



Programme

VOICE Event

World Humanitarian Summit: What's in it for NGOs?

Monday 24 November 2014, 18:00 – 20:00

Hotel Renaissance (Marriott), Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels (Métro Trône)

The UN Secretary-General has called for the first-ever global humanitarian summit in Istanbul in May 2016. It aims at:

- taking stock of where global humanitarian aid is - achievements and changes,
- discussing the humanitarian landscape today,
- sharing knowledge and best practices.

The goal is to find new ways to tackle humanitarian needs in the fast-changing world and ever increasing needs and set a new agenda for global humanitarian action.

Since the beginning of 2014, a series of regional and online and thematic consultations have been organised worldwide, bringing together Member States, humanitarian organisations, affected populations and other relevant partners (private sector, diaspora, military, etc.). and other humanitarian actors from the region have a unique opportunity to provide their experiences, messages as well as their analytical work, reflecting their potential, in those diverse consultations in order to shape recommendations to be taken forward after the summit and own the future humanitarian agenda.

The EU, on its side is both a major donor and a global player when it comes to humanitarian aid and should play a prominent role in the process. Currently OCHA, together with ECHO, are co-chairing the Regional Steering Group preparing the 'Europe and Others Group' regional consultation which is hosted by Hungary and Finland. VOICE is a member of the Regional Steering Group and seeks to engage its members to influence and feed into the consultative conference to be held in Hungary in February 2015.

This VOICE event is an opportunity to learn about the process towards the WHS and to discuss the opportunities and challenges for NGO engagement.

Panel:

- Nan Buzard, Executive Director, ICVA (International Council of Voluntary Agencies)
- Barbara Jackson, International Humanitarian Director, CARE International
- Vincent Taillandier, Director of Operations, Action Contre la Faim - France
- Tamás Orosz, Humanitarian Aid Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Hungary

Chaired by Kathrin Schick, VOICE Director

You are cordially invited to join us after the session for a networking **reception**.

VOICE (*Voluntary Organisations in Cooperation in Emergencies*) is a network representing 82 European NGOs active in humanitarian aid worldwide. VOICE is the main NGO interlocutor with the EU on emergency aid and disaster risk reduction.

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Panellists' biographies

Ms. Barbara Jackson serves as CARE International's Humanitarian Director based in Geneva and is responsible for coordinating CARE's humanitarian preparedness and response in the 80 countries of CARE International's operating presence. Barbara has served in this role for the past 3 years with previous experience in CARE including Country Director assignments in Honduras, Bolivia and Mozambique. In her service with CARE, Barbara has worked in Latin America, Asia and several countries in Africa. As Humanitarian Director, Barbara is responsible for CARE's international engagement on a number of forum and priority issues including serving on the Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response Working Group, supporting CARE's representation on the SPHERE Board and is a Board member on ACAPS. Ms. Jackson is a passionate advocate for and spokesperson for CARE's focus on women and girls and the need to ensure that women and girls' equality is a central feature of CARE's humanitarian preparedness and response efforts.

Vincent Taillandier is the Director of Operations of Action Contre la Faim – France. He has worked for ACF for 9 years, first in field based positions as programme and Country Director, then as Regional Director for Central and West Africa for 4 years before taking over his current position 2 years ago. Before joining ACF he worked for 14 years for several private, public and non-governmental organizations, based in France and abroad in the field of applied geology engineering (water, environment and building). Vincent has extensive field experience in Africa, South America and Asia.

Nan Buzard is the Executive Director of ICVA, a 52-year old global NGO network. She has been a cook and gardener in NY, worked in the private sector for over a decade, joined IRC in 1996 in Bosnia, followed by the Sphere Project for five years and UNHCR for two. Before coming to ICVA, she was international director of the American Red Cross. She has a Masters degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School at Harvard University.

Tamás Orosz is the humanitarian desk for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, also acting as Hungarian representative within the working party on humanitarian aid and food aid (COHAFA) of the Council. He has worked in the humanitarian field for 5 years, also chairing COHAFA during the Hungarian Presidency of the Council in 2011. He is involved in the planning and implementation of Hungarian humanitarian policy, and is part of the team dealing with the preparations of the Budapest regional consultation of the WHS.

Kathrin Schick has more than 20 years' experience in the humanitarian and development sector. Since 2001, she has been the Director of the VOICE network, bringing together more than 80 Humanitarian NGOs in Europe. She previously worked in organizations such as the Norwegian Red Cross and Norwegian People's Aid, as well as for the Directorate for Immigration of Norway, focusing on refugee issues and programs in South America. She subsequently gained field experience in Guatemala as Protection Officer for the UNHCR and consultant for CARE International. As Deputy Secretary General of the SOLIDAR network, she worked for seven years mainly on EU development policies and education campaigns. Her educational background is in Social Anthropology and Business Administration from Oslo University, Norway.