On 2 December 2021, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden and Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency will host one of six sequential launches to present the 2022 Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO) in Stockholm. The hybrid (in-person/virtual) GHO event will promote inclusivity and facilitate the participation of affected people, local responders and NGO partners. The overarching theme will be centred around climate change and humanitarian action. The GHO launch aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Promote the GHO (the most credible, current analysis of global humanitarian requirements, explaining trends and drivers).
- Acknowledge the generosity of donors.
- Call for generous funding towards 2022 HRPs and other appeals.
- Amplify the voices of affected people, particularly women and girls.
- Promote effective and innovative tools of humanitarian financing.
Programme

The event will run from 14:00 to 15:30 CET/Stockholm time and is envisaged to be divided into two segments.

The first segment begins with welcome remarks from H.E. Mr. Per Olsson Fridh, Minister for International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs of Sweden, followed by a recorded message by Mr. António Guterres (UN Secretary-General), opening remarks by Ms. Carin Jämtin, Director-General of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency and a presentation by Ms. Wafaa Saeed, OCHA’s Acting Director of the Coordination Division who will present the latest trends, analyses, challenges and opportunities in humanitarian action, as well as an overview of the coordinated plans for humanitarian response in 2022.

The second segment will consist of a lively and engaging panel discussion on “the impact of climate change and conflict on food security”.

Life-threatening acute hunger is at an unprecedented level globally, and 41 million people worldwide are only one slight shock away from famine. Over 60 percent of the people facing acute hunger live in countries affected by conflict. At the same time, climate change is a threat multiplier for both conflict and hunger and is likely to dwarf conflict as the main cause of hunger tomorrow. Increasingly, severe weather events and environmental degradation undermine communities’ resilience and thus further heighten the risk of conflict by exacerbating existing socioeconomic vulnerabilities and inequalities. Countries with high levels of food insecurity and vulnerable communities, who contribute the least to the climate crisis, bear the brunt of its impact with limited means to cushion the blow. Moreover, extreme climate events and armed conflict increasingly impede humanitarian efforts from reaching people in need. The high-level panel will provide insights into how humanitarian organisations should respond to combined crises of conflict, climate and environment and adapt to ensure a more sustainable humanitarian impact.

The moderated interactive high-level panel will be composed of five eminent panellists in the fields of climate change, conflict and food security.

1. Ms. Janine Alm Ericson, State Secretary for International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs (MFA)

2. Mr. QU Dongyu, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

3. Mr. Amir Abdulla, Deputy Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP)

4. Mr. Jean-François Riffaud, Executive Director, Action contre la Faim

5. Ms. Muna Luqman, founder of the organization Food4Humanity and co-founder of the Women in Solidarity Network, Yemen

Ms. Kate Warren, Executive Vice President of Devex, will moderate the session (TBC).
Government officials, Parliamentarians, humanitarian agencies, diplomatic representatives, civil society, private sector, academia and media will be invited to the event and will have the opportunity to engage with the panel speakers on the topic.

**Closing remarks** will be delivered by **Ms. Janine Alm Ericson**, State Secretary for International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs of Sweden.

**Logistics**

The launch will take place in a hybrid format. In-person participants are welcome to attend the event at **Drottninggatan 4** in Stockholm (**conference room Lunden**). Participants can also join the event virtually through ([www.webtv.un.org](http://www.webtv.un.org)).

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