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**ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment Side Event**

**25 June 2014, 1.15pm-2.30pm North Lawn Building Room 5**

**Light lunch served from 1pm**

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| **Impact of Gender Equality Programming on Humanitarian Outcomes** |

**Rationale of Side Event**

Without the adequate integration of gender equality and women’s empowerment into the planning, coordination and implementation of humanitarian action, the different needs and vulnerabilities of the women, men, boys and girls of crises affected populations will neither be adequately identified nor properly addressed, thus rendering gender-blind humanitarian action exclusive and ineffective.

Consequently, the issue of gender equality humanitarian programming speaks directly to the overall theme of 2014’s ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment of *“The future of humanitarian affairs: towards greater inclusiveness, coordination, interoperability and effectiveness”*.

This side event will demonstrate how the integration of gender equality and women’s empowerment into all facets of humanitarian planning and programming is a key enabler in ensuring effective and positive humanitarian outcomes for beneficiary populations.

The side-event will be centered around the presentation of a research study commissioned by the *IASC’s Reference Group for Gender Equality in Humanitarian Action* on the impact of gender-equality programming on the humanitarian outcomes for assisted beneficiary populations. In addition, a representative from one of the case-study communities will speak of her first hand experiences of gender equality programming, in terms of what has worked, what has not and what more can be done.

This will be followed up by inputs from senior representatives of the humanitarian system presenting their perspectives on the integration of gender-equality into *the future of humanitarian affairs* and initiatives from their respective agencies.

**Event Format (1hr 15mins):**

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| ***Focal Person*** | ***Topic of Discussion*** | ***Allotted Time*** |
| ***Moderator –*** Kevin Kelly, Director of Emergencies and Recovery in IrishAid | Introduction of Explaining the rationale of the side event and how it offers a unique opportunity to feed into the consultation process for the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016[[1]](#footnote-1) | **5 mins** |
| ***Panelist 1 –*** ASG John Hendra, UN Women[[2]](#footnote-2) | Presentation of the study *The Effect of Gender Equality Programming on Humanitarian Outcomes* and its findings. | **10 mins** |
| ***Panelist 2 –*** Seline Locham, Turkana Women Advocacy & Development Organization | Speaking on the experiences of the Turkana case-study community as beneficiaries of gender equality programming. | **7.5 mins** |
| ***Panelist 3-*** ASG/DERC Kyung-wha Kang, OCHA | Speaking on what is needed to translate existing policy on gender equality and women’s empowerment in humanitarian action into scalable practice, how it fits into the developing humanitarian system and what gaps need to be addressed. | **7.5 mins** |
| ***Panelist 4 -*** Florika Fink-Hooijer, ECHO | Presenting from a donor’s perspective on the use of the gender and age marker throughout the project cycle | **10 mins** |
| ***Audience*** | Q&A | **30 mins** |
| ***Moderator*** | Summation of discussion and closing remarks | **5 mins** |

**Bios of Panelists:**

** Kevin Kelly** is the Director for Emergency & Recovery in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Dublin. He previously served as Ambassador to Uganda, also accredited to Rwanda. Prior to that, he was the Director for Africa in Political Division of Irish Department of Foreign Affairs. He has a wide range of experience in development cooperation, governance policy development and programme management.

**John Hendra** has served as UN Women’s Deputy Executive Director for Policy and Programme at the Assistant Secretary-General (ASG) level since May 2011. In this capacity, he leads UN Women’s global policy work, overseeing its programmes in over 70 countries and management of the Bureau supporting policy analysis, research and programme management.



**Seline Locham** is the Programme Coordinator of the Turkana Women Advocacy & Development Organization (TWADO), a network of CBOS in Turkana District, Kenya that articulates gender disparities in marginalized rural communities and aid women in obtaining their rights.

**Kyung-wha Kang** is the Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator (ASG/DERC) for OCHA. The ASG/ DERC is the principal advisor to the USG/ERC, with an emphasis on key policy and management issues. The ASG/DERC supports the USG/ERC (Valerie Amos) in the discharge of her responsibilities as the Secretary-General's main adviser on humanitarian issues.

**Florika Fink-Hooijer** is the Director for Strategy, Policy and International Co-operation, for ECHO and has spent most of her career in the Commission on foreign external policy matters and in particular on crisis management and conflict prevention. Previously she was Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Kristalina Georgieva, who is responsible for humanitarian aid, international cooperation and crisis response.



**Jean-Pierre Tranchant** is an applied economist, specialised in the quantitative analysis of household surveys and cross-national data. His research interests largely pertain to the relationships between development and violent conflict.

1. The two topics suggested for the high-level panel discussions are *“Humanitarian effectiveness”* and *“Serving the needs of people in conflict”*, in order to provide Member States with the opportunity to contribute to the discussion leading up to the World Humanitarian Summit [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Dr Jean-Pierre Tranchant, IDS Research Team Leader, will be in attendance to provide technical support and input to Q&A session. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)