Distinct roles, shared spaces: The need for effective civil-military dialogue and coordination in the Central Sahel

Side event to the Ministerial Roundtable on the Central Sahel on 20 October

Online event - 15 October 15:00-16:30 CEST
Register here: https://phap.org/CentralSahel2020

The Central Sahel is facing a humanitarian crisis, with increasing insecurity and violence exacerbating existing need and food insecurity. With challenges on many fronts, the region is a crowded operating environment, and this is creating challenges for civilian-military coordination. We must make sure all actors understand each other and adhere to humanitarian law to ensure the protection of civilians and the delivery of humanitarian assistance.

Join us for a panel discussion centring on the actions we can take to improve how humanitarian and military actors coordinate in the Central Sahel. We will bring together leaders from key sectors (humanitarian, military, CSO and government) for an invigorating discussion. Panellists will build on the practical foundations in place, draw on lessons learned and together reach a shared understanding of what successful civil-military coordination looks like and why it is important.

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The side event is co-hosted by the Government of the United Kingdom, the Norwegian Refugee Council and UNOCHA. The side event will lead to recommendations and a follow up plan, which will be put forward to the Ministerial Roundtable on the Central Sahel to be held on 20 October 2020, hosted by UNOCHA, Government of Denmark, Government of Germany and the EU.

This side event will comprise a panel discussion and interactive audience Q&A. There will be opening remarks from the UK’s Minister for Africa, James Duddridge MP and closing remarks from Julie Carty, Head of Financing for UNOCHA and the UK’s Special Envoy for Famine Prevention and Humanitarian Affairs, Nick Dyer.

Speakers:
Ornella Moderan – Moderator
Head of the Sahel Programme, Institute for Security Studies

Brigadier General Pierre Joseph Givre
MINUSMA Force Chief of Staff

Jan Egeland
Secretary-General of the Norwegian Refugee Council

Colonel Major Pierre Ouédraogo
État-major Général des Armées, Burkina Faso

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