Concept Note
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On 2 December 2021, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) will host one of six sequential launches to present the 2022 Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO) in London.

The GHO is the world’s most comprehensive, authoritative, and evidence-based assessment of humanitarian needs. It reflects global trends and requirements for inter-agency and other humanitarian appeals. 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 HRP’s and other appeals.
- Amplify the voices of affected people, particularly women and girls.
- Promote effective and innovative tools of humanitarian financing.

The overarching theme of the 2022 GHO is climate change and humanitarian action. The London launch aims to spotlight the role of Innovation, data and technology in mitigating climate risks and impacts. Climate change is exacerbating and driving new, humanitarian needs. The humanitarian system faces multiple challenges in better anticipating, preparing for and responding to climate risks and...
impacts, while supporting the most vulnerable in increasingly difficult operating environments with limited resources. Better alignment and integration of climate adaptation and risk management approaches within humanitarian response efforts are needed to prevent and reduce the impact of humanitarian crises and ensure appropriate assistance reaches those most in need.

Among other objectives, the London GHO launch seeks to:

- Showcase opportunities that advances in data, technology and innovation, including forecasting, AI and new financial instruments, present for improved anticipation of climate-related disasters, enhanced preparedness efforts and more effective responses to climate-driven humanitarian needs.
- Improve understanding of how these new approaches can drive efficiencies across the humanitarian system, ensuring high-quality, accountable, inclusive interventions that better manage climate risk and respond and adapt to climate-induced needs.
- Explore ways in which data, technology and innovation can act as enablers-bridging climate and humanitarian actors, fostering greater transparency and collaboration, particularly on financing data and risk and early warning information systems, ensuring a more effective prioritisation and allocation of resource to the most vulnerable

**Programme**

The event will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. / London time and is divided into two segments.

**The first segment** will commence with opening remarks from The Rt. Hon. James Cleverly, Minister for Middle East and North Africa in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), to be followed by a welcome message by Mr. António Guterres United Nations Secretary-General. Mr. Ramesh Rajasingham, Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator a.i. (OCHA) will then present the latest humanitarian trends, analyses, challenges and opportunities, and provide an overview of coordinated plans for humanitarian response in 2022.

**The second segment** will be a moderated interactive high-level panel discussion focussed on “Towards more efficient humanitarian action: The role of Innovation, data and technology in mitigating climate risks and impacts”. Discussions in this segment seek to highlight the increasing importance of innovation, data, and technology in preparing for and responding to climate risks and their humanitarian impacts.

The panel will include the following speakers:

1. **Raouf Mazou**, Assistant High Commissioner-Operations, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
2. **Mathew Wyatt**, Director, Humanitarian and Migration Division, FCDO
3. **Emily Montier**, Head, Crisis Anticipation and Risk Finance, START Network
4. **Alexander J Diaz**, Lead, Crisis Response and Humanitarian Aid, Google
5. **Guigma Kiswendsida**, Red Cross and Red Crescent Climate Centre.
Ms. Anne Gulland, Deputy Editor (Global Health and Security) at the Telegraph will moderate the session. Invited Government officials, parliamentarians and representatives of humanitarian agencies, civil society, the private sector and academia will have the opportunity to engage with the panel speakers.

Closing remarks will be delivered by Mathew Wyatt, Director of Humanitarian and Migration Division, FCDO

**Logistics**

The launch will take place in a virtual format from 11.30 a.m. -1 p.m. London time, 02 December 2021 and will be livestreamed. Participants can join the event virtually. The livestream link will be updated shortly.

To register, please click [here](#). For more information about the event, please visit the GHO launches website ([www.unocha.org/2022gho](http://www.unocha.org/2022gho)).

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