

ICVA Bulletin

Highlights from April 2023

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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. Check more on 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

The April Call on Protection of Civilians and Aid Workers

Dear Colleagues,

As you might know, starting from April, I have the privilege to serve as ICVA Acting Interim Executive Director. I am very grateful to all previous Executive Directors, personnel and members of ICVA, whose work and efforts throughout the years have enabled the network to deliver successfully. Today ICVA is a strong and diverse network. Within this interim period, I plan to continue encouraging further space for this diversity of voices. This will be reflected also in the bulletin, with various colleagues to be invited to contribute to future editorials.

As for the focus of this April bulletin, first I would like to extend my best wishes to our Catholic, Orthodox and Muslim colleagues around the world. Easter and Aid in April are important moments and I hope you all had a fantastic time gathering with your loved ones, friends, and community.

While for many of us these are moments of joy and celebration, unfortunately, as shown also by the recent conflict in Sudan and elsewhere, for others around the world, this April brought further suffering and life-threatening moments. April thus was also a call to strengthen joint efforts for peace, justice, and prosperity for all.

At ICVA we also paid tribute to the memory of all those who have lost their lives in humanitarian crises. Among them there are aid workers, colleagues and friends of various nationalities, age, gender, and backgrounds. We stand with their families.

The Aid Workers Security Report refers to 460 major attacks against aid workers in 2022

with 140 colleagues killed. National colleagues are more at risk and represented 98% of those killed in 2022. Regrettably, the trend remains similar for 2023 with several NGOs and UN Agencies already reporting a high number of attacks against staff in various contexts.

Any attack against aid workers and civilians is a violation of international humanitarian law. Such indiscriminate attacks are also increasingly threatening the delivery of humanitarian aid and support and must be brought to an end. As ICVA, we call for enhanced protection of civilians and aid workers and respect for international humanitarian law.

Mirela Shuteriqi
Acting Interim Executive Director | ICVA

ICVA Updates

1. The ICVA 2022 Annual Report is now Live on our Website



We are pleased to announce that the [ICVA 2022 Annual Report](#) is now available on our website. The report carries a special significance as we reflect on our 60th anniversary and the implementation of the ICVA 2030 strategy.

In the face of mounting challenges of toxic narratives, violence, inequality, and climate change, we recognised the importance of collective action to confront the growing humanitarian needs at a local level. As such, we continued to redefine our role, increase our influence, advocate for respect for independent humanitarian action and the protection of civic space, and adapt our work to meet the dynamic needs of vulnerable communities.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to building and fostering partnerships for humanitarian space and transforming the lives of those affected by crises.

[Read More in the Web Report](#)

2. New: PSEA Community Outreach and Communication Fund Website

Interagency PSEA Community Outreach and Communication Fund

Supporting NGOs to develop and disseminate Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) outreach and communication materials



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UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

ICVA is pleased to announce the launch of the new PSEA Community Outreach and Communication Fund website. [The website](#) will facilitate access of local NGOs and other stakeholders interested to learn about the PSEA Outreach Fund, which supports NGOs in running outreach projects and awareness-raising materials on PSEA that are context-specific and culturally appropriate. The website also presents the findings of a report on best practices demonstrated over the first three years of the Fund, which was established in 2020 by UNHCR and ICVA. It further eases free access to a Deliverables Database containing over 170 materials created through the funded projects.

[Explore the Website](#)

3. We are Hiring

We are looking for our next Head of Forced Migration. Check more details on our [website](#).

[More Information](#)



Forced Migration

4. Launch of the World Bank Group's 2023 World Development Report

On 23 April, InterAction and ICVA organized a presentation with its members on the 2023 World Development Bank Report, Migrants, Refugees and Societies. Mr. Xavier Devictor, Co-Director of the Report, outlined the main contents of the report and discussed with NGOs the key messages of the report and the ways forward for the development of the report's agenda. Check out additional information on the report including links to [the full report](#), and [key messages](#).

5. UNHCR and NGOs Europe Regional Dialogue

On 18 April, ICVA co-organized with UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe a dialogue with NGOs on **Data and mapping of statelessness in Europe**. The online dialogue focused on progress made since the launch of UNHCR's [#Ibelong Campaign](#) and a review of the UNHCR's [Global Action Plan to End Statelessness](#). The Dialogue also provided an opportunity to discuss implementation of the pledges made at the 2019 [High-Level Segment on Statelessness](#) and 2019 Global Refugee Forum (GRF); and raise awareness on the recently adopted [International Recommendations on Statelessness Statistics](#). [The Associazione 21 luglio](#) discussed improvements to data collection methodology of stateless persons, based on their work in Italy. The notes of the Dialogue will be shared with the participants.

This year, other online dialogues will be organized between UNHCR and NGOs. In addition to the Regional Dialogues, the UNHCR Regional Consultations with NGOs in Europe will be organized on 19-20 September 2023 in Geneva. Further information is accessible on UNHCR's dedicated [webpage](#).

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Financing

6. The Future of the Grand Bargain

Grand Bargain Secretariat Update

The Grand Bargain Secretariat released their bi-monthly update on 1 May. This month's update highlighted the importance and continued relevance of the Grand Bargain commitments. Check out current updates from the [Grand Bargain Secretariat](#).

Facilitation Group Update

Following the meeting of the Principals of the Facilitation Group on the margins of the European Humanitarian Forum in March, the Grand Bargain Facilitation Group continues to push forward on developing options for the future of the Grand Bargain. During May, the Facilitation Group will seek to finalise the proposal and will meet in-person for a retreat in Berlin at the end of the month.

Caucuses and Workstreams Update

On 30 March 2023, the Principals of the Grand Bargain Caucus on Funding for Localization (USAID, DG-ECHO, Denmark, OCHA, UNHCR, Save the Children, IFRC, A4EP and the Northwest Syria NGO forum – chaired by EP Jan Egeland and Hibak Kalfan, NEAR) met to endorse the three recommendations that were put forward by the technical members to strengthen efforts to reach the 25% target funding to localization and national actors. A monitoring framework is being finalised and will be circulated in the coming weeks to ensure that tracking of progress toward the 25% target is improved.

Annual Grand Bargain Reporting

The annual Grand Bargain self-reports submitted by signatories have now been published on the [Grand Bargain website](#). This year, 94% of the Signatories submitted self-reports for 2022 by the deadline, demonstrating a high level of commitment. ODI is also in the process of completing its Annual Independent Review, which will be published in the coming weeks. The Facilitation Group has also been working with ODI to better understand the key points in the independent review and ensure that they are aligned with the work on the future of the Grand Bargain.

7. Access to Quality Funding

Funding Well project joint implementation by ICVA and CHS Alliance

ICVA and CHS Alliance started jointly implementing the “Funding Well” project this month. This project seeks to improve partnership and will cover subjects such as trust, flexibility, covering real costs, implementing the Core Humanitarian Standard, and with a focus on foundations and pooled funds. The project is expected to conclude in June 2023, an important month for the Grand Bargain 2.0, ECOSO HAS and the Good Humanitarian Donorship Initiative.

Empowering Frontline Staff to Deliver Accountable and Locally Driven Humanitarian Assistance

As part of the Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week, PHAP hosted a session to discuss empowering frontline staff to deliver accountable and locally driven humanitarian assistance. The session drew on the learning from IRC's Empower to Enable project, which focuses on fostering accountable services by giving frontline staff the chance to facilitate crisis-affected people's input. The panel and participants discussed current evidence on the role of frontline staff and possible solutions to encourage participation from those affected by crises. You can watch the [recording of the event here](#) and [panelists' responses to questions](#) which could not be discussed due to time constraints.

8. UN Partnerships and Donor Conditions

UNICEF, Principles of Partnerships and Programme Cooperation Agreement (PCA) Negotiations

ICVA has consulted and engaged with UNICEF DAPM on behalf of its members regarding the Programme Cooperation Agreement (PCA) 2023. Negotiations to address red lines concerns from some partners, to enable quick signature of the new PCA and avert any further delays in programme implementation have concluded. A [revised PCA is available on the UN Partner Portal](#) as of May 3. ICVA will continue engage with UNICEF to support the organization of a webinar to formally present a global rollout plan for the new PCA as well as key changes in the document.

UNHCR-NGO Annual Partnership Survey, Deadline for Inputs 5 May

InterAction, in cooperation with UNHCR, is conducting an annual survey on the state of project partnerships between NGOs and UNHCR. This survey presents an excellent opportunity for NGO and UNHCR staff to reflect on the operational functionality of their working relationship in 2022. The survey is open to all implementing partners of UNHCR, including those who were not selected for funding this year but have implemented UNHCR projects in past years. Access the survey [here](#). Survey in Arabic, French and Spanish via a dropdown option in the upper right corner; responses will be confidential. The final report will be shared in upcoming UNHCR-NGO Regional Consultations and will be publicly accessible. Complete the survey by 5 May.

9. Pooled Funds

CBPF-NGO Dialogue Platform: Webinar Rollout Revised CBPF Global Guidelines and One Grant Management System

OCHA and Save the Children, the co-chairs of the CBPF-NGO Dialogue Platform held a webinar on the rollout of the revised Country-Based Pooled Funds Global Guidelines and the One Grant Management System on 26 April. The presentation has been shared with Humanitarian Finance Working Group members.

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Coordination

10. Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Principals

The Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) convened an ad hoc Principals meeting to discuss the situation in Afghanistan after the recent decision by the de-facto authorities to expand their December ban on women working to national staff of the UN as well as NGOs. The ERC noted the need to uphold provision of basic services and highlighted the continued absence of political engagement with Afghanistan. Key findings from the Emergency Directors Group (EDG) mission were also discussed.

Emergency Directors Group (EDG)

The EDG conducted two missions during April.

- The EDG conducted a mission to Haiti in March 2023 and the mission report recommended that a three-month systemwide Scale-Up activation for Haiti be declared. The Scale-Up is intended to demonstrate commitment to frontload or expedite the necessary support available, notably in the protection, health, WASH, and food security sectors for a multi-sectoral response to urgently address the acute malnutrition, cholera and GBV/child protection needs in Haiti.
- An EDG mission to Afghanistan took place from 10-13 April, to support the Humanitarian Country Team to 1) think through the operational aspects to stay and deliver in the current context 2) consider how to approach the HRP revision process and the current fundraising environment for Afghanistan; and 3) ensure duty of care for our teams; and 4) to support clearer messaging on how the humanitarian community will plan to deliver in an unpredictable and worsening context with increasing bureaucratic and administrative impediments to response.

The EDG met multiple times to discuss the worsening situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and rapid escalation of conflict in Sudan.

11. Civil 7 Conference ahead of the G7 Leaders' Summit

Japan has taken on the Presidency of the G7 in 2023, and the [G7 Summit](#) will be held in Hiroshima from 19 -21 May. [The C7 Summit on 13-14 April 2023](#) was an opportunity to discuss priorities and recommendations for action by civil society to the G7 members. NGO priorities we articulated through the [C7 Communiqué](#) that was handed over to the Prime Minister of Japan ahead of the Civil7 event. The communiqué is structured around the six priority areas: Nuclear Disarmament; Climate and Environmental Justice; Economic Justice and Transformation; Global Health; Humanitarian Assistance and Conflict; and Open and Resilient Societies. ICVA co-led the working group on Humanitarian Assistance and Conflict and ICVA's Head of Coordination traveled to Japan to join the Civil7 Conference.

12. Localization Measurement Session at the Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week

Over 70 participants joined the hybrid session on [Localization: Baseline and Measuring Progress](#) in Yemen, Ukraine, the Pacific and Beyond that ICVA led at the 2023 HNPW. The session discussed how the [Localization Measurement Framework and Tools](#) were developed and rolled-out, first in the Pacific Region and then beyond, as an approach to measure progress on localization in a holistic and contextualized way. Panellists shared how the approach has been adapted for use in complex operational settings in Yemen and Ukraine, led by local NGOs and evaluation partners. Progress updates showed how this work can help to inform dialogue, set priorities, develop localization roadmaps, measure progress over time, and discuss with programme partners how localization can be built-in to future partnership agreements.

13. IASC Task Force 2 on Accountability to Affected People (AAP)

Review of Donor AAP Commitments, Requirements and Recommendations.

The Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Principals have called for donors to provide incentives for the system to be more responsive to the needs of affected people. The AAP Task force is taking action by developing a plan to engage with donors, in collaboration with the Grand Bargain (GB) Participation Revolution, to push for greater AAP in the sector. As a first step, the Task force conducted a [review](#) of existing recommendations and analysed how donors are currently referring to AAP in their grant and partnership guidelines.

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14. Humanitarian Access Influencing

IASC Task Force 3 on Preservation Humanitarian Space

The IASC Taskforce 3 met in April. Discussions are underway between ICVA and several NGO networks to explore the joint monitoring of the implementation of UNSC Resolution 2664 by Member States and developing targeted advocacy messages to Member States to ensure consistency in their interpretation and domestication. The Bureaucratic and Administrative impediments subgroup also shared their updates on the surveys developed to track the rollout of the IASC Guidance Understanding and Addressing Bureaucratic and Administrative Impediments to Humanitarian Action: Framework for a System-wide Approach across humanitarian contexts.

ICVA Humanitarian Access Working Group

At the March meeting, MA students from the London School of Economics (LSE) presented research outcomes regarding Strengthening Collective Engagement for Humanitarian Access in Pakistan, Somalia, Yemen, and Syria (Gaziantep). Their research revealed bureaucratic and administrative hurdles, financing restrictions and insecurity significantly impeded effective humanitarian response. Internal challenges identified included a lack of coherent strategies for addressing access impediments, no regular follow-ups on issues raised, limited donor financing for NGOs to support access and security, poor information sharing, and a lack of trust between actors resulting in poor documentation and follow-up on access impediments.

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Transforming our Network

15. Champion Principled Humanitarian Action

Human Rights 75 Initiative

UN Human Rights is leading the [Human Rights 75](#) initiative which has the goal of promoting universality, progress, and engagement for human rights. The campaign will culminate in a high-level event in December 2023 to announce global pledges and a vision for the future. Each month from May 2023 to December 2023 has dedicated a spotlight to different themes, such as civic space, women's rights, prevention and peace, justice, SDGs/social protection, business and human rights, climate change/environment, and human rights education.

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UN Human Rights Strategic Planning 2024-2027

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) is initiating its strategic planning process for 2024-2027. This process will involve engaging with key stakeholders and setting strategic priorities that meet mandated obligations and are aligned with the Secretary-General's Strategic Framework and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. As the process coincides with the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; this is an opportunity to link the strategic planning of OHCHR with the broader reflection on progress and future challenges in promoting, respecting and protecting human rights. As a first step, stakeholders are invited to provide input via an [on-line questionnaire](#). Responses should be submitted before 15 June 2023.

16. Address Impact of Climate Change on Humanitarian Action

Implementing the Climate Charter: Analysis and mapping of expertise available to signatories on the implementing of the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations

In May 2021, the Climate Charter was launched to help humanitarian actors address climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. Over 300 humanitarian organizations have signed the Charter, with 10 states and the European Union offering formal support. Signatories are committing to develop targets and implementation plans for lasting change. A mapping initiative was conducted to provide concise analysis of existing support for signatories, such as accessibility, obstacles, gaps, scaling up structures and best structure for adequate support. Check out more information in the report by [DG ECHO](#).



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17. Be Globally Distributed and Locally Rooted

IASC Localization TF5 on Localization

IASC Localization TF5 met to monitor progress and agree on next steps for implementation. ICVA is currently working closely on disseminating good practices linked to the meaningful participation of local actors in the humanitarian coordination platforms.

On 26 April, ICVA contributed to a session at the **2023 Humanitarian Leadership Conference in Australia**. The session on how locally-led humanitarian Hubs are modelling change covered subjects such as the need to renegotiate power and resources from the top, and build capacity through mutual exchange and learning among all actors. ICVA highlighted their approach to localisation and the importance of advancing the role of local actors.

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18. Be Diverse, Inclusive and Live our Values

Safeguarding

Resource and Support Hub Launches Bangladesh National Hub

ICVA is a consortium partner of the Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub. On 10 May at 3:30 pm GMT+7 (Bangkok) the RSH Bangladesh Hub will be launched. The Hub aims to support CSOs in strengthening their response to Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Sexual Harassment (PSEAH) while delivering aid. The event will be held in English with Bangla interpretation and English closed captioning provided. Register for the [event](#).

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Region Specific

19. Africa

East and Southern Africa

ICVA Response to the Ongoing Crisis in Sudan

ICVA has taken swift action in response to the ongoing crisis in Sudan, providing support to members and the broader NGO sector. Through a multi-faceted approach, ICVA has connected and convened the NGO forums in Sudan with their counterparts and other actors in neighbouring countries, the region, and also globally to enable a coordinated and principled response that prioritizes duty of care.

UNHCR Regional Consultations with NGOs and Civil Society

ICVA and UNHCR East, Horn and Great Lakes of Africa regional bureau are co-organizing Regional NGO Consultations from 13-15 June 2023. This virtual event will bring together NGOs from 11 countries to discuss how to approach regional challenges and opportunities in partnership. In April 2023, ICVA and UNHCR held two pre-Consultation webinars on Global Refugee Forum (GRF) and Refugee Inclusion in National Education Systems. The Regional NGO consultations are a build-up to the GRF in December 2023 and the Global NGO Consultations in 2024. NGOs from the region can register [here](#) for more updates on the Regional NGO Consultations.

Launch of Strengthening Local Humanitarian Action to Respond to Climate-induced Emergencies Project

International Medical Corps (IMC) and ICVA have launched "*Strengthening Local Humanitarian Action to Respond to Climate-induced Emergencies*", funded by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France. The project aims to support the capacity of Local/National NGOs (L/NNGOs) in southern and eastern regions of Ethiopia, central and southern Somalia, and northeast Kenya in responding to climate-induced emergencies. It will be executed through 5 components: intensive organizational capacity strengthening for six selected L/NNGOs, training series for operational capacity strengthening, regional training of trainers, small grants programme, and convening regional symposia.

A call for applications was issued in April 2023 that aims to select six L/NNGOs that will participate in the first two components' activities of the project. The selected organizations will also have the opportunity to participate in the other three components of the project. NGOs from the region can apply [here](#). Find more information [here](#) and for any questions contact SLHAClimate@internationalmedicalcorps.org.

West and Central Africa

Sahel Regional Fund Meetings

The Sahel Regional Fund (SRF) held a series of meetings with potential donors to introduce the fund, its strategy and progress. On April 25, SRF announced that the selection and contracting process for consortia to implement SRF activities had been completed. Consortia led by IRC and CRS began their implementation on 1 March while Mercy Corps' consortium will begin on 1 May. Further information is available on [SRF's website](#).

The Regional Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Meeting

The Regional-IASC took place on 26 April to discuss the situation in Sudan and what support can be offered from the region. UNDP presented the progress on the Liptako-Gourma stabilization strategy and discussed the importance of conducting consultation and dialogue sessions between Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger. OCHA provided an update on HNRO's upcoming publication, ERC's flagship initiative in Niger, and IASC Principal's collective advocacy pilot in Burkina Faso.

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20. Asia and the Pacific

ICVA Participates in Global and Regional Events

The ICVA Asia-Pacific team actively engaged in a range of global and regional events, covering pertinent topics such as localization, Pakistan humanitarian response, and civil-military coordination. During the Humanitarian Leadership Conference, ICVA facilitated a thought-stimulating discussion on nexus.

Global Refugee Forum (GRF) Consultation at Asia Pacific Region

ICVA hosted an NGO consultation with members of the ADSP/APRRN/APNOR to discuss initiatives and interventions related to the Global Refugee Forum. The goal of the call was to bring together NGOs and refugee led organizations working on or planning to work on stakeholder engagement prior to the GRF, to map plans, brainstorm ideas and identify potential collaborators prior to the GRF.

Informal discussion with NGOs on SSAR Support Platform | Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees

ICVA and ADSP have been collaborating closely with UNHCR Regional Bureau to create opportunities for NGOs to participate in the [Support Platform for the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees](#). ICVA and ADSP held an informal discussion with NGOs in Iran, Pakistan, and Afghanistan, proposing to write Terms of Reference (TORs) in which UNHCR, ICVA, and ADSP act as facilitators and information sharing channels. The aim is to assist NGOs in preparing recommendations and analyses for the support platform.

Asia Pacific NGO Consultation on Loss and Damages- Insights from Civil Society

ICVA and All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) organized NGO consultation on the Santiago Network for loss and damage with Asia Pacific NGO and CSO partners, supported by UNDP. 12 ICVA members from nine countries in the region participated in the dialogue. The objective was to build a common understanding of loss and damage due to climate hazards. Through brainstorming, various experiences were shared amongst partner organizations. ICVA will continue to support NGO and CSO participation in discussions on loss and damage and proposed similar consultations in other regions. The consultation concluded that regional discussions should be shared at the national/subnational level, connecting these conversations with those leading up to CoP28.

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21. Latin America Region

Humanitarian Challenges Colombia

Colombia is facing humanitarian challenges that are documented in the [Panorama of Humanitarian Needs for 2023](#). These issues include confinement and displacement of communities, recruitment of children and adolescents, and acts of violence. The IECAH has released an [article](#) discussing the situation in more detail.

Haití – Humanitarian Note

Haiti is currently facing high levels of extreme violence, insecurity, and human rights abuses that affect mobility, economic activities, and access to essential services. Over the past few months, gangs have been expanding their presence and control in areas across the country. The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs recently released a [humanitarian note](#) on the new paradigm of the impact of extreme violence in Haiti.

On the Road to Cartagena Commemoration +40

ICVA is organizing a series of events to reflect on the Cartagena Declaration. We are connecting with local organizations in the region to participate in the discussions. If you are interested in joining us, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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22. MENA



ICVA MENA MEMBERS AND PARTNERS RECEPTION

24 MAY 2023
TIME : 6:00PM - 8:00 PM
AMMAN, JORDAN



Save the Date: ICVA in MENA Members and Partners Reception

ICVA MENA will host a Regional MENA NGO Fora Exchange workshop from 23-24 of May in Amman, aiming to increase collaboration, influence, and advocacy between NGO Fora across the countries of focus in MENA (Syria, NWS Hub, Turkey, Jordan, oPt, Libya, Yemen, Iraq, and Lebanon). ICVA Members and Partners are invited to participate in the in-person Members and Partners Reception on Wednesday, 24 May 2023 from 6:00-8:00 PM in Amman, Jordan. This is an opportunity for members and partners to network and come together.

CHS Revision Regional Workshop in Amman

Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) Alliance, Sphere and Groupe URD, in partnership with Danish Refugee Council and Oxfam Jordan, will conduct a CHS Revision Regional Workshop in Amman, Jordan on 16 May 2023. The workshop will be held at Hilton Amman, Elia Abu Madi Street, Shmeisani, 11194 in Amman, Jordan. This full-day workshop provides an opportunity for humanitarian actors to discuss the proposed draft text for a strengthened CHS standard that will boost quality and accountability for those impacted by crises. Please [complete registration](#) by 1 May 2023.

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Learning Opportunities

23. Short Courses for Humanitarian Professionals

This Spring and Summer the Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies has a range of exciting, online, two-week short courses covering a range of subjects including Humanitarian Advocacy: From Bearing Witness to Activism, and Patient Safety in Humanitarian Crises: Addressing Healthcare-Related Incidents. Check more in the [course catalogue](#).

24. Advocacy for Protection Outcomes: Principles to Practice

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and the Inter-Agency Protection Standby Capacity Project (ProCap) are offering an online course on 'Advocacy for Protection Outcomes: Principles to Practice'. This 10-12 hour course runs from 5th June – 14th of July 2023 and explores the foundations, process, opportunities and risks involved with protection advocacy. The purpose of this course is to empower senior professionals to become better advocates for protection results in complex humanitarian settings. Limited availability, those interested should [apply](#) no later than 12th of May.

25. ICVA Humanitarian Learning Stream

This resource offers an opportunity for individuals looking to expand their knowledge on pressing humanitarian issues but have limited time, as it provides a comprehensive package of webinars, short videos, and briefing papers covering a variety of topics. Explore the various [learning streams](#).

New and Noteworthy

26. Facing Floods in Pakistan - A Dangerous Information Gap

CLEAR Global and Pattan Development Organisation studied people's comprehension of flood-related information materials. Check their findings and recommendations in [English and Urdu](#).

27. Girls' Activism and Leadership for Climate Justice in Asia and the Pacific

Plan International's [report](#) highlights the vital role that girls and young women play in demanding climate action and justice in Asia and the Pacific, despite facing many barriers to their voices being heard.

28. Trocaire: Pre-positioned Funding as an Approach to Advance Localization and Locally Led Humanitarian Action

Trocaire's [report](#) captures learning from their pre-positioned humanitarian funding model that was successfully implemented in five countries and has had a positive impact on localization.

29. Letting go of Control: Empowering Locally Led Action in Ukraine

The [paper](#) outlines how Christian Aid partners in Ukraine worked in partnership with local community groups to run transformative, community-led programming and argues for an international system that gives more power and accountability to local actors.

30. Community Led Negotiation and Access in Colombia and South Sudan Evidence Brief

The [brief](#) reveals key findings and recommendations on negotiations for improved access and protection in Colombia and South Sudan. Save the Children in partnership with the Norwegian Refugee Council and in cooperation with Colombia and South Sudan country offices managed the research.

31. Durable Solutions for Children: Checklist for Child-Sensitive National and Local Durable Solutions Strategies to Address Internal Displacement

Save the Children, Plan International, UNICEF and World Vision have created a [checklist](#) for governments to ensure that their displacement solutions put children at the forefront, taking into account their needs, rights and priorities at all levels.

32. Strengthening the CHS Commitments: Invitation to Join a Regional Workshop on the Updated Standard

A series of regional workshops are taking place to check that organizations can stand behind the strengthened CHS. Workshops are currently open in Amman, Geneva, Nairobi and Bangkok. Check the [full schedule of events](#) and info on how to register.

Agenda

May 8: [Observing Heatwaves, in light of adaptation and mitigation, South Asia, online](#)
May 11: [IDMC launch of the 2023 Global Report on Internal Displacement](#), Geneva & Online
May 11: Roundtable organized by The Initiative for Child Rights in the Global Compacts: [Joint pledging with & for children at the Global Refugee Forum](#), Geneva & Online
May 17: Second Formal Preparatory Meeting for the Global Refugee Forum, Geneva

June 5: UNHCR's Regional Consultations in the Americas
June 7: Second Informal Briefing on the Global Compact on Refugees, Virtual
June 8-9: [Addressing Statelessness in Europe](#) Conference, Spain
June 14-16: UNHCR 87th Standing Committee
June 19-20: [Grand Bargain Annual Meeting](#)
June 20: World Refugee Day
June 20: [ECOSOC meeting to discuss the transition from relief to development](#)
June 21-23: [ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment - Geneva](#)
June 26-27: The Pooled Fund Working Group biannual meeting, Geneva

September 1: Third Formal Preparatory Meeting for the Global Refugee Forum, Geneva
September 13-14: UNHCR 88th Standing Committee

October 9-13: UNHCR 75th Executive Committee
October 18: Third Informal Briefing on the Global Compact on Refugees, virtual

November 17: Fourth Informal Briefing on the Global Compact on Refugees, Geneva

December 12: Advance side events Global Refugee Forum
December 13-15: Global Refugee Forum

2024

March 19: ICVA General Assembly
March 20: ICVA Annual Conference

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