IOM-NGO Complementarities: Culture Change on Localization and Meaningful Participation

Draft Agenda

Time	Session	Facilitators/Panelists/ Speakers
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 – 09:15	Opening and welcoming remarks	Ugochi Daniels, IOM, Deputy Director General for Operations (tbc)
09:15 – 09:45	Setting the scene	Federico Soda, IOM, Director of Department of Operations and Emergencies (conf.); ICVA (conf.); SCHR (conf.)
Session I – Operationalizing the Humanitarian Localization Agenda		
This session will consist of a presentation of IOM's draft IOM Localization Framework and Guidance Note in Humanitarian Response and Preparedness, followed by a moderated plenary dialogue between representatives of NGOs and IOM on joint approaches to localization and how to better leverage complementarities towards changing the culture and accelerating the operationalization of the humanitarian localization agenda. Each speaker will make short introductions, which will be followed by discussions on the panel and with the audience. In break out groups, participants will then explore field realities of the operationalization of localization, focusing on identifying scalable good practice in key partnership aspects.		
09:45 – 10:00	Overview: Draft IOM Localization Framework and Guidance Note in Humanitarian Response and Preparedness (2023, forthcoming) For IOM, localization is an enabler for effective, efficient operations that are responsive to the needs of the crisis-affected communities, allowing for greater sustainability, community acceptance, trust, and accountability, as well as a deeper understanding of the local context. IOM's operational footprint in a wide range of contexts provide the Organization with direct frontline perspectives, while its humanitarian leadership and coordination roles, along with its unique engagement in supporting national and local actors, place IOM at the center of this global trend. At the same time, IOM acknowledges changes and progress on localization in practice remain slow. The objective of the Localization Framework and Guidance note in Humanitaran Response and Preparedness is to support IOM	Speaker: Metehan Temurcin, IOM, Senior Emergency Preparedness and Response Officer (conf.)

10:00 – 11:00	Country/field offices with the operationalization of the localization commitments in humanitarian programs, building on existing institutional tools and policies, with the overall objective of speeding up delivery on IOM's institutional Grand Bargain commitments. In presenting the Framework and Guidance Note to key NGO partners, IOM seeks to receive their valued perspective on its approach to operationalizing localization. Panel discussion: Advancing Humanitarian Localization in Practice IOM's draft Localization Framework and Guidance Note identifies actionable recommendations in the key areas of partnership and funding, capacity strengthening, coordination, participation, and visibility of its local and national partners. This panel and plenary discussion shall provide background for the break out group sessions, setting the scene for an examination of IOM-NGO joint approaches to localization to identify practicable, scalable good practice examples that leverage complementarities and strengthen localization in different contexts and operating environments.	Facilitators: Christina Burwell, IOM Ethiopia Rapid Response Fund Manager (conf.); NNGO (tbc) Speakers: Dhinar Riski, Project Manager, YAKKUM Emergency Unit, Indonesia (conf.); Stefano Bresaola, IOM Indonesia Programme Coordinator (conf.); Bimal Dey Sarker, MUKTI Chief Executive, Bangladesh (conf.); Richard Munuhe, IOM Bangladesh Partnerships and Grants Manager (tbc); Eshetu Tilahun, Director, Development for Peace, Ethiopia (conf.)
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/Tea Break	
11:30 – 12:30	Break out sessions During break out group sessions, based on their work experience, participants will discuss how IOM and NGOs can work jointly to fulfil respective localization commitments in aspects such as partnership and funding, capacity strengthening, coordination, participation, and visibility. A number of guiding questions will be shared with the break out groups. Group rapporteurs will report back to plenary the key recommendations, with a view to seizing opportunities and overcoming gaps and barriers on the ground.	Break out group facilitators: Urbens Wilbert Dieuveuil, Initiative Citoyenne pour les Droits Humains, Haiti (conf.) Mudassar Javed, SHARP Pakistan (conf.) Saiful Islam Chowdhury, PULSE Bangladesh (conf.) Sandra Charter-Rolle, Dominica Red Cross (tbc)

12:30 – 13:15	Reports from the break out groups Break out group self-appointed rapporteurs report back to plenary a set of key recommendations on how to accelerate progress on localization at the field level.	Plenary discussion facilitators: Christina Burwell, IOM Ethiopia Rapid Response Fund Manager (conf.); NNGO (tbc)
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch	

Session II – Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) and Localization: Exploring Linkages and Synergies to Put People at the Center

Building on the discussions on localization during Session I, this session aims at exploring its linkages with AAP. Focusing on meaningful participation, the session will seek to identify ways to respond to the current gaps in putting people, their needs and capacities at the center of response to more effectively and sustainably respond to affected populations' priorities. Following the presentation of IOM's Institutional AAP Framework, through a panel discussion followed by a Q&A, the session will specifically examine synergies between AAP and localization efforts, looking at the practical power dynamics and accountability in practice, to identify avenues to expand and enhance the influence that input of communities has on programming, as well as IOM and NGO complementarities in ensuring that people's participation drives the response.

14:15 – 14:45	Overview: IOM's Institutional AAP Framework IOM's AAP Framework establishes the Organization's common approach for implementing and mainstreaming AAP throughout its crisis related work and helps ensure quality and responsive programming in line with the evolving needs of beneficiaries, affected populations and communities and enforce the Organization's zero tolerance against sexual exploitation and abuse and other misconduct. The commitments of the Framework were developed in line with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee's (IASC) commitments to AAP and adapted to meet IOM's operational realities.	Speaker: Christie Bacal-Mayencourt, IOM, Senior Accountability to Affected Populations Advisor (conf.)
14:45 – 15:45	Panel Discussion: Common Approaches to Enable Full and Active Participation This session will look into the synergies between localization and AAP approaches to respond more effectively and sustainably to affected populations' priorities, including addressing protection risks and contributing to community resilience. Despite the increased investment system-wide in efforts to include crisis-affected communities and align with their needs, people impacted by crisis feel aid is failing in this regard. Through a panel followed by plenary Q&A, participants will examine the current gaps in the way information and power are shared with the affected people and practical ways to close these gaps.	Speakers: CHS Alliance (conf.); Hussien Farah, Director, Community in Action Against Poverty, Ethiopia (conf.); NNGO (tbc) Facilitators: Christie Bacal-Mayencourt, IOM, Senior Accountability to Affected Populations Advisor (conf.); NNGO (tbc)

15:45 – 16:00	Coffee break	
16:00 – 17:00	Break out Groups on leveraging AAP and localization at the field level in support of meaningful participation Break out groups will discuss important opportunities, challenges and good practice examples, specifically looking at how to leverage respective complementarities in putting people at the center of humanitarian action, with a specific focus on meaningful participation towards strengthening self-reliance; and building trust and improving transparency.	Break out group facilitators: Interaction Moldova (tbc) Showkat Ali, SHED Bangladesh (tbc) Dhinar Riski, YAKKUM Emergency Unit, Indonesia (conf.)
17:00 – 17:45	Reports from the break out groups	Plenary discussion facilitators: Christie Bacal-Mayencourt, IOM, Senior Accountability to Affected Populations Advisor (conf.); NNGO (tbc)
17:45 – 18:00	Closing Remarks and Way Forward	Speakers: Federico Soda, IOM, Director of Department of Operations and Emergencies (conf); NGO Consortia Member