

CONCEPT NOTE

2020 Global Humanitarian Overview Launch – Berlin, Germany

4 December 2019, 10:00-12:00, Europasaal, Auswärtiges Amt (GFFO)

Background

On 4 December 2019, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO) will host in Berlin one of five simultaneous launches worldwide to present the 2020 United Nations Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO). The GHO is the world's most comprehensive, authoritative and evidence-based overview of the current state and future trends in humanitarian action and is published by OCHA.

Global Humanitarian Overview Launch Event

The event will present humanitarian needs in 2020, amplify the voices of affected people, and engage humanitarian decision-makers and partners.

It will begin with a keynote speech by *Mr. Niels Annen, Minister of State at the German Federal Foreign Office*.

A recorded message by *Mr. António Guterres, UN Secretary-General*, and a short film on the efforts of the international community to respond to crises over the last year will be shared.

Ms. Ursula Müller, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, 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 2020.

Panel Discussion

The launch of the 2020 GHO will be followed by an interactive panel discussion on *dimensions of displacement*, one of the key themes featured in the 2020 GHO.

The panel, moderated by *ASG/DERC Müller*, is composed of the following eminent humanitarians and affected persons:

- *Mr. Jan Egeland, Secretary General, Norwegian Refugee Council*
- *Ms. Ute Klamert, Assistant Executive Director for Partnerships and Advocacy, WFP*
- *Ms. Angelina Nyajima, Executive Director, Hope Restoration – South Sudan*
- *Mr. Atle Solberg, Head of the Secretariat, Platform on Disaster Displacement*
- *Mr. Dereje Wordofa, Deputy Executive Director, UNFPA*

Panelists will discuss challenges to humanitarian assistance in situations of disaster-related and conflict-induced displacement response. Ways to effectively address protection needs, including

the specific needs of women and girls, in displacement settings will be explored. Innovations in response, as well as financing will be further topics for discussion. The panel will also elaborate on the need for durable solutions to situations of internal displacement. In all of these dimensions, the perspectives of national NGOs and the experiences of affected people will be highlighted.

Government officials, Members of Parliament, representatives from the diplomatic community, as well as from humanitarian agencies, civil society, private sector, academia and media are invited to the event and have the opportunity to engage with the panelists on the topic.

The launch and panel discussion will take place at GFFO's Europasaal from 10:00 to 12:00. Registration/entry will begin at 09:00. The event will be followed by light refreshments.

Participants are also invited to view '*One Day, I Will*', a photo project by Mr. Vincent Tremeau, presented by OCHA. '*One Day, I Will*' showcases the hopes and dreams of girls trapped in crises. The photos will be displayed on large screens at the Hans-Dietrich-Genscher Forum (lobby outside Europasaal).

To register, please visit www.diplo.de/gho2020-english (English) or www.diplo.de/gho2020 (German). For more information, please visit <https://www.unocha.org/global-humanitarian-overview-2020>.

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