



**Economic and Social Council
Humanitarian Affairs Segment
21-23 June 2022, New York, United Nations Headquarters
Preceded by the ECOSOC Meeting on the Transition from Relief to
Development on 20 June
Draft Programme (as of 16 June)**

*On 28 April 2022, ECOSOC agreed ([E/2022/L.6](#)) that the theme for the 2022 ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment (HAS) will be “**Strengthening humanitarian assistance: good practices and mobilizing action in the application of international humanitarian law, the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and in response to the climate crisis**”.*

The 2022 HAS will be held from 21 to 23 June. Since 1998, the Segment has been an essential platform for discussing issues related to strengthening the coordination and effectiveness of the humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, including assessing progress and identifying emerging issues, obstacles and challenges. It also promotes the sharing of experiences and lessons learned at the national and regional level. The organization of the 2022 HAS will include an opening and closing including action on the draft annual ECOSOC humanitarian resolution, three interactive high-level panels, as well as informal side events that will be held from 20 to 24 June.

*On 20 June, the HAS will be preceded by the annual ECOSOC Meeting on the Transition from Relief to Development, which links discussions between the ECOSOC Operational Activities for Development Segment and the HAS. As agreed by ECOSOC ([E/2022/L.7](#)), the 2022 Meeting will be held under the theme “**Recurrent crisis and sustainable solutions: building resilience and addressing rising food insecurity and displacement**”.*

*The meetings of the HAS and the Meeting on Transition from Relief to Development will be **held in person in the ECOSOC Chamber**, United Nations Headquarters, and can be followed at UN WebTV (<https://media.un.org/en/webtv/>).*

MONDAY 20 JUNE 2022

8:30-10:00

Side Event: *Displacement and the climate crisis: the imperative of localized, inclusive and gender-responsive climate action (virtual)*

10:00-13:00

ECOSOC Chamber

ECOSOC Meeting on the Transition from Relief to Development

Recurrent crises and sustainable solutions: building resilience and addressing rising food insecurity and displacement

The meeting will discuss ways to strengthen collaboration and complementarity between humanitarian, development and peacebuilding actors to address multi-dimensional challenges and drivers of humanitarian need, such as displacement, acute food insecurity and risk of famine. Global food insecurity and displacement are at unprecedented levels, due to the compounding effects of conflict, climate change and challenging recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, food prices are 34 per cent higher than this time last year. Conflict remains the main driver of food insecurity, and this has been further exacerbated by the global impact of the conflict in Ukraine. At the same time the adverse effects of climate change and extreme weather events (e.g. drought, floods, storms, sea level rise, glacier melt), are ravaging the lives of many communities and countries and together with conflict are fueling record levels of displacement. This meeting will discuss ways to strengthen joined-up approaches that reduce need, risk and vulnerability, build resilience, and achieve the transition from relief to sustainable development. The discussion will address challenges, best practices and enablers of success at country and regional level and for further improvements, in particular on strengthening food security and durable solutions. It will include consideration of the impacts and role for women who provide such important support to their communities and are often front-line responders. It will consider the inter-connection of regional, national and local efforts. In accordance with General Assembly [resolution 75/290 A](#), the meeting will focus on countries in situations of conflict, post-conflict countries and countries facing humanitarian emergencies, and also consider the existing ECOSOC agenda items on the issues related to the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti, South Sudan, the Sahel and any country-specific item, under the sub-item on African countries emerging from conflict for in-depth discussion to guide coordinated support at the country level. (Please refer to the background note available at www.unocha.org/ecosoc-2022)

Co-Chairs

- H.E. Ambassador Diego Pary Rodríguez, Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the United Nations & Vice-President of ECOSOC responsible for the Humanitarian Affairs Segment
- H.E. Ambassador Miia Rainne, Chargée d’Affaires a.i. of Finland to the United Nations & Vice-President of ECOSOC responsible for the Operational Affairs for Development Segment

Keynote Statements

- H.E. Ambassador Collen Vixen Kelapile, President of the Economic and Social Council
- Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

Roundtable Session 1: Recurrent crises and sustainable solutions: building resilience and addressing rising food insecurity

Guiding questions:

- What actions are critical and most impactful across humanitarian, development and peacebuilding efforts to prevent and respond to further escalation of food insecurity and risk of famine? How should these actions be accelerated and scaled up and key initiatives leveraged? What role can anticipatory approaches, joint analysis, joined-up planning and shared strategic objectives play?
- What lessons can be learned from building resilience through strengthened social protection systems, anticipatory approaches, and investing in climate-sensitive agriculture and livelihoods?
- What are the financing solutions required to strengthen anticipatory and early action and to reinforce humanitarian, development and peacebuilding efforts to prevent, mitigate, and reduce needs, risk and vulnerability and build resilience in the context of food insecurity? What role do international financial institutions currently play in support of these efforts and what further actions should they undertake?
- What measures have been successful to ensure that women are centrally involved in decision-making and receive funding, investments and assistance, as they are essential actors and vital to future solutions while also disproportionately affected by food insecurity and risk of famine?

Remarks and moderation: OCHA and DCO

Panelists

1. Ms. Valerie N. Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director, World Food Programme
2. Mr. Masatsugu Asakawa, President, Asian Development Bank (TBC)

3. Mr. Maximo Torero, Chief Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
4. H.E. Ambassador Ms. Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations & Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission
5. H.E. Ambassador Mr. Robert Keith Rae, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations & Chair of the ECOSOC Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti
6. Mr. Abdoulaye Mar Dieye, Special Coordinator for Development in the Sahel
7. Mr. Fernando Quevedo, General Manager of the Country Department for Central America, Haiti, Mexico, Panama and the Dominican Republic, Inter-American Development Bank
8. Mr. Robert Powell, Special Representative to the United Nations, International Monetary Fund
9. Ms. Laura Jaitman, Acting Director of Multilateral and International Affairs and Special Representative to the United Nations, World Bank Group
10. Ms. Laurence Gros, Deputy Country Director in Burkina Faso, Action Against Hunger

Interactive discussion

13:15-14:45

**Side Event: *Progress and next steps:
protection from sexual exploitation and abuse in humanitarian response***
Conference Room 1

15:00-18:00

Roundtable Session 2: *Recurrent crises and sustainable solutions: building resilience and addressing rising displacement*
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Guiding questions:

- What actions are needed across humanitarian, development and peacebuilding efforts to address rising displacement and build resilience?
- What are successful examples of joined-up approaches that reduce vulnerability, build resilience and achieve solutions for the internally displaced? How can the efforts and resources of the UN system, working together with Member States, relevant partners and affected people and communities, be leveraged to advance durable solutions to internal displacement?
- How do humanitarian, development and peacebuilding efforts complement one another to advance resilience and solutions to displacement from the outset of humanitarian emergencies, during emergencies, and after emergencies?

- How can solutions to displacement be better integrated in national development plans?
- What are the challenges of mobilizing resources for advancing for durable solutions to displacement and how can they be overcome? What role do the development banks currently play and what further can be done?

Remarks and moderation: OCHA and DCO

Panelists

1. Mr. Robert Piper, Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Solutions to Internal Displacement
2. Ms. Kelly T. Clements, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees
3. Ms. Ugochi Daniels, Deputy Director-General, International Organization for Migration
4. Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, President, African Development Bank Group (TBC)
5. Mr. Michael Köhler, Director-General a.i, Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid
6. Ms. Sara Beysolow Nyanti, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator, South Sudan
7. Ms. Rose-May Guignard, Présidente du Comité de Liaison Inter ONG, Haiti

Interactive discussion

TUESDAY 21 JUNE 2022

ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment

Strengthening humanitarian assistance: good practices and mobilizing action in the application of international humanitarian law, the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and in response to the climate crisis

8:30-10:00

Side Event: *Doing more and doing better: towards a comprehensive approach to mental health and psychosocial support in humanitarian settings (virtual)*

10:00-13:00

Opening Session of the Segment, including general discussion
ECOSOC Chamber

Chair: H.E. Ambassador Diego Pary Rodríguez, Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the United Nations & Vice-President of ECOSOC

Keynote Statements

- H.E. Ambassador Collen Vixen Kelapile, President of the Economic and Social Council
- Mr. António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General (pre-recorded message)
- H.E. Abdulla Shahid, President of the General Assembly (pre-recorded message)
- Mr. Martin Griffiths, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

Voices of affected people and local humanitarian partners, including child, youth representative, Ms. Emeline Siale Ilolahia, Executive Director, Pacific Islands Association of Non-governmental Organizations (PIANGO), and indigenous representative Mr. Darío José Mejía Montalvo, Chair, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

General discussion for Member States begins

13:15-14:45

Side Event: *Scaling up and mainstreaming anticipatory approaches through empowered locally led action*

Conference Room 1

15:00-17:30

High-Level Panel 1: *Humanitarian assistance and lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic: working together to ensure children and women are not left behind*

ECOSOC Chamber

The panel will explore lessons learned for the humanitarian system from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and consider the implications for future action particularly through the lens of children and women. It will consider the impacts and implications for children - including for education in emergencies, child protection, health and well-being, including mental health and psychosocial support, and social reinsertion and return to school - and what needs to be done to support children in the period ahead for the COVID-19 response and recovery. It will also consider lessons for preparedness for future major catastrophes. Women and children are disproportionately affected by humanitarian crises, and the panel will discuss ways to address these impacts and support the role of women, including women leaders, women's organizations, and those on the front-line of response.

Guiding questions:

- COVID-19 had a disproportionate impact on women and children, including on their access to services, livelihoods and protection. What can we learn from this, and from the response and what can we do in future to mitigate these impacts? Is it possible to use lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic education response to benefit education responses for children in other emergencies?

- What are the long-term costs of COVID-19-related school closures and missed educational opportunities for children in humanitarian settings? What are the most urgent measures that are needed to address the impact of these measures and make systemic change for the future?
- How can we improve timely and equitable access to vaccines and sustain routine immunizations for children during future pandemics to ensure countries can effectively respond to large-scale pandemics in the future and at the same time do not experience outbreaks of preventable diseases like measles and polio?
- Women and women's organizations also played a pivotal role in the response to COVID-19 in humanitarian settings. How can we reinforce these efforts and build on lessons and actions for fighting pandemics and strengthening prevention and response in humanitarian crises in the future?
- During COVID-19 we sadly saw a shadow pandemic of violence against women and girls. How has the humanitarian system responded and how can we provide better protection in future?

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Remarks and Moderator: Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator / Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator

Panelists

1. Ms. Catherine M. Russell, Executive Director, United Nations Children's Fund
2. Dr. Ibrahima Soce Fall, Assistant Director-General for Emergency Response, World Health Organization
3. H.E. Mr. Arrmanatha Christiawan Nasir, Chair of G20 & Permanent Representative of Indonesia
4. Mr. Jagan Chapagain, Secretary General, International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
5. Mr. Ib Petersen, Assistant Secretary-General, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund
6. Ms. Janti Soeripto, President & Chief Executive Officer, Save the Children US
7. Ms. Yasmine Sherif, Director, Education Cannot Wait

Interactive discussion

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE

8:30-10:00

Side Event: *Fighting food insecurity and famine: a call for coordinated action and multi-sectoral solutions against global hunger (virtual)*

10:00-12:30

High-Level Panel 2: *Reaching people in need, supporting humanitarian assistance for all in times of conflict and promoting good practices in the application of international humanitarian law*

ECOSOC Chamber

The panel will discuss ways of supporting humanitarian assistance, facilitating humanitarian access and ensuring the effective delivery of humanitarian assistance to reach people in need in times of conflict. It will discuss trends, challenges, and good practices related to the delivery of humanitarian assistance in past and present armed conflicts and consider practical ways to strengthen the application of international humanitarian law, facilitate access to people in need and put into practice fundamental protections which save lives and reduce humanitarian suffering. This includes ensuring that humanitarian assistance and protection is provided to all affected people based on their humanitarian needs alone, without discrimination and regardless of nationality, race, gender, religious beliefs or political convictions.

Guiding questions:

- What are some of the main challenges and risks that humanitarians are facing in armed conflicts and what are the consequences for people in need? Have these challenges and risks changed over time and what lessons can be drawn?
- How are humanitarians adapting in the face of those challenges and risks? What concrete steps are needed to ensure humanitarians can carry out their operations unimpeded and reach people in need?
- How can parties to conflict be encouraged to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance and protect humanitarian personnel and assets? What are some of the good practices to facilitate humanitarian access and enable provision of humanitarian assistance and protection?
- In light of experience, what more can be done to ensure respect for international humanitarian law? How can transparency and accountability be enhanced?

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Remarks and Moderator: Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator / Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator

Panelists

1. H.E. Mr. Santiago Andres Cafiero, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship, Argentina & Pro-tempore Presidency, Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (TBC)
2. Mr. Janez Lenarčič, European Commissioner for Crisis Management, European Union
3. H.E. Ambassador Fatima Kyari Mohammed, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations
4. H.E. Ambassador Tarig Ali Bakheet, Assistant Secretary General for Humanitarian, Cultural and Social Affairs, Organization of Islamic Cooperation & Special Envoy of the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to Afghanistan
5. Mr. Peter Maurer, President, International Committee of the Red Cross
6. Mr. Manuel Fontaine, Director, Office of Emergency Programmes, United Nations Children's Fund
7. Mr. Julien Schopp, Vice-President, Humanitarian Policy and Practice, InterAction
8. Ms. Claude Maon, Legal Director, Intersectional Legal Department, Médecins Sans Frontières

Interactive discussion

13:15-14:45

Side Event: *Commitment to action: women's representation leading to better humanitarian outcomes*

Conference Room 1

15:00-16:30

Side Event: *Learning in emergencies: best practices in improving foundational learning in emergencies (virtual)*

THURSDAY 23 JUNE

8:30-10:00

Side Event: *Shocks to the system: humanitarian financing, quality funding, and transparency in the face of rising needs (virtual)*

10:00-12:30

High-Level Panel 3: Humanitarian impacts of the climate crisis: escalating risks, challenges and actions

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The panel will discuss the humanitarian impacts of slow-onset and sudden-onset climate-related disasters and their consequences, including displacement, migration, rising food insecurity, and loss of livelihoods and land. It will explore the humanitarian implications of gradual climate-induced impacts such as sea-level rise and glacier melt and resulting impacts (e.g. water scarcity, food insecurity, displacement) across several regions of the world - and what steps are needed. The discussion will include consideration of the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and what it means for the humanitarian system - as it warns of the limits to adaptation and how the pace and scale of changes is outracing the capability of those in vulnerable situations to reduce risk and adapt. In this connection, the panel will also discuss humanitarian perspectives on loss and damage associated with present and future climate change impacts on the most vulnerable and increasing support to them. It will discuss how the humanitarian system can scale up risk analysis, preparedness, early warning, early action and response in the face of the climate crisis taking into account the lessons learned and good practices gathered so far.

Guiding questions:

- What are the implications of the latest IPCC report findings for the humanitarian landscape? How have humanitarian actors been adapting? Are there limits to adaptation among vulnerable communities; if so, what are the resulting repercussions and implications? What are the wider implications reflected in the IPCC report regarding risk reduction, equity and justice?
- What priority actions are needed for the humanitarian system to adapt further to the challenge posed by the climate change and its contribution to humanitarian crises? What are some of the key gap areas that require more focus and investment?
- What are some of the lessons learned and best practices in risk analysis, early action, anticipatory approaches, preparedness and response? What are the main obstacles and solutions for scaling up these best practices in the future?
- What can climate action, science/information and financing do to help avert, minimize and address the impacts of the climate crisis, including loss and damage, in humanitarian settings and for vulnerable people? What actions can climate actors and humanitarian actors take to enhance collaboration to address climate impacts and the limits to adaptation? Are there lessons from the humanitarian sector for climate financing, capacity building and technology transfer?

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Remarks and Moderator: Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator / Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator

Panelists

1. Hon. Mr. Chet Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Immigration and Trade, Antigua and Barbuda & Chair, Alliance of Small Island States (TBC)
2. Hon. Mr. Eamon Courtenay, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration, Belize & Chair, CARICOM (TBC)
3. H.E. Ambassador Thilmeeza Hussain, Permanent Representative of the Maldives & Special Envoy of the President of the General Assembly (TBC)
4. Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, United Nations Climate Change High-Level Champion of Egypt for COP27 & Executive Director, International Monetary Fund
5. Ms. Sabina Frédéric, President, White Helmets Commission of Argentina / Mr. Pablo Virasoro, Vice President, White Helmets Commission of Argentina
6. Ms. Ko Barrett, Vice-Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
7. Dr. Adam Abdelmoula, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General/Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator, Somalia
8. Ms. Carina Bachofen, Associate Director, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre
9. Ms. Sumera Javeed, Executive Manager, Health and Nutrition Development Society, Pakistan

Interactive discussion

13:15-14:45

Side Event: *Addressing gender-based violence impacts of food insecurity for women and girls in the Sahel and Horn of Africa*

Conference Room 1

15:00-18:00

Closing Session of the Segment, including adoption of the draft ECOSOC humanitarian resolution and general discussion

ECOSOC Chamber

Closing remarks:

- H.E. Ambassador Diego Pary Rodríguez, Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the United Nations & Vice-President of ECOSOC (Presidential Statement including a Call to Action on the themes of the 2022 HAS)

- Mr. Martin Griffiths, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

The closing session include general discussion; and action to adopt the ECOSOC humanitarian resolution.

FRIDAY 24 JUNE - CONTINUATION OF SIDE EVENTS

8:30-10:00

Side Event: *Accountability to people affected by humanitarian crises* (virtual)

10:00-11:30

Side Event: *Protection of Civilians* (TBC)

***Side events will run from Monday 20 June to Friday 24 June.** Please refer to the 2022 ECOSOC HAS website and calendar for information and links for registration to the side events (available at www.unocha.org/ecosoc-2022)

****Programme will continue to be updated ahead of the HAS.** The Information Note for Participants is also available on the website.

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