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# 2023 Annual Conference

Date: 17 March 2023

Venue: Maison de la Paix, Geneva

*“The right time and the right place: improving access to humanitarian quality funding”*

## Programme & Recommended Reading

08.30 – 09.00	<b>Registration</b>
09.00 – 10.30	<p><b>Opening Session: Setting the scene</b></p> <p>This session frames the Annual Conference discussions to establish a common understanding of the humanitarian financing gap, the challenges of efficiently and adequately resourcing humanitarian action, and start exploring forward-looking solutions to anticipate trends that increasingly affect the humanitarian space (climate, pandemic response, and the rise of protracted crises), reduce needs, and improve access to quality funding as part of equitable partnerships.</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>H.E. Ambassador Jürg Lauber</b>, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations and to the other international organisations in Geneva Switzerland</li><li>• <b>Mr. Martin Griffiths</b>, Under Secretary-General of Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, OCHA</li><li>• <b>Ms. Taiba Rahim</b>, President, Nai Qala Association (NQA), ACBAR Member</li><li>• <b>Ms. Sofia Sprechmann</b>, Secretary General, CARE International</li><li>• <b>Mr. Ignacio Packer</b>, Executive Director, ICVA</li></ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Stephanie Yousef, MENA Deputy Representative, ICVA</p>
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Coffee break and networking</b>
11.00 – 12.30	<p><b>Session 1: The Future of the Grand Bargain</b></p> <p>Panel discussion will focus on the ongoing dialogue on the future of the Grand Bargain and changes proposed for the process beyond June 2023.</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Jan Egeland</b>, Grand Bargain Eminent Person (pre-recorded keynote address)</li><li>• <b>Ms. Kelly Clements</b>, Deputy High Commissioner, UNHCR</li><li>• <b>Mr. Pedrag Avramovic</b>, Head of Section for Humanitarian and Migration Affairs, Minister-Counsellor (Humanitarian Affairs), EU Delegation to the UN and other IOs in Geneva</li></ul>

- **Ms. Marta Valdés García**, Director of the Humanitarian Programs and Deputy Humanitarian Director, Oxfam
- **Local Partner** (TBC)

**Moderator:** Mr. Jeremy Rempel, Head of Humanitarian Finance, ICVA

**12:30 – 13:30**

**Lunch break and networking**

**13:30 – 15:00**

### **Session 2: Climate Financing and Humanitarian Action**

Panel discussion on “Gaps in Climate Financing and implications for humanitarian action.” The session will examine what climate financing is, what is the gap in climate financing in humanitarian contexts and the resulting implications for humanitarian action in such contexts?

#### **Panelists:**

- **Mr. Azmat Khan**, CEO, Foundation for Rural Development, Pakistan
- **Dr. Catherine-Lune Grayson**, Head of Policy Team - Policy and Humanitarian Diplomacy Division, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on Climate Finance in Conflict and Fragile Contexts
- **Ms. Charlene Watson**, Senior Research Associate, ODI, Climate Financing 101
- **NGO Representative** (TBC)

**Moderator:** Ms. Nishanie Jayamaha, Learning and Climate Change Programme Coordinator, ICVA

**15:00 – 15:30**

**Coffee break and networking**

**15:30 – 16:45**

### **Session 3: Partnerships**

This session will explore the modalities of meaningful and equitable partnerships, the simplification and harmonisation of donor conditions, and the role and responsibilities of intermediaries in addition to that of donors.

#### **Panelists:**

- **Ms. Sarah Charles**, Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau of Humanitarian Affairs, USAID (online)
- **Mr. Misikir Tilahun**, Executive Director, African Humanitarian Action
- **Ms. Hazel de Wet**, Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Programs (EMOPs), UNICEF
- **Ms. Sarah Fuhrman**, Director of Humanitarian Policy, InterAction

**Moderator:** Ms. Mirela Shuteriqi, Director of Policy, ICVA

**16:45 – 17:00**

### **Closing session**

**Speaker:** Mr. Ignacio Packer, Executive Director, ICVA

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## Recommended Reading

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### Concept Note

- ICVA, [Annual Conference 2023: Concept Note](#)

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### State of Humanitarian Finance

- OCHA, [Global Humanitarian Overview 2023](#), November 2022
- ALNAP, [The State of the Humanitarian System](#), 2022
- Development Initiatives, [Global Humanitarian Assistance Report 2022](#), July 2022
- Development Initiatives and NRC, [Catalogue of quality funding practices to the humanitarian response](#), July 2020
- Development Initiatives, [Multi-year humanitarian funding: Global baselines and trends](#), March 2020
- ICVA, [Demystifying Humanitarian Finance](#), Learning Series, 2016

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### Future of the Grand Bargain

- A4EP, [Shrink the needs: a Grand Bargain is no longer an option but a necessity](#), January 2023
- [Letter from the Eminent Person Jan Egeland to Grand Bargain Signatories](#), January 2023
- Joint NGO Statement, [Unprecedented humanitarian needs must shock Grand Bargain signatories into action](#), December 2022
- [Overview of Signatories Action Implementing Caucus Outcomes](#), November 2022
- Grand Bargain Caucus on Funding for Localisation, [Detailed Strategy](#), September 2022
- Grand Bargain Secretariat, [Process of the Future of the Grand Bargain](#), September 2022
- Joint NGO Statement, [Job Not Done Yet](#), Grand Bargain Annual Review Meeting, June 2022
- Grand Bargain Secretariat, [Grand Bargain 2.0. Structure](#), December 2021
- [Grand Bargain 2.0. Framework and Annexes](#), June 2021
- Centre for Global Development, [Fit for the Future: Envisioning New Approaches to Humanitarian Response](#), 2018

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### Climate Finance

- IIED and ICCCAD, [ALLACT now! Progressing locally led action on loss and damage](#), December 2022
- International Committee of the Red Cross, International Council of Voluntary Agencies, Mercy Corps, ODI, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, World Food Programme, [Embracing Discomfort: A Call to Enable Finance for Climate-Change Adaptation in Conflict Settings](#), Policy Brief October 2022
- OXFAM, [Footing the Bill: Fair finance for loss and damage in era of escalating climate change](#), June 2022
- IFRC, [Where It Matters Most: Smart climate financing for the hardest hit people](#), 2022
- CARE, [Engaging with the Green Climate Fund: A Civil Society Toolkit](#), January 2022
- ACT Alliance, [Post 2025 Climate Finance Architecture – through a climate justice lens](#), November 2022

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### Partnerships

- ICRC and Netherlands MoFA, [Risk-sharing in practice](#), June 2022
  - IASC, [Guidance on the Provision of Overheads to Local and National Partners](#), November 2022
  - ICVA and PHAP, [Risk-sharing and funding partnerships learning stream](#), June 2021
  - InterAction, [NGOs and Risk: Managing Uncertainty in Local-International Partnerships](#), March 2019
  - IASC Humanitarian Financing Task Team, [Donor Conditions and their Implications for Humanitarian Response](#), April 2016
  - Global Humanitarian Platform, [Principles of Partnership](#), July 2007
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