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Message from Executive Director

Making it happen

ICVA has crafted a vision and a new Strategy. Our ambitious new [Strategy 2019-2021](#) will help us achieve even greater results as we work with the global and diverse membership. The ICVA Strategy provides a compass for action for the next three years. It defines four focus areas, (forced migration, coordination, financing and navigating change), five ways of working and is supported by [four enabling strategies](#) and our [Theories of Change](#).

But the strategy is nothing without execution. Relentlessly pursuing the execution of the strategy is the roadmap to success. And the roadmap to success requires *alignment*, *transparency* and *accountability*.

Rather than focusing our efforts on small things, we direct our attention and efforts identifying what matters the most to ensure principled and effective humanitarian action. It is about aligning the collective energy of ICVA's membership and beyond.

We need to stay informed, collaborate and understand what others are working on. Without transparency, we will get waste, duplication and loss of trust.

Everyone needs to make sure what is expected. This means making sure of commitments and knowing how success will be measured. When we talk about "[Commitments into action](#)", theme of ICVA Annual Conference, it is about accountability.

Developing a strategy and engaging in tactics requires creativity; implementing a strategy requires discipline and agility. This is what the ICVA Secretariat offers to its membership. This is what the membership, with an operational footprint of over 20 billion USD, offers to the populations in need.

As a team, our high level of engagement comes from knowing that what we do makes sense. And that is powerful!

Ignacio Packer
Executive Director ICVA

ICVA Updates



1. Register Now – ICVA’s Annual Conference, 26 March 2019: *Translating commitments to action*:

Following the various commitments made through the World Humanitarian Summit, the Grand Bargain, the New York Declarations and the Global Compacts on Refugees and Migration, the UN Reform process, the Localisation discussions- it is now time to take a hard look at how and what we, as an NGO community, should be doing to translate these commitments into action while putting people at the centre. Join us as we explore how we, as NGOs, are adapting to the different commitments, what changes we have made, and how we can further improve practice.

We are pleased to announce that **Filippo Grandi**, the High Commissioner for UNHCR; **Mark Lowcock**, the UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator; **Ambassador David Donoghue**, Chair of the Board of Trustees of Conciliation Resources; and **Ms Shaheen Kassim-Lakha**, Director of International Programmes Conrad Hilton Foundation, will be speaking about different aspects of translating commitments to action at our Annual Conference.

More information and to register [click here](#).

Forced Displacement

2. The Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) was endorsed overwhelmingly by Member States on 17 December 2018 at the UN General Assembly in New York. The Compact aims to establish a framework for responsibility-sharing, as a basis for strengthened protection and expanded durable solutions for refugees worldwide. It took two years of intense discussions and consultations to develop the Refugee Compact, which saw strong engagement from a wide range of stakeholders. During the whole process, ICVA worked to help NGOs in their efforts to contribute to the Compact’s development. In the unfolding implementation phase, ICVA will remain mobilised and continue to facilitate NGO engagement, with a particular focus on the Global Refugee Forum.

• **Briefing on the Global Refugee Forum:** On 17 December, UNHCR organised, in Geneva, a briefing on the first Global Refugee Forum and developing indicators for the GCR. During the briefing, UNHCR confirmed that the first Global Refugee Forum will be held in Geneva on 17 and 18 December 2019. The briefing also included a session on measuring the impact of protecting, assisting and hosting refugees, with presentations from both the World Bank and the Organization for Economic and Development Cooperation (OECD). While the World Bank focused on its work with UNHCR to develop a methodology on measuring the impact of protecting, hosting and assisting refugees, the OECD highlighted the results of a [study](#) it conducted to measure the contributions of DAC members. Notes from the briefing are available to ICVA members [online](#).

3. High Commissioner’s Dialogue on Protection Challenges: the 11th HC Dialogue took place in Geneva on 17-18 December. The theme of the Dialogue, “*protection and solutions in urban settings*”, drew widespread interest and saw active participation of a range of actors including mayors and city representatives from around the world. NGOs remained strongly involved in the discussions highlighting the challenges faced by people displaced in cities, drawing from their direct experience. ICVA coordinated a [joint NGO messages](#) paper - a set of targeted recommendations for city governments and local authorities, humanitarian actors and the private sector. ICVA also facilitated NGO participation in several panels allowing for discussions to connect with field realities. Among a number of takeaways from the Dialogue,

the High Commissioner, Filippo Grandi, in his closing address, highlighted the leadership role of cities in shaping the narratives on refugees and migrants. The High Commissioner's opening and closing statements as well as a number of background documents related to the theme are available [here](#).

4. International Protection and Nexus Dynamics: ICVA attended the December launch of the UNHCR study, "[In Harm's Way: International Protection in the Context of Nexus Dynamics: Between Conflict or Violence & Disaster or Climate Change](#)". Based on case studies from Kenya, Ethiopia, Haiti and Brazil, the study examines the use of refugee protection framework for people fleeing nexus dynamics where conflict, disasters and climate change intersect. The study goes on to provide several key recommendations including the need for guidelines for States and UNHCR staff to determine the relevance and application of the Refugee Convention and regional refugee instruments in the context of nexus dynamics. ICVA will continue to support members engagement on topics related to the Nexus Dynamics.

5. Nansen Refugee Awards – Extended Deadline: NGOs are encouraged to support nominations of individuals including refugees, internally displaced and stateless people who are playing an inspirational role in their communities for the benefit of refugees, IDPs and stateless people. More information available on the [nomination process and nominations](#) . The call for nominations is open until Monday **18 February**.

6. Internal Displacement - GP20: As a member of the Steering Group and IDP Participation workstream, ICVA continues to support the GP20 Plan of Action for Advancing Prevention, Protection and Solutions for IDPs. Read the latest [GP20 newsletter](#). NGOs working on internal displacement are encouraged to initiate or join GP20 groups in their countries. NGOs may contact the GP20 Coordinator, Nadine Walicki, at gp20@unhcr.org for more information.

7. Second Regional Protection Dialogue on the Lake Chad Basin, Abuja, Nigeria, 28 January 2019: ICVA participated in the 2nd Regional Protection Dialogue on the Lake Chad Basin, echoing the voice and messages of NGOs working in the region. ICVA shared their speaking slot with the Nigeria INGO forum and the Lake Chad Basin Region National NGOs platform for their views and remarks from the operations in the four countries of the region. ICVA welcomes the forthcoming discussions on root causes organised by UNHCR and the AU as part of the "Year of Refugees, IDPs and Returnees", and calls for further initiatives to help improve the humanitarian and protection environment in Lake Chad Basin. For more information contact Marco.rotelli@icvanetwork.org and Addis.tesfa@icvanetwork.org

8. The Global Compact For Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). Following its work around the [High Level Summit to address large movements of refugees and migrants](#) in 2016, the [Civil Society Action Committee](#) played an important role in building upon and amplifying civil society's strategy, content, and political work around the Negotiations on the [Global Compact for Migration](#), at the same time closely tracking parallel developments around the [Global Compact on Refugees](#). The Action Committee's mandate is extended for a transitional period through 2019, a year which also marks the start of the Global Compacts implementation. Alongside ICMC and the NGO Committee on migration, ICVA is co-convenor of the Civil Society Action Committee composed of 30 diverse civil society organisations and networks of which 50% are ICVA members.

9. In the wings of the "**Marrakesh Migration Week**" and the [Summit to adopt the Global Compact for Migration](#), hundreds of civil society actors working on migration gathered to discuss a spectrum of issues affecting migrants. Coordinated by the Secretariat of the Civil Society Action Committee, a [message](#) to UN Member States as they met to adopt the Global Compact for Migration on December 10-11 in Marrakesh was endorsed by hundreds of networks and organisations. The message applauds the overwhelming number of states present in Marrakesh and who adopted the GCM and sets out hopes and aspirations as we

move into the implementation phase of the Global Compact.

10. ICVA Forced Migration Working Group: Following the entry into force of the new ICVA Strategy for 2019-2021, the ICVA 'Forced Displacement' Working Group has been re-named as the 'Forced Migration' Working Group. In doing so, ICVA will strive to add to the group's traditional purview a work-stream on 'migrants in vulnerable situations'. The ICVA Forced Migration Working Group is open to ICVA members only and meets on a monthly basis. The [updated terms of reference](#) of the group are available to ICVA members. Members interested in joining the group contact Jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org

Humanitarian Financing

11. Less Paper More Aid – UN Harmonization: Throughout December 2018, ICVA helped to organise a discussion among NGO partners of UNICEF, UNFPA, and UNHCR to consolidate feedback on proposed changes to UN partnership agreements based on the UN Protocol on SEA Allegations Involving Implementing Partners. Our work resulted in the UN agencies listed revising their contracts for 2019 to incorporate suggestions from NGO partners. ICVA will continue follow-up through February to confirm the final language in contracts sent to partners in the field for approval.

Following the SEA focused discussions, interest has grown among NGO partners to review the terms and conditions of UN partnership agreements more broadly. Oxfam is currently taking the lead to organise a group that will build upon the 2015 analysis of partnership agreements to identify priority recommendations for UN agencies. This work will focus on UNICEF, UNHCR, WFP, OCHA, and UNFPA partnership agreements, and will build toward a face-to-face consultation between NGOs and UN agencies later in the first quarter of 2019. For more information on UN partnership agreements or harmonization efforts, contact jeremy.rempel@icvanetwork.org.

12. IASC Humanitarian Financing Task Team: On 28 January, OCHA shared final details of the proposed IASC restructure and revised workplan with IASC Principals. ICVA is co-chair with OCHA of the Humanitarian Finance Task Team (HFTT), and also an IASC Principal, so has taken a close interest in the revision process for the IASC. According to the proposed plan, all IASC Task Teams will be restructured into "Results Groups" moving forward. For the current HFTT, this will require a period of transition to revise the existing workplan, identify co-chairs for the new group, etc. ICVA remains dedicated to representing the NGO voice and interest in the revision process of the HFTT. For more information, contact jeremy.rempel@icvanetwork.org.

13. Learning Labs on Innovative Humanitarian Financing

- **Islamic Social Financing Learning Lab:** The [summary notes](#) from the workshop that took place on 28-29 November 2018 in Malaysia are now available. The IASC HFTT, under the leadership of ICVA and support from Mercy Malaysia conducted a Learning Lab on Islamic Social Financing in Kuala Lumpur with more than 30 participants from interested NGOs, UN agencies, government, and the banking sector. Experts and practitioners in Islamic Social Finance shared experiences and helped to shape an initial plan to improve the links between humanitarian response and Islamic Social Finance mechanisms.

- **Call for inputs for next Learning Lab:** After the success of the first module of the Learning Lab series, ICVA is starting to plan for the next module and looking for inputs regarding what innovative financing mechanism it should focus on. A solid proposal should be presented during the HFTT retreat in March (TBC). Those interested in contributing ideas and taking part in the planning are welcome to write to alon.plato@icvanetwork.org.

14. The Grand Bargain – Implementation in the field: Briefings with NGOs:

- **On 12 February in Nairobi**, ICVA will meet with NGO representatives to discuss the current state of the Grand Bargain, the consolidation of the work-streams, and look at implementation relevant to the field with a focus on transparency, localization, multi-year funding and harmonized reporting.
- **On 14 February in Somalia**, in collaboration with the Somalia NGO Consortium and the NGO network Voice, ICVA is organising a workshop on NGO perspectives on Grand Bargain implementation. During this workshop NGOs will exchange on the Grand Bargain progress and activities relevant to field practitioners and front-line responders.

For more information on both of these workshops contact marco.rotelli@icvanetwork.org or jeremy.rempel@icvanetwork.org

15. OCHA Pooled Fund NGO Dialogue Platform: NRC is the current chair of the Country Based Pooled Funds (CBPF) NGO Dialogue Platform, which will hold its next meeting on 6 March in Juba, South Sudan. The Platform traditionally alternates between a global meeting held in Geneva and a field-based meeting taking place in a regional hub (Nairobi and Amman in the past). Recognising the need for the Platform to get closer to those engaging in daily work within the CBPFs and gather valuable experiences and points of view for the global policy discussion, the co-chairs of the Platform, OCHA and NRC, supported by the core-group (IRC, Oxfam, Welthungerhilfe, Nile Hope), have decided to pilot a country-specific approach. Please [RSVP for the event](#) if you plan to attend. Contact jeremy.rempel@icvanetwork.org for additional information or questions.

Humanitarian Coordination

16. IASC Update:

- a. **Emergency Directors Group:** 31st January and 1st February, the EDG met in person in Geneva, for the annual humanitarian operational review of more than 20 humanitarian contexts and a collective contribution to the Humanitarian Coordinators performance appraisal. Our thanks to members and NGO fora who contributed to the online survey on the HC appraisals.
- b. **IASC Principals:** the [final summary record](#) of the 3 December IASC Principals meeting is available. The Principals discussed collective action on Humanitarian Diplomacy, they adopted a Proposal for Advancing PSEA at Country-Level ([UN factsheet](#)), and [agreed on a statement on Yemen](#).
- c. **Engagement with leadership:** In the last two months ICVA organised meetings between NGOs and the Head of OCHA office in Gaziantep, the Humanitarian Coordinator in Sudan and the Humanitarian Coordinator in Jordan.

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17. USD 25billion needed for humanitarian crises in 2019: [Global Humanitarian Overview 2019](#) and World humanitarian Data and Trends 2018 were both launched in December. To support the humanitarian response in Yemen and alleviate the suffering of the Yemeni people, the United Nations and the Governments of Sweden and Switzerland are convening a [High-Level Pledging Event for the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen](#), in Geneva on 26 February 2019.

18. NGO Fora Support Programme: From 25 - 27 February 2019, ICVA is organising a Workshop on Joint Advocacy for Humanitarian NGO Fora/Networks from Asia, MENA and Africa Regions in Bangkok, Thailand. The workshop will support advocacy staff from different fora to deliver effective advocacy at global, regional and national levels, as well as to support them in promoting their pivotal role amongst the broader humanitarian community. Over 20 advocacy managers or fora/network coordinators responsible for joint advocacy have currently registered for the event. For more information contact

Navigating Change: Cross Cutting Issues

19. Humanitarian, Development and Peace Nexus (HDPN): ICVA is collecting inputs from members, mapping changes in policies, financing and planning related to the nexus. The mapping will feed the work of the IASC HDN TT and will be maintained and updated to highlight the important changes that NGOs are undergoing to maximize the impact of their actions also with regard to the current HDPN approach. For more information contact Marco.rotelli@icvanetwork.org

20. Localization:

- **Nairobi: NGOs debate Localization:** ICVA is hosting a debate with NGOs based on the recently published [ICVA briefing paper Localization Examined](#), in mid March in Nairobi. NGOs will exchange views, and learn more about the topic. If you are interested in attending the debate contact Marco.rotelli@icvanetwork.org

- **Webinar Localization: Perspective of Change:** the ICVA PHAP learning stream webinar on [Localization: Perspective of Change](#) heard from different and their experiences on localization in humanitarian action. If you missed the webinar you can listen to the [recording](#).

21. PSEA/Safeguarding:

- **ICVA focus on the Safeguarding Donor Commitment 19** on resource and capacity building hub on SEA-SHW for smaller organisations, and **Safeguarding Donor Commitment 6** to review best practice and lessons from ombudsman schemes. ICVA issued a note *“A Resource and Support Hub that responds to national needs and builds upon national knowledge and capacities”* ahead of the DFID Early Market Engagement meeting in London on 25 January for the preparation of the DFID call for tenders.

- ICVA signed up to the **“Disclosure of Misconduct Scheme”** This inter-agency scheme, led by Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response (SCHR), establishes a minimum standard for humanitarian, development and other civil society organisations to share information as part of their recruitment process about people who have been found to have committed sexual harassment, sexual abuse or sexual exploitation during employment. Contributing to the scheme is part of our commitment to prevent and address abuse in the humanitarian sector. For further information see the [Scheme](#), [Explanatory Note](#) and [FAQs](#). We encourage NGOs to sign up which you can do so by sending an email to schr@ifrc.org.

22. Agenda for Humanity: The [Annual Synthesis Report](#) on progress and gaps against the [Agenda for Humanity](#) was launched in New York in December 2018 in the margins of OCHA's Global Policy Forum. The Platform for Action Commitments and Transformation (PACT) is now open for the annual self-reporting for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018. The deadline for reporting is 9 April 2019. You can find more information on the [reporting process](#).

23. Asia-Pacific Regional NGO partnerships Week: From 11-14 December 2018, ICVA, Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN) and UNOCHA co-hosted the 2018 Asia-Pacific Regional NGO Partnerships Week. This week of dialogues, workshops and launches brought together ICVA and ADRRN Members, associated NGO Fora, and invited partners from across the region. Sessions throughout the week included the launch of the new Sphere Handbook; a dialogue on the Localizing the “nexus” in Asia-Pacific; Climate Change impact and local action; a round table on protection in preparedness; and a session on Strengthening regional response in Asia-Pacific.

New and Noteworthy

- 24. FieldWorks: Building a global platform of vetted grassroots civil society organisations:** [FieldWorks' platform](#) exists to transition ideas of local empowerment through burden-sharing into action. Detailed organisational profiles collate information often siloed within individual partnerships. Local Organisations are given the tools to independently establish their identity, whilst their Partners and Donors have the opportunity to endorse their work and progress. To find out more about how FieldWorks can help you, or to organise a tour of our platform - get in touch at hello@fieldworks.info.
- 25. Save the Children's new resource** on "[Predicting Displacements. Using predictive analytics to build a better future for displaced children](#)".
- 26. As local as possible, as international as necessary:** A new British Red Cross report "[The Case for Complementarity](#)" brings together lessons learned on how national and international components of the Movement work together in armed conflict and other situations of violence. Public launch in Geneva on 11 February.
- 27. Human trafficking in armed conflict:** the 2018 UNODC [Global Report on Trafficking in Persons](#) was launched in Vienna on 7 January 2019.
- 28. Mixed progress:** ALNAP and ICRC "[State of the Humanitarian System \(SOHS\) 2018](#)" report outlines humanitarian needs over the past three years.
- 29. New Financing Partnerships for humanitarian impact:** A [new report](#) written by ODI and Numbers for Good, and supported by the IKEA Foundation, explores the opportunities for and limitations of innovative financing, and makes linked sets of recommendations regarding how to increase investment, and where to invest.

Forthcoming Events

ICVA Organised events

February 12: Nairobi: Grand Bargain briefing to NGOs. Nairobi

February 14: Grand Bargain workshop Somalia

February 25-27: Workshop on Joint Advocacy for Humanitarian NGO Fora/Network in Bangkok,

March 26: ICVA Annual Conference, Geneva

March 27 and 28: ICVA Annual Conference thematic meetings, Geneva

Other Meetings and Events:

February 4-8: Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (HNPW) 2019, Geneva

February 6: ECRE meeting on GCR/GCM, Brussels

February 9: Roundtable on Addressing Root Causes of Forced Displacement and Achieving Durable Solutions in Africa, AU-UNHCR, Addis Ababa

February 11-12: CRRF workshops, N'Djamena, Chad

February 15: Launch of the 2019 Joint Response Plan for Rohingya Refugee Crisis, Geneva
February 21: IOM-Civil Society Information Sharing, Geneva
February 26: Yemen Pledging conference, Geneva
February 27: High-level debate on International Migration and Development, New York
February 28: IOM's IDM focused on migration and youth, New York
March 5-7: 74th UNHCR Standing Committee meeting, Geneva
March 13-14: Conference on Supporting the future of Syria and the region, Brussels
March 18-20: BBR workshop, Bangkok
March 25: IASC HFTT retreat (to be confirmed), Geneva
May 29-31: Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Humanitarian Affairs Segment (HAS), Geneva

May 13-17: Global Platform for DRR, Geneva
May 9-31: ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment, Geneva
May 31: IASC Principals meeting, Geneva
June: 70th anniversary of Geneva Conventions
June 20: World Refugee Day
June 18-20: 75th UNHCR Standing Committee meeting, Geneva
July 1-3: Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement (ATCR), Geneva
July 3-5: 2019 UNHCR-NGO Annual Consultations, Geneva, Geneva

August 19: World Humanitarian Day
September 17: 74th Session of the UN General Assembly, New York
September 18-19: UNHCR 76th Standing Committee Meeting, Geneva
September 23: UN 2019 Climate Summit, New York
September 30: October 9: 74th Session of the UN General Assembly, New York
October 7-11: UNHCR 70th Executive committee meeting
October 15-16: IOM's International Dialogue on Dialogue on Migration, Geneva
December 5: UNHCR Pledging Conference, Geneva
December 17-18: 1st Global Refugee Forum, Geneva

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