in joining the group, contact: nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org

16. Climate Change – Loss and Damage Petition

ActionAid International, Bretton Woods Project (UK), Erlassjahr (Germany), European Network on Debt & Development (Eurodad), Financial Justice Ireland, Jubilee Caribbean, Jubilee Debt Campaign UK, Norwegian Church Aid, SLUG (Norway) are requesting organisations endorse the [loss and damage petition](#).

The petition is demanding countries involved in the climate negotiations include loss, damage and debt relief mechanisms in climate financing for developing countries affected by climate disasters.

The petition will be presented to the parties at the climate negotiations in Madrid in December 2019.

Region Specific

17. Asia and the Pacific

ICVA supported the '**International Humanitarian Response Workshop: Experience and Innovation from by Chinese Civil Society**' and OCHA, which took place in Beijing, China on 23 October 2019. The workshop was jointly hosted by China Association for NGO Cooperation, Amity Foundation, Beijing Peaceland Foundation and Innovation Center for Risk Governance, Beijing Normal University.

The workshop provided a platform for Chinese and international humanitarian actors to share knowledge and experience, and guiding participants to explore new ideas for greater collaboration in the field of principled and effective humanitarian response. More than 50 representatives from relevant government departments, INGOs and NGOs, UN and international NGO offices in China, enterprises and academic institutions participated in the workshop. ICVA's Executive Director Ignacio Packer as well as Amy Martin, Head of the Asia-Pacific Region OCHA, delivered keynote speeches during the workshop.

A China Civil Network for International Humanitarian Assistance was also launched during the workshop. For more information contact: qingrui.huang@icvanetwork.org

Engagement with ASEAN

ICVA's Executive Director and Regional Representative traveled to Jakarta for high-level meetings with the ASEAN Secretariat and AHA Centre, along with UNOCHA and NGOs, regarding the future of NGO engagement in the region. The meetings highlighted the interest and need for more structured and better-resourced engagement by NGOs with ASEAN and its policy and operational mechanisms, particularly as the new ASEAN Agreement on

Disaster Management and Emergency response (AADMER) Work Programme 3.0 is now under development. ICVA is currently developing a revised approach to supporting NGO engagement in ASEAN in 2020, including by supporting the expansion of the AADMER Partnership Group (APG) within the region. For more information contact: Jeremy.wellard@icvanetwork.org

The 2019 Asia-Pacific Regional NGO Partnerships Week will run from **26-29 November in Bangkok**. The event will bring together over 100 members and partners of ICVA and the Asia Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN) in a series of meetings, events and workshops focused on strengthening humanitarian practice in the region. The detailed agenda can be [found online](#). For more information, or to register, contact: qingrui.huang@icvanetwork.org

18. Africa Region

On 28 November, ICVA will be participating in the next **Regional IASC for Southern Africa meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa**. ICVA will support NGOs in humanitarian preparedness and response by assisting NGOs in the region to develop effective and regionally relevant mechanisms for collective policy and advocacy work, operational coordination, and knowledge and capacity sharing.

Groundtruth: ICVA has been consulted by colleagues from [Ground Truth Solutions](#) in the framework of their **research on Accountability toward Affected Population in Somalia**. It has been an opportunity to connect the researchers with key actors working in the Somali context.

Continuing its collaboration with Members **IMC, ICVA will co-facilitate two rounds of the Building a Better Response trainings in Ethiopia and Uganda** during the first half of November and will contribute to the organisation of the National NGO Training Programme on Humanitarian Architecture implemented in collaboration with the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation. For more information contact: marco.rotelli@icvnetwork.org

African Union, Kigali:

On 24-25 October, the African Union held its Continental Consultative Meeting (CCM) within the framework of the AU theme “**Year of Refugees, Returnees and Internally displaced Persons: towards Durable Solutions to Forced Displacement in Africa**.” It was held in Kigali Rwanda. The meeting was co-organised by the African Union Commission, Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), ICVA and UNHCR focusing on “**Global solidarity and responsibility sharing to tackle root causes and find solutions in Africa: supporting local ownership, socio-economic inclusion and durable solutions**.” Several ICVA members were present engaging with AU member states. The meeting focused on sharing best practices between AU member states and would feed into the Member states’ preparation to the GRF. For more information please contact: Addis.tesfa@icvanetwork.org

On 7-8 October, ICVA along with several members and affiliates, participated to the **12th IGAD Regional Consultative Process on Migration in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**. This RCP was an IDP specific meeting and brought together a broad range of stakeholders. Key recommendations included a whole of Society approach to reduce vulnerability of communities at risk of displacement, address protection and assistance needs and build the resilience of displacement affected populations (including host communities). Additionally, to accelerate the ratification and implementation of the Kampala convention by member states. For more information please contact: Addis.tesfa@icvanetwork.org

The ICVA team in Africa is planning a **support mission to Chad**, in order to liaise with NGOs and other actors there and contribute to the collective representation and action in the country. For more information contact: addis.tesfa@icvanetwork.org



19. MENA Region:

ICVA held a MENA Members Briefing meeting on 28 October in Istanbul as a sideline to the IOM/NGO Consultation workshop. Ignacio, ICVA's ED and Eman Ismail, ICVA's MENA Regional Deputy Rep. met with ten ICVA members in MENA, as part of ICVA's member engagement strategy.

Report from the **UNHCR MENA Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations and Civil Society** which held in Jordan on 20-21 June 2019 is now available. You can find the report on the [UNHCR website](#).

Learning Opportunities

20. Webinar “Risky Business: Reframing the fundamentals on risk management for humanitarians”

On **21 November**, ICVA and PHAP will organise the first webinar series aimed at exploring the current state of risk management in the humanitarian sector. This webinar will introduce the concept of risk management and provide an overview of challenges that apply in humanitarian work. As part of framing how these challenges can be overcome, we will hear from practitioners sharing their experience of how risk management is carried out in local and international NGOs, as well as UN agencies.

Participants in the webinar will learn about the need to balance management of the risks inherent to the work with the desire to reach people in need in the most difficult contexts. They will also learn about the importance of developing an organisational culture that understands risk management as a discipline that cuts across all levels of an organisation.

Time and date: Thursday, 21 November 2019, 15:00 – 16:30 CET (Geneva) for more information and to register, check out [ICVA's website](#).

21. Online Learning Opportunities

[Monitoring and Evaluation Practices](#): This online DisasterReady course was designed for refugee service providers and humanitarian workers as an introduction to monitoring and evaluating practices that enable strong programming in aid and development.

Learning Objectives:

- Differentiate between monitoring and evaluation
- Choose appropriate data collection methods and when to use them
- How to prepare for meaningful data analysis and how to conduct data analysis and action planning as part of your regular team meetings

Duration: 110 minutes

(The content has been provided by the Monitoring and Evaluation Technical Assistance Project)

[Safeguarding Essentials](#) This online course on Kaya aims to build one's understanding of what safeguarding is in the humanitarian and development sector. It aims to cover a diverse range of safeguarding issues affecting the vulnerable groups we serve and focus on the 'non-negotiables for conduct' in safeguarding.

Learning Objectives:

- Know the non-negotiables of conduct
- Recognise safeguarding concerns
- Know what to do if one observes or hears testimony or rumor about another individual causing harm, exploitation or abuse

Duration: Between 60 – 90 minutes

(The content has been provided by the Humanitarian Leadership Academy)

[Child Protection in Conflict Settings](#) This online course on Kaya is designed for practitioners who have an existing knowledge of child protection in emergencies. It is aimed to develop existing knowledge of good practice child protection, with a particular focus on conflict settings. It will assist by providing one with the tools, resources and knowledge to better analyse child protection risks and concerns, as well as to strengthen your decision making in emergencies. Using four different scenarios, each covering a different aspect of child protection, one would be able to make choices and decisions in the best interests of the child. This course will cover sexual violence, recruitment, separation of children.

Duration: 90 minutes

(The content has been provided by Save the Children and Humanitarian Leadership Academy)

New and noteworthy

22. [Data on Diversity: Humanitarian Leadership under the spotlight](#). This report from the [Humanitarian Advisory Group](#) presents findings drawn from the 'State of Diversity' survey on the diversity and inclusiveness of humanitarian leadership globally. It provides data on who fills humanitarian leadership roles and the impact that has on organisational performance and unpacks the relationship between diverse and inclusive leadership and effective humanitarian action. Time for the humanitarian sector to reflect on how it recruits and composes leadership teams and ensures inclusive leadership.

23. ACAPS just released their "[Humanitarian Access Overview](#)" which provides a snapshot of the contexts where humanitarian action faces the biggest constraints. For more information see their [website](#).

Mark your agenda

November 4: Consulta de sociedad civil –México ante el MIRPS a 2 años, México

November 4-5: Geneva Pease Week

November 4-8: AU (African Union) 3rd Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Migration, Refugees and IDPs: 4-8 November 2019-Addis Ababa

November 5-7: BBR Workshop, Addis Ababa

November 7-8: IASC OPAG meeting, Geneva

November 11-12: UNICEF-NGO Consultation for Partnership in Humanitarian Settings 'Enhancing the Culture of Partnership', Geneva

November 12-14: BBR Workshop, Entebbe

November 12-15: TIEMS (The International Emergency Management Society) Annual Conference: Toward the Bright Future of Safety, Korea

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

November 14: China-UN: Workshop on Cooperation with the International Humanitarian System, Beijing, China

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 21-22: South America UNHCR-NGO Consultations, Rio de Janeiro

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 5-7: IFRC General Assembly, 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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January 20-24: GFMD Quito Summit, Quito, Ecuador

March 17-19: [Registration open](#)- 2020 ICVA Annual Conference, Geneva

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