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, respecting human dignity and leaving no one behind: working together to reduce people’s humanitarian need, risk and vulnerability.*

**Background and objectives**

The purpose of this side event is to provide insights from those applying the New Way of Working in the field, highlighting the progress made to date, as well as opportunities and challenges to further advance this approach in specific contexts. The side event will showcase how an effective implementation of the NWOW around collective outcomes is envisaged to contribute to a reduction of vulnerability, need and risk for affected people and therefore reduce humanitarian need and humanitarian funding levels in in a given crisis overtime.

The side event is organized with the collaboration of the UN and NGOs, and will offer a range of informed perspectives while exploring contextual challenges and practice in better joined-up planning, programming and financing for collective outcomes in specific contexts. Perspectives from the field gathered through implementation efforts are actively feeding into strategic discussions at the global level, thus ensuring that support and guidance builds on lessons learnt and good practice from the field.

The panel will include RC/HCs who have led implementation efforts in their own contexts as well as NGO representatives – all providing a view from the field.

Member States will get an impression of how far the NWOW implementation has advanced, of what works well and in which areas operational partners need active support of Member States and engaged actors to effectively implement the NWOW.

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, 20 May, 08:30-09:45am

**Location:** ECOSOC Chamber, UN Secretariat Building, New York
Speaker Biographies

Ms. Allegra Maria Del Pilar Baiocchi, United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Cameroon
Ms. Allegra Baiocchi is the United Nations Resident Coordinator, Humanitarian Coordinator and United Nations Development Programme Resident Representative for Cameroon, since July 18, 2017. Prior to her appointment as the highest ranking United Nations official in Cameroon, Ms. Baiocchi held the position of Regional Representative for West and Central Africa for the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), based in Dakar, Senegal. Ms. Baiocchi has held several positions within the United Nations, she has also worked in NGOs and academia. She has held several international postings, including in Burundi, Cote d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Senegal, Sudan and South Sudan and at the UN Secretariat Headquarter in New York. An Italian and Venezuelan bi-national, Ms. Baiocchi holds a Master’s degree in Political Science and Development Economics from the University of Rome, Italy. She speaks French, Spanish and English.

Mr. Peter de Clercq, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General and United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia
Mr. de Clercq brings to the position solid experience in managing political processes, security sector development, operations and emergency management, protection of civilians and rule of law, as well as mobilization and management of humanitarian and development assistance. His most recent assignment was that of Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Stabilisation Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH). Prior to that, he served as Senior Adviser to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia and Deputy Special Representative for Somalia for the United Nations Political Office for Somalia. In previous years, Mr. de Clercq served as United Nations Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator ad interim in Sudan and worked with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for 27 years, during which time he held various positions in its Headquarters in Geneva and Budapest, as well as in field assignments in Angola, Pakistan, Sudan and Zimbabwe. He was also seconded to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and to UNDP in Sudan. Mr. de Clercq holds a master’s degree in development sociology from the University of Tilburg in the Netherlands and is a graduate of the Netherlands’ Institute for International Affairs “Clingendael” in The Hague. Born in 1959, he is married with five children.

Ms. Nasra Ali Ismael, Deputy Director, Somalia NGO Consortium
Ms. Nasra A. Ismail is a development practitioner with over 10 years of international development experience in Africa, Asia and Europe. She was recently Country Director of Somalia for Oxfam International and previously spent 8 years with the US government in managing public sector programs. Prior to that, she consulted in Washington DC, and managed large-scale poverty reduction programs aimed at strengthening the capacity of local, regional and national governments in resource constrained countries. In all of her professional endeavors, Nasra continues her pursuit to find the ‘sweet spot’ in her work.
in development, humanitarian and security sectors, utilizing her inclusive leadership style and bridge building skills to arrive at sustainable and long lasting change in some of the world’s toughest places. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree from the George Washington University and multiple professional certificates from top tier universities like Harvard, Oxford and Berkeley.

**Mr. Pim Kraan, Chief Executive Officer, Save the Children Netherlands**

Mr. Pim Kraan is the CEO of Save the Children in the Netherlands since 1 September, after a lifelong career in or close to the humanitarian field. At Save the Children International he is co-responsible for the restructuring of the humanitarian work and the organizations response to crises worldwide. At previous employers, among which are Doctors Without Borders and the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he worked both nationally and internationally on aid coordination after disasters, large-scale emergency operations and on reconstruction. Mr. Kraan started his career in the humanitarian sector in the nineties, as a member of the MSF emergency team. He worked and coordinated missions in countries such as Rwanda, Uganda, Liberia, Iraq, Angola, Mexico and Azerbaijan. After his time at MSF Mr. Kraan worked for the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs for 19 years in different positions; he was the Deputy Head of Humanitarian Aid and led the humanitarian response in Asia after the tsunami of 2004. He also was the responsible for setting up the Urban Search and Rescue Team Netherlands, which is a team that is sent to areas affected by an earthquake. As a special advisor to the Dutch Government Mr. Kraan contributed to the Cabinet’s Raw Materials Memorandum (2011) and worked together with the private sector in setting up a conflict-free supply chain of tin from Eastern Congo. Mr. Pim Kraan is married and has two children.

**Mr. Stephen Tull, United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Chad**

Mr. Tull has over 30 years of diversified professional and management experience in the UN, a non-profit organization, a private consulting firm, and academia. His UN career of 22 years has encompassed peacekeeping operations, human rights, humanitarian affairs, and development assistance based in Geneva and eight field locations. Mr. Tull arrived as UN Resident Coordinator, Humanitarian Coordinator, and UNDP Representative in Chad in October 2015. Prior to that he held the same position in Kazakhstan 2010-2015. Mr. Tull is a native of the USA and holds a PhD in Political Science.

**Moderator: Mr. Hansjoerg Strohmeyer, Policy Director, OCHA**

Mr. Strohmeyer has been the Director of OCHA’s Policy Branch since 2007. He joined the United Nations in 1996, and has held senior positions in several United Nations political and peacekeeping missions, including Lebanon, Sudan, Kosovo, East Timor and Liberia. Having joined OCHA in 1998, Mr. Strohmeyer has held several positions, including Chief of Staff to the Emergency Response Coordinator/Under-Secretary-General of OCHA (2002-2006). While in his current role, he also served as Secretary of the Secretary-General’s High-Level Task Force on the Global Food Crisis in 2008, and as Chief of Staff and subsequent Special Adviser on Security Sector Reform to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General with the United Nations Support Mission in Libya in 2011. He is married and has one daughter.