

## **ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment 2016**

### **Better Humanitarian-Development Cooperation for Sustainable Results on the Ground**

NYU/CIC with OCHA, UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, the World Bank and Turkey

**Tuesday, 28 June, 08:30 – 09:45**

**Conference Room 1, United Nations Secretariat, New York**

This is one of the side-events to be convened during the ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment, in keeping with this year's theme: *Restoring Humanity and Leaving No One Behind: Working together to reduce people's humanitarian need, risk and vulnerability.*

#### **Background and objectives**

The United Nations Secretary-General has set out a clear vision to 'Change people's lives: from delivering aid to ending need' as one of five Core Responsibilities in his Report for the World Humanitarian Summit 'One Humanity: Shared Responsibility'. The report notes that Agenda 2030's commitment to leaving no one behind and reaching those furthest behind first, including its specific references to people affected by humanitarian emergencies, creates a common framework under which both humanitarian and development actors can work together to ensure the safety, dignity and ability to thrive for the most vulnerable and at risk populations. From both humanitarian and development perspectives, a new way of working together and partnering with peacebuilding actors is urgently needed given the increasingly complex and protracted character of the majority of crises today.

In the consultations and debates before and at the WHS, the humanitarian-development nexus has received much support, but has also raised questions, which require a more detailed endeavor. The purpose of this event is to present the results of a recent analysis produced by OCHA, UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, and the World Bank in partnership with NYU/CIC which provides some insights on the operationalization of the humanitarian development nexus, addressing the questions raised by the SG's report for the WHS and highlighted in the Commitment to Action signed at the WHS and to foster a debate around the issues of analysis, planning, programming and financing in different crisis contexts.

#### **Discussion points**

The side-event will focus on the following suggested questions:

- *What are good examples on the ground of new ways of working, particularly using national systems benefiting both displaced people and host communities, multi-year planning, and working together for collective development-humanitarian outcomes?*
- *What are the key changes that need to take place and what concrete steps will be needed after the WHS to implement the shift in approach?*

#### **Intended outcomes/conclusions/recommendations**

This event aims to contribute to the operationalization of the SG’s report for the WHS and the “Commitment to Action” by the UN SG, 8 UN entities, the World Bank and the IOM

**Format**

Panel discussion, with Q&A

**Moderator:**

- Sarah Cliffe, Director, NYU/CIC

**Panelists:**

- Ambassador Hasan Ulusoy, Director-General for Multilateral Political Affairs, Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Toby Lanzer, Regional Humanitarian Coordinator for the Sahel
- Amir Abdulla, Deputy Executive Director, WFP
- Izumi Nakamitsu, ASG and Director of Crisis Response Unit, UNDP
- Hansjoerg Strohmeyer, Chief, Policy Development and Studies Branch, OCHA

**Background material**

“After the World Humanitarian Summit: Better Humanitarian-Development Cooperation for Sustainable Results on the Ground” – A thinkpiece drawing on collaboration between OCHA, UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, and the World Bank, supported by the Center on International Cooperation

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