

ICVA Bulletin

Highlights from September 2022



A GLOBAL NGO NETWORK
FOR PRINCIPLED AND EFFECTIVE
HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Dear Readers,

In this bulletin, we share the most recent news related to our focus areas of forced migration, humanitarian financing and coordination. We continue to transform the ICVA network to be more engaged in operationalizing principled humanitarian action, in addressing the impact of climate change on humanitarian action, pursuing being globally distributed and locally rooted, being diverse, inclusive and living our values, and proactively engaging in agile collaborative partnerships. Linked here, the [transformations](#) of our ICVA2030 Strategy. We also share our updates from our regional hubs and so much more.

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Message from Executive Director

Is there anybody in the Driving Seat?

The UN General Assembly last month was another reminder for world leadership to respond to humanity's most pressing challenges by working together and building bridges not separation walls.

NGOs and other stakeholders called to reinvigorate inclusive and effective multilateralism. ALNAP's State of the Humanitarian System Report, launched in [Nairobi](#) and [Geneva](#), indicates how the scale to which the demand for humanitarian action has increased. The report re-emphasizes the importance of international solidarity and sheds light on how the humanitarian system engages with other forms of crisis support such as those led by the survivor/citizen/communities, religious organizations, private sector, diaspora and the development crisis finance.

The UNHCR [Nansen Refugee Award](#) brings widespread recognition to various leaders working to protect and assist refugees, internally displaced and stateless people. The global winner for this year is Dr. Angela Merkel, the former Federal Chancellor of Germany. The UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award 2022 was also awarded to [four regional winners](#), individuals and organizations, who lead on solidarity and leadership at local level.

Dr. Angela Merkel receives this award "for protecting refugees at height of Syria crisis." She responded no more and no less to a humanitarian imperative. She took a moral leadership while humanitarian values were again put to the test.

Today, we urgently need leaders fully engaged, beyond words, to stand up for human rights, humanitarian principles and international law. At all levels of society, leaders must reject divisive nationalism and urge to show compassion and solidarity.

You will read in this Bulletin how ICVA and its members develop a number of initiatives to create enabling environments for national leaders such as the national leadership programme hosted in Geneva last week and the women-led leadership programmes starting this month.

It is the commitment and leadership by each and all of us that will make the difference. It is about each and every one of us to break the divisive mechanisms and be in the driving seat to stand up to the operationalization of humanitarian principles.

Ignacio Packer
Executive Director | ICVA

ICVA Updates



ICVA Annual Conference

17 March 2023

 Maison de la Paix, Geneva

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1. Save the Date: ICVA Annual Conference 17 March 2023

The 2023 ICVA Annual Conference will be held on Friday 17 March at Maison de la Paix, Geneva. The day before, 16 March 2023 in Geneva, ICVA members will join for the ICVA Membership Day. Stay tuned for more information on our [website](#) and [social media](#) channels.

2. Staff Updates:

Following an open recruitment process, we are delighted to announce the selection of Addis Tesfa as ICVA Representative for Eastern and Southern Africa.

We welcome Manon Glaser, Policy Officer, and Habiba Broger, Communication and Grand Bargain support, to ICVA Humanitarian Finance Policy Team.

3. We are Hiring

ICVA Secretariat is recruiting for the following positions:

- ICVA Deputy Representative for West and Central Africa
- ICVA Deputy Representative for Eastern and Southern Africa
- Policy Consultancy on improved NGO engagement with Humanitarian Pooled Funds

Check out more information on our [website](#).

4. ICVA at 60 – Online and Interactive Timeline



This year we continue commemorating 60 years of making humanitarian action more principled and effective. To recognize how far we've come, we have put together an [interactive timeline](https://www.icvanetwork.org/resource/icva-at-60/) that maps our journey from 1962 to today.

[Explore it](https://www.icvanetwork.org/resource/icva-at-60/)

Forced Migration

5. UNHCR Quarterly Consultations with NGOs

As we enter an important phase in refugee response planning, on 21 September, UNHCR and ICVA co-organized the third UNHCR-NGO Quarterly Consultations of the year on **“Refugee Coordination and Engagement with NGOs.”** With insights from Alight Sudan, International Rescue Committee Lebanon, and UNHCR, the objective was to raise awareness and understanding among NGOs about the Refugee Coordination Model and the Refugee Response Plan process and purpose. The exchange was built upon the ways of NGOs involvement particularly local organizations including refugee-led organizations in the coordination of refugee operations as well as partnership approach. Notes will be disseminated among participants. Check out more information on the [Quarterly Consultations](#).

6. UNHCR 85th Standing Committee

An NGO collective statement was delivered at UNHCR's 85th Standing Committee in Geneva on 19-20 September. Coordinated by ICVA, the NGO statement on [The Oral Update on The High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges](#) focused on "Development cooperation to advance protection, inclusion, and solutions for forcibly displaced and stateless persons as well as host communities," the theme of this year's Dialogue. The statement particularly focused on the inclusion of forcibly displaced populations in societal structures, decision-making, and responses and offered recommendations to adopt more inclusive and development-oriented approaches. In addition, in the margins of the Standing Committee, ICVA joined UNHCR's side event on "UNHCR Engagement in Situations of Internal Displacement 2019 – 2021" following the release of [UNHCR report](#). Notes on this side event will be shared with ICVA members.

7. Global Compact on Refugees (GRF)

ICVA continued its engagement within the [NGO Reference Group for the 2023 Global Refugee Forum](#), joining a meeting of the group on 5 September to convey perspectives on the [proposed concept note](#) for the GRF. Further details on the preparations for the GRF were conveyed by UNHCR through an [informal briefing](#) on 13 September, while ICVA discussed the GRF preparations and other themes related to the Global Compact on Refugees with its members in Bangkok between 12 and 14 September (see further details below, in the Region-Specific section on Asia and the Pacific).

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8. Migrants in Vulnerable Situations

Launch of the John Kennedy Bingham Memorial Series

The [People's Migration Challenge](#) is starting up their new series called People's Migration Challenge Round 6: The John Kennedy Bingham Memorial Series from 27 September until 26 September 2023. This will feature important topics from around current global campaigns as well as important migration issues to develop joint campaigns, and to mobilize advocacy for policy change at the international, regional, national, and local levels. More information on registration and the timeline will be shared soon.

Financing

9. Grand Bargain Updates and Future

The final outcomes of both the Quality Funding and Intermediaries Caucuses were shared with Grand Bargain signatories in July and August. The recommendations coming out of both caucuses are relevant to all signatories, and you are encouraged to review the outcome documents in anticipation of a request for broad endorsement. The work of the active Caucus on Localization is also progressing, with a detailed strategy released in September for how the group will progress in the commitment to channel 25% of humanitarian funding to local partners as direct as possible. Updates and relevant caucus documentation can be found on the Grand Bargain [website](#).

Following completion of the Grand Bargain signatory survey, the Facilitation Group is moving forward with plans for developing the options for the future of the Grand Bargain. The survey response rate was good, with 78% (50 of 64) signatories sharing feedback. The top priority for October is to schedule consultations with signatories by constituency to develop proposals for the future of the Grand Bargain. ICVA will organize consultations among NGOs during the second half of October, with A4EP network organizing additional consultations among local partners. An overview of the timeline for discussions on the future of the Grand Bargain is available [here](#).

10. UN Partnership Dialogue

Several consultations between NGOs and UN agencies that include opportunities to discuss simplification and harmonisation of partnership agreements and contractual terms and conditions are upcoming. UNHCR will hold targeted discussions with NGO partners and UN agencies in early October to discuss areas for further improvement of the conditions of partnership. WFP has planned the Annual Partner Consultations for October 25 to 27th, with a focus on operational partnership topics. UNICEF is currently in the middle of a process to update internal and external procedures and guidance on partnership. ICVA will report back to members as results of these dialogues become available and will reach out to members where there are opportunities for NGO inputs.

- For more information, please contact jeremy.rempel@icvanetwork.org.

Coordination

11. Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC)

IASC Principals

The Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) convened an ad hoc IASC Principals meeting on 15 September to discuss the situation in Somalia and the findings and recommendations of the independent review of the IASC Centrality of Protection Policy.

On the situation in Somalia, the IASC Principals agreed on follow-up actions including to continue to increase cluster/operational capacities in Somalia to respond effectively and avert the worst-case scenario, with a strong focus on sub-national capacity; boost advocacy/humanitarian diplomacy around Somalia, in particular the need to access hard-to-reach/rural communities. There were requests for HC and OCHA to step-up localization efforts and report on funds directed to local actors.

On the Protection Review, UNHCR and InterAction were appointed as IASC Champions for Centrality of Protection for a 1-year period to follow through and rally IASC support for the implementation of the review recommendations, including through the development of an action plan to deliver on agreed recommendations.

IASC Deputies Group

The Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator (DERC) and Chair of the IASC Deputies Group, Ms. Joyce Msuya, convened the first face-to-face meeting of the Deputies Group to discuss racism and racial discrimination, Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and sexual harassment (PSEAH), cash coordination, and the Deputies Group forward planning. Among others, the Deputies Group agreed to:

- Table racism and racial discrimination at an upcoming Deputies Group meeting focusing on concrete actions and deliverables
- The Terms of Reference and annual workplan of the PSEAH Technical Advisory Group
- The Terms of Reference of the Cash Coordination Group and the Transition Plan
- The Working Agenda of the Deputies Group reflecting the comments of all members

IASC Operational Policy and Advocacy Group (OPAG)

The OPAG of the IASC convened on 6 September. In line with the agreed agenda, OPAG discussed the Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation (IAHE) on Yemen and identified next steps to follow up on its recommendations. It also reflected on the Gender Accountability Framework Annual Review including following up on the Management Response Plan of the IAHE evaluation on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls (GEEWG). Furthermore, OPAG exchanged on the Terms of Reference of the IASC Reference Group on Gender and Humanitarian Action (GRG) looking at its role in promoting GEEWG and providing the gender perspective to IASC policies and tools.

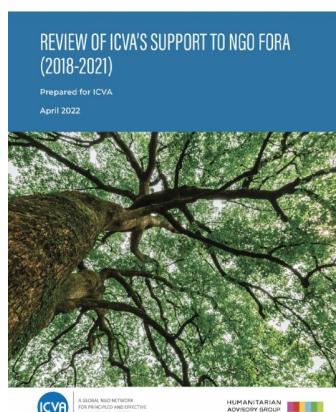
- For more information, contact jeremy.wellard@icvanetwork.org.

Update on IASC Task Force 3

The IASC Taskforce 3 on Preserving Humanitarian Space convened in September. The paper on beneficiary screening will be circulated for a final round of comments. An ad hoc meeting will be convened for the task force members on the cross-border exemption on counterterrorism.

12. Response to the 2022 State of the Humanitarian System (SOHS) Report

Following the global launch for the 2022 edition of The [State of the Humanitarian System report](#) on 7 September in Nairobi, [The Swiss Permanent Mission in Geneva and ICVA](#) co-hosted the [Geneva launch](#) of the ALNPA report on 3 October. ICVA published an opinion piece reflecting on the findings and recommendations of the SOHS report. Read it on our [website](#).



13. NGO Fora Support

The Review of ICVA's Support to NGO Fora (2018-2021) is a [study](#) undertaken by the Humanitarian Advisory Group (HAG) on behalf of ICVA's secretariat in 2022. At the highest level, the review finds that "ICVA has been largely effective in supporting NGO fora to positively influence humanitarian action". It also provides a number of recommendations which were duly considered by ICVA reported as commitments in the management response.

[Read the Management Response](#)

ICVA's Leadership Exchange took place in Geneva from 3-5 October, supporting a group of diverse mid-career and senior-level humanitarian leaders of national NGO Fora to explore issues related to humanitarian principles and NGO action in some of the most challenging settings globally. The programme included peer workshops and stakeholder dialogues with donors, the United Nations and international organizations based in Geneva, around the broad thematic of humanitarian principles with a strong focus on localization.

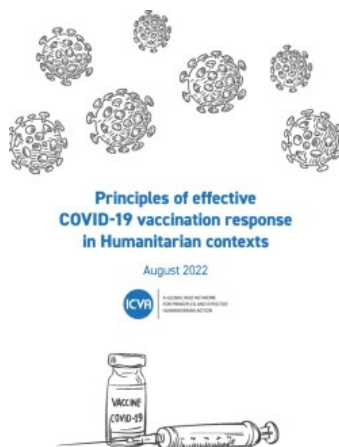
- For more information, contact albertphilip.burger@icvanetwork.org.

14. Humanitarian Access and Advocacy

ICVA Humanitarian Access Working Group

ICVA's Humanitarian Access Working Group met in September to discuss community engagement in humanitarian access influencing and the impact of beneficiary screening. The Working Group provides ICVA members with a dedicated NGO space to discuss and feed into the policy work of the IASC Taskforce 3 and share best practices and research in addressing humanitarian access impediments.

- For more information and expressions of interest, contact eileen.morrow@icvanetwork.org.



15. COVID-19

The world has largely moved on from COVID-19, but there's still work to be done. We have made incredible progress in the development of safe and effective vaccines; however there is need for more timely and effective responses to communities living in fragile and humanitarian contexts. ICVA has published a [paper](#) that lays out six principles to strengthen effective and timely pandemic response in humanitarian settings for both this pandemic and the next.

- For more information, contact eileen.morrow@icvanetwork.org.

[Download the Paper](#)

Transforming our Network

16. Champion Principled Humanitarian Action

Adoption of the Political Declaration on Strengthening the Protection of Civilians from the Humanitarian Consequences Arising from the Use of Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas

In June 2022 in Geneva, Ireland concluded consultations on the final text of the [Political Declaration](#). ICVA and many of its members have participated and contributed to the consultations. Following the consultations, States, as well as UN agencies, international and regional organizations, and civil society, are invited to a high-level international conference in Dublin on 18 November to adopt the Political Declaration on strengthening the protection of civilians from the humanitarian consequences arising from the use of explosive weapons in populated areas. More details will be shared soon on the conference, including agenda, logistics and registration details, as well as information about potential avenues for civil society engagement.

Global Protection Cluster Strategic Advisory Group

ICVA was re-selected to be a member to the Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) of the Global Protection Cluster (GPC). The SAG fulfils two critical functions of providing strategic direction and advice to the GPC and monitoring the implementation of the GPC strategic framework and annual work plan. The SAG is composed of 26 members. It includes 7 permanent members and 19 non-permanent members consisting of 8 UN Agencies, 8 NGOs and 3 Networks. NGO members to SAG include four national NGOs, among which is ICVA's member in Yemen, Abs Development Organization. The other three national NGOs are Centre de Développement Intégral de l'Enfant Rural in DRC, Community in Need Aid in South Sudan, and The Right to Protection in Ukraine.



Global Protection Forum

The Global Protection Cluster, its Strategic Advisory Group and Areas of Responsibility organize each year a Global Protection Forum with partners and field coordinators to review gaps, challenges, and opportunities in protection coordination and collaborative action. The 2022 forum will take place on October 24-28 under the theme 'Access that Protects'. Check out [information on sessions](#) and registration.

- For more information see ICVA's [Civil Society Space](#) webpage.

17. Address Impact of Climate Change on Humanitarian Action



Climate and Environment Action Compendium

ICVA has created a compendium comprising of existing resources, guidance and tools on building resilience, risk analysis, adaptation, environment sustainability, Nature-based Solutions (NbS), mitigation, among others. The aim is to promote knowledge exchange and share existing resources and learning. Through this compendium, ICVA intends to capture the work that is already being done, to share it as widely as possible, and to inspire others to action. Resources in the compendium are organized by categories and keywords. To improve and keep it up to date with new initiatives and solutions, we will keep reaching out to various organizations.

[Explore the Compendium](#)

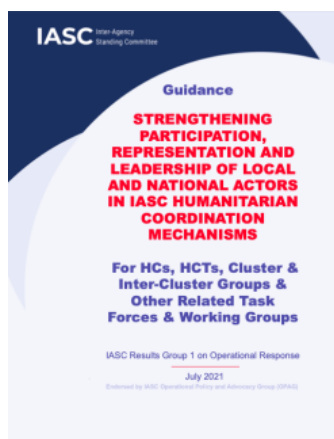
- If you want to contribute or learn more about the initiative, please contact ICVA's Learning and Climate Change Programme Coordinator nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org.

Survey on Action taken on Climate Loss and Damages by NGOs/CSOs and other Non-State Actors (NSAs)

To support the work on loss and damage, the UN High level Climate Champions have designed a [survey](#) to be completed by NSAs and non-party stakeholders to UNFCCC who are already taking action on climate losses and damages. The results of the survey will be shared at COP27 on what NSAs are doing and how these can be accelerated. Complete the survey by 30 October 2022.

- For more information visit ICVA's [Climate and Environment webpage](#), or contact nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org.

18. Be Globally Distributed and Locally Rooted



IASC Localisation Task Force 5

The IASC [guidance note](#) has been developed to support efforts to strengthen the meaningful participation, representation, and leadership of local and national humanitarian actors with a clear emphasis on considering localisation from a holistic point of view. Different discussions were held with IASC members on how to re-disseminate the guidance and ways to review the progress achieved regarding the meaningful participation of the local actors in the Humanitarian coordination platforms. ICVA, OCHA and key members in the IASC will continue to figure out ways to measure the agreed upon indicators in the guidance to strengthen local participation of NNGOs and LNGOs in HCTs, clusters and related IASC coordination mechanisms.

Women Led Organization's (WLO) Humanitarian Leadership

ICVA works to support the leadership development for local and national WLO and CSOs in MENA, Asia and Africa. The support includes making global, regional, and country level connections with key actors, and actors with similar strategies and goals for information-sharing and learning to enhance their role and support their leadership development efforts. From ICVA's recent engagement and needs analysis for WLOs in different regions, WLOs need more tailored approach to understand their learning needs on negotiation, collective advocacy, and to support their efforts on creating coordination and an exchange platform among the female leaders for the different regions for enhancing their learning among each other. The first batch of the training will be held in MENA region in October, and this will be followed by another learning programme in Asia in December 2022.

- For more information or questions, please contact eman.ismail@icvanetwork.org.

19. Be Diverse, Inclusive and Live our Values

Child Rights

Survey on Revision of UNICEF's Partnership Processes

UNICEF is in the process of revising its implementing partnership procedures and technical guidance as a key component towards increasing programme effectiveness.

Partners are invited to collaborate, converse and co-create with them through the [consultation space](#) and by filling a [survey](#).

Persons With Disabilities

Survey on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action

Building upon the work done so far on the rights of Persons with Disabilities and their inclusion in humanitarian action, ICVA aims to contribute to the operationalization and promotion of the IASC Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities and to better understand and support NGO needs for further tools and capacity support actions. ICVA is thus launching a short [survey](#) to better understand how NGOs, partners, and other stakeholders work with Persons with Disabilities, and if the IASC Guidelines support their work and what type of support is still needed. The survey is open until 21 October 2022.

Safeguarding

2022 PSEA Outreach and Communication Fund

The 15 local NGOs from 15 countries that were selected and funded by the Interagency PSEA Outreach and Communication Fund are already working on their projects. They are expected to complete their projects by end of 2022. You can read more about the Fund [here](#).

- For more information, contact alon.plato@icvanetwork.org.

Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub (RSH)

ICVA is a consortium partner of the Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub where we provide technical guidance for global products and support the regional and national hubs in Africa, Middle East and Asia. The RSH has developed a series of five online training modules called Safeguarding Matters that are available in [Arabic](#), [Swahili](#), [Amharic](#), [French](#) and [Hausa](#). The courses can also be completed [offline](#). Subscribe to their [French](#), [Swahili](#), and [Arabic](#) newsletters to receive updates on new tools, resources and events.

Safeguarding Resources for Pakistan Flooding Response

RSH is actively engaging with the local networks to provide support in capacity building on safeguarding and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse. Recently, South Asia Hub added subtitles/captions in Urdu and Bangla languages in a video to reach out to local CSOs and NGOs to share online services and products. Explore some of the [key safeguarding resources](#) available in local languages of Urdu, Punjabi, Pashto, and Balochi.

- For more information, contact alon.plato@icvanetwork.org.

Region Specific

20. Africa

Eastern and Southern Africa

Negotiation Peer Workshops

In the framework of ICVA's support to NGO Fora in the East Africa Region, ICVA partnered with the Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation (CCHN) to bring the frontline negotiation [peer workshop](#) as well as the [Advanced workshop](#) in Nairobi, Kenya. A number of ICVA members and members of NGO Fora participated actively in the two events.

African Union (AU) Conference - Civil Society Side Event

ICVA will be co-organizing the CSO side event under the theme "Strengthening Resilience in Nutrition and Food Security on the African Continent: Strengthening Agro-Food Systems, Health and Social Protection Systems for the Acceleration of Human, Social and Economic Capital Development" prior to the AU conference. Several ICVA members are expected to take part in the side event which will feed into the main event.

West and Central Africa

Dialogue between Humanitarian and UNDP Stabilization Actors

On 31 August, the last meeting of the series was held on risk analysis. The idea was to identify commitments and recommendations to set at regional level and to propose at country level to guide in implementation of dialogue and coordination between humanitarian and stabilization actors. The document is still under review and will be presented to the next regional IASC that will take place between the 11 and the 13 of October 2022.

Sahel Regional Fund (SRF)

The second board meeting was held on 7 September 2022 to work on the program strategy and call for concept note finalization. After the meeting two main board decisions came up which include to raise the number of board seats for national organizations from one to two and to limit the number of applications for the concept note to one submission per organization (either as a lead or as a member of the consortium). The call for concept note was launched on 20 September with a deadline of submission on 16 October and one information session took place on 26 September. Check more information on the [SRF website](#).

- For more information or to be included in the ICVA Africa Working Group List, please connect with addis.tesfa@icvanetwork.org or adeline.benita@icvanetwork.org.

21. Asia and the Pacific

Asia Pacific Regional Forced Migration Workshop

ICVA in collaboration with two regional networks [Asia Displacement Solutions Platform \(ADSP\)](#) and [Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network \(APRRN\)](#) held an Asia Pacific regional Forced Migration Workshop between 12-14 September 2022. It brought together 25 participants from all three NGO networks to better understand how global policy processes can be used to leverage key forced migration challenges in the region. Focus was given to the Support Platform for the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees (SSAR) and the Rohingya crisis. Members from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Iran, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Australia from the networks joined the discussion. Besides, UNHCR regional bureau joined to explain regional and global platforms and brainstorm areas of collaborations with NGOs like the Support Platform for SSAR, UNHCR Standing and Executive Committees, engagement with Permanent Missions, and Global Refugee Forum (GRF) for regional issues as well and brainstorm areas of collaboration with NGOs. One of the key outcomes included commitment from UNHCR to help convene NGOs at country level in Pakistan, Iran, and Afghanistan to better understand the SSAR Support Platform and scope for NGO engagement and collective planning for engagements with regional and global processes.

- For more information about ICVA's work in Asia and Pacific, contact keya.sahachaudhury@icvanetwork.org or asma.saleem@icvanetwork.org.

22. Latin America Region

Humanitarian Fora Exchange in Latin America

On 19-21 September, ICVA had an interesting exchange with Fora in the Region. Participants included the Humanitarian Fora of Venezuela, [Humanitarian Fora of Colombia](#), the recently created Humanitarian Fora of Peru and the [LAC RMD Coalition](#). Focus of discussions was on humanitarian access, localization, advocacy, coordination structures, and negotiation. The session regarding negotiation was led by the Center of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation.

ICVA Strategic Priorities 2023-2025 in LATAM

ICVA LATAM coordinator and ICVA Executive Director led a number of conversations in Bogota and Panama with ICVA members and other stakeholders to frame the strategic priorities for ICVA in LATAM for 2023-2025 as well as the resourcing plan.

- For more information or to be included in the ICVA Latam Mailing List, contact lina.gomez@icvanetwork.org.

23. MENA

ICVA Regional Members and Partners Meeting in MENA

ICVA MENA team is pleased to continue its engagement with members on drawing its priorities and having a discussion on key regional development issues. The [members meeting](#) will be held on Tuesday 11 October 2022 at 11:00 Jordan time or 10:00-12:00 GVA. Topics include key achievements and engagements, main elements on trends and changes in the region with a focus on funding environment and Nexus, and areas of engagement for 2023 and beyond. To RSVP, send an email to icvamena@icvanetwork.org.

3RP Regional Workshop

On 13-15 September 2022, the 3RP regional workshop took place focusing on reflection of the Evaluation and Planning Cycle for 2023. ICVA MENA Regional Representative, Eman Ismail, participated in the workshop and lead a session on conceptualization and operationalization of Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus in the 3RP contexts as well as presented the key elements on the Localisation session in the 3RP. Other discussions focused on the fundraising for the Syria response, governance, localisation, Nexus, and the risks and opportunities highlighted in the evaluation.

Roundtable on Localisation of Aid in Syria: Challenges to get one Approach in a Fragmented Country

On 20 September 2022, the Syrian Civil Society Network Platform (SCNP) hosted a roundtable on the localisation of aid in Syria to review the major outputs that came out of a workshop held by SCNP with national, and international experts in the Syrian contexts, and in other contexts. ICVA Deputy Regional Representative, Stephanie Yousef, moderated an interactive discussion on ways of building a common understanding on the concept of localization that is specific to the Syrian context and how localization can be a solution for many obstacles such as limited access to affected populations, sustainability in the face of shrinking funds, and bypassing the government of Syria and de-facto authorities.

ADVANCING NEXUS IN THE MENA REGION BREAKING THE SILOS

RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION
OF THE STATE OF HUMANITARIAN
DEVELOPMENT-PEACE (HDP) NEXUS
IN THE MENA REGION

July 2022



New ICVA Publication: Advancing NEXUS in the MENA Region: Breaking the Silos

This research aims to better understand the current stage of the operationalization of the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus approach in select countries throughout MENA and documents policy and situational changes that reflect the NEXUS approach. The research sheds light on good practices and examples to support actors to develop guiding tools and strategic thinking around inclusion of NEXUS approaches in their strategies and programs. Access and read the report in [English and Arabic](#).

[Read the Report](#)

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Learning Opportunities

24. Humanitarian Operations Programme (HOP) Fundamentals

This [free course](#) offered by Save the Children and Humanitarian Leadership Academy is intended for people who are beginning their career in humanitarian sector or seeking to transition from development work.

New and Noteworthy

25. Lessons on Communication, Community Engagement and Accountability for the Pakistan Floods Response

CDAC Network, IFRC and Community World Service Asia highlight [six key lessons](#) on communication, community engagement and accountability from past flood emergencies in Pakistan, along with recommendations for the current response.

26. Certification System Fit for the Future

Community World Service Asia's [discussion paper](#) explores different options to make the humanitarian certification process fit for the future. It sets out some of the challenges from the lessons learned from the existing standard and certification process and suggests options for alternative processes for consideration for the future.

27. Beyond Barriers: Behaviours to enable a more resilient Pacific

This [research paper](#) by Humanitarian Advisory Group in partnership with World Vision Australia and the Australian Humanitarian Partnership makes a case for the need for actors across the Pacific to support more integrated approaches to foster resilient communities in the region.

28. DRC Environmental Performance Report 2021

The report outlines [DRC's environmental performance targets](#) which are in line with the DRC Climate and Environment Framework, DRC Strategy 2025 and their commitments under the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations.

29. Humanitarian Accountability Report 2022: Accountability is Non-Negotiable

CHS Alliance's [report](#) is an evidence-based overview of the current state and trends in accountability within aid systems. It aims to answer one key question: is accountability to people affected by crisis really a non-negotiable for the aid system?

30. Humanitarian Reporting Award 2022

This [award](#) is being organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Centre for Excellence in Journalism. Journalists are encouraged to submit their work focusing on the field of humanitarian reporting.

Agenda

October 10: [Nansen Award Ceremony](#)

October 10-14: 73rd Session of the UNCHR Executive Committee

October 11: [ICVA MENA Annual Membership Meeting](#) (Regional Exchange)

October 16: [World Food Day](#)

October 24-28: [Global Protection Forum 2022](#)

October 25 -27: World Food Programme Annual Partnership Consultations in person at WFP HQ Rome and online.

November 1-3: [Save the date: The 6th Asia-Pacific Dialogue Platform on Anticipatory Humanitarian Action](#)

November 1-3: [Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation World Summit](#)

December 7-8: [UNHCR High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges](#)

December 7-8: Global Humanitarian Policy Forum (virtual)

December 9-14: [Registration - Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week 2022](#)

December 10: ICVA Asia Pacific Annual Membership Meeting

December 13 -16: [Onsite Peer Workshop and Round Table Discussion on Negotiating Health Care in Crises for humanitarian professionals working in the health sector by CCHN](#)

December 18: [International Migrants Day](#)

2023

March 16: ICVA Membership Day, Geneva

March 17: ICVA Annual Conference, Geneva

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