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## ICVA BULLETIN

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### Message from Executive Director

#### NGO Fora in Action

Networks play a major role in influencing particular areas of humanitarian action. ICVA's efforts to support and broker for national Southern networks are a good example of global network-to-national network collaboration.

The "[NGO Fora Programme](#)" led by ICVA supports country level NGO fora, whether of national, international or mixed membership. Customised support, is based on requests from the NGO Fora themselves.

The support reaches today 35 NGO Fora at country and regional level. As regularly reported in our [ICVA Bulletins](#), through the ICVA hubs in the regions and field visits, recent support ranges from strengthening governance and procedures for the new NGO Platform in the Rohingya Refugee Response, to supporting the [Grand Bargain workshop](#) in July and follow-up in Mogadishu and the support to the NGO Fora in Cameroon and Nigeria around the [Lake Chad Basin conference](#) in Berlin in September.

Typically, the support ranges across connecting, influencing and advocating, analysing & explaining, supporting as well as convening.

ICVA is running two workshops in Geneva (7-9 November 2018) and in Bangkok (February 2019) to bring together NGO Fora to exchange and learn about the best practices in collective advocacy, partnerships, governance structures and fundraising.

Today many NGOs, local, national or international look at the existence of a performing NGO Fora as a priority to deliver better humanitarian assistance. By working together people affected by crises are better served.

**Ignacio Packer**  
Executive Director | ICVA

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### ICVA Updates



Translating  
commitments  
to action  
ICVA Annual Conference  
26 March 2019

**1. Save the Date – 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 we can further improve practice. More information is available on the [ICVA website](#).

**2. Vacancy:** ICVA is seeking a Director of Policy (applications due 27 November). Applications welcome! Click [HERE](#) for further details.

**3. New members:** We are pleased to welcome [IEDA Relief](#), USA, to the ICVA network.

#### **4. Prevention of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (PSEA) and Sexual Harassment (SH)**

**DFID hosted Safeguarding Summit on sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment, London:** UK government hosted a Summit on 18 October, to drive collective action to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in the aid sector. There was a strong agreement on the core of safeguarding concerns and the need to move collectively to ensuring safeguarding of people. Read the host's [Outcome summary](#) and commitments, and [NGO "Take aways"](#) including from ICVA.

**Resource and Support Hub:** Amongst others, [commitments endorsed so far by 22 governments](#) representing 90% of global aid include commitment to global standards and to explore options for a "Resource and Support Hub" with a focus on providing support to smaller organisations. A commitment following a key ICVA advocacy point of [enhancing focus on national and local level](#) and building of safeguarding measures and systems should be done together with national and local actors as well as communities concerned.

**Champion for PSEA:** As the IASC Champion for Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), UNICEF ED Henrietta Fore will scale up during her tenure key interventions to strengthen PSEA in all humanitarian situations. See [Strategy IASC Championship Role](#) and [key priorities](#). ICVA is part of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Senior Focal Points Meeting on PSEA and SH working on accelerating implementation of PSEA at field level.

**UNICEF General Terms & Conditions:** Joint NGO discussions with UNICEF and feedback on their General Terms & Conditions (T&Cs) are in a spirit of partnership and cooperation. The latest revision of UNICEF T&Cs has considered NGO recommendations, with some key changes in language to help alleviate some of the concerns raised.

**Investigation fund and Investigatory Bodies:** Lutheran World Federation and ICMC are representing ICVA at the consultations on OCHA Investigations Fund. NGOs have been invited to the [joint IASC-CEB meeting on Investigatory Bodies](#) on 26 November, which will take forward the proposed IASC Investigators fund, and development of IASC child-sensitive, survivor-centred investigation standards.

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# Forced Displacement

## 5. UNHCR updates:

**UNHCR ExCom:** UNHCR's 69th Executive Committee meeting took place in Geneva from 1-5 October. ICVA coordinated the delivery of two collective NGO statements under the [General Debate](#) and [International Protection](#) agenda items. See tweets from the intervention [here](#) and [here](#). At the ExCom, ICVA also supported the NGO Rapporteur in delivering a [review of the 2018 UNHCR-NGO Annual Consultations](#), which were held in June.

**Debrief of UNHCR Protection Support Mission, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh:** On 16 October, ICVA organised a de-brief session for its members with a UNHCR Protection Support Mission to Bangladesh. The mission had recently concluded a review of the protection response to the Rohingya crisis based on a visit to Cox's Bazaar in June. Initiated by UNHCR, the mission also included an NGO representative. The team members, while acknowledging the efforts of the humanitarian actors, [highlighted](#) the significant protection gaps in operational planning, including in site planning and infrastructure development. The discussion showed that there is a general gap in knowledge about refugee protection, highlighting the continued relevance of the [1999 Field Guide for NGOs on Protecting Refugees](#). Read the [report](#) drafted by the support mission following their visit to Bangladesh. The recommendations of the report are targeted towards all humanitarian actors including UNHCR and NGOs.

**Meeting with UNHCR on the High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges:** A 'NGO Friends of the Dialogue' meeting with UNHCR was held at ICVA on 30 October with the aim of facilitating NGO engagement at the Dialogue. The HC Dialogue will take place in Geneva on 18 and 19 December. More information on the Dialogue is now available [online](#) including the concept note and the estimated schedule. For more information, contact [jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org](mailto:jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org)

## 6. Global Compact on Refugees (GCR):

**NGO side-event at the ExCom:** At UNHCR's 69th Executive Committee meeting, ICVA organised a [side-event](#) highlighting NGO preliminary reflections on their role in the upcoming implementation of the GCR. During the side-event, NGOs offered ideas about how they could contribute to the [Global Refugee Forum](#) as well as the [three-year resettlement strategy](#) and offered perspectives on the [implementation of the CRRE](#). ICVA also contributed to the side event on the [solidarity approach for the people of Rakhine State](#). For more information, contact [jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org](mailto:jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org)

**Meeting on GCR indicators:** On 24 October, ICVA organised a meeting with Mr. Ewen MacLeod, Special Adviser on Development at UNHCR, who is leading the agency's work on the development of indicators for the Global Compact on Refugees. At the meeting, Mr. MacLeod outlined some of the key issues to be looked at and some initial thoughts on how to advance the process. NGOs took the opportunity to express their interest in further exchanging on this topic.

## 7. Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs):

**20th anniversary of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement (GP20):** Since its launch in April, ICVA supports the GP20 Plan of Action to Advance Prevention, Protection and Solutions for IDPs (2018-2020). The initiative has gained traction in numerous countries, including Niger, South Sudan, Central African Republic, Colombia and Myanmar, particularly on raising awareness of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, participation of IDPs and development of laws and policies to address internal displacement.

[A GP20 IDP photo exhibition](#) at the Human Rights Council in Geneva in September brought the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement to life. This photo exhibition is available to travel and your ideas on this can be sent to [gp20@unhcr.org](mailto:gp20@unhcr.org)

Twenty UN Resident Coordinators' offices have established GP20 focal points to advance the GP20 Plan of Action and you are invited to reach out to your local UN Resident

Coordinator office to inquire about joining and shaping GP20 efforts, as well as the GP Coordinator at [gp20@unhcr.org](mailto:gp20@unhcr.org)

You can also support IDPs by signing the GP20 mission statement at: [www.gp20.org](http://www.gp20.org)  
Signatures will be handed to the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs to use in her work on internal displacement.

For additional details on ICVA engagement with the GP20, contact [jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org](mailto:jerome.elie@icvanetwork.org)

**UNHCR IDP Policy:** Notes from the consultation between UNHCR and ICVA members on the development of UNHCR's updated policy on internal displacement are [available to ICVA members](#). A follow-up discussion on this topic will be organised in the coming months.

## **8. Global compact on Migration (GCM) and Migration and Development :**

**Implementation, monitoring and follow-up of the Global Compacts for Migration:** ICVA and members were involved in shaping the mechanism for engagement of civil society organisations (CSO) in the implementation, monitoring and follow-up of the Global Compacts for Migration. This includes :

- a) Intervention on Partnerships for Capacity Building at the [International Dialogue on Migration](#) 9-10 October 2018, Geneva
- b) Participation on behalf of the [Civil Society Action Committee](#) to CSO engagements discussions at the Framing Meeting for the UN Network on Migration 15–16 October 2018, Geneva
- c) Participation in the working group CSO-IOM (April to December 2018)
- d) ICVA co-convenor - with NGO Committee on Migration and ICMC (Convenor and Secretariat) – of the [Civil Society Action Committee](#) to bridge initiatives, build collective action and advocacy as well as plan for 2019.

**Migration Week from 4 to 11 December 2018 :** ICVA Involvement in the preparation of the *Migration Week* (in particular on the Steering committee led by ICMC of the Civil Society Days of the GFMD):

- From 4 to 7 December 2018: [Global Forum on Migration and Development](#) (GFMD) of which the Civil Society Days of the GFMD with Common Space with Governments.
  - 8 and 9 December 2018: around 70 [side events](#); [Diaspora Development Dialogue](#); [Peoples Global Action](#); [Youth Forum on Migration](#); 5th Mayoral Forum on Human Mobility, Migration and Development, entitled "City Leadership in Implementing the UN Global Compacts".
  - 10 and 11 December 2018: [The Intergovernmental Conference](#) to adopt the Global Compact for Migration.
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## Humanitarian Financing

**9. The Grand Bargain:** On Monday, 5 November, ICVA joined the VOICE workshop in Paris focused on the theme of simplification. Together with GPPi, ICVA facilitated a session on the Harmonized Narrative Reporting Pilot tailored to francophone NGOs. The outputs of the one-day workshop includes a better understanding of opportunities for the French government and French NGOs to participate in the pilot, as well as how linkages between Grand Bargain workstreams on reporting, transparency, and reducing duplication and management costs can be improved without adding burden and complexity for field staff. For more information, contact [jeremy.rempel@icvanetwork.org](mailto:jeremy.rempel@icvanetwork.org).

**10. Harmonized Narrative Reporting Pilot:** The second year of the two-year Harmonized Narrative Reporting Pilot is currently underway. GPPi is currently working to propose changes to the guidance and language of the “8+3” reporting template for ICVA and Germany to approve over the next month. These updates will be based on recommendations from the mid-term review published in July and will help the pilot shift toward transition to full rollout after the June 2019 end date. For more information, contact [jeremy.rempel@icvanetwork.org](mailto:jeremy.rempel@icvanetwork.org)

**11. Learning Lab on Innovative Humanitarian Financing: Islamic Social Financing:** 28-29 November in Malaysia: Final preparations are now underway for the Learning Lab in Kuala Lumpur, which is designed to be the first in a series of learning-lab events organised through the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Humanitarian Financing Task Team (IASC HFTT) and targeting innovative humanitarian financing. For more information contact [Alon.Plato@icvanetwork.org](mailto:Alon.Plato@icvanetwork.org)

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## Humanitarian Coordination

**12. Proposed new structure of the IASC:** Roger Yates, ICVA Vice Chair attended the IASC Deputies Forum meeting on 31 October to discuss the revised proposals for the IASC structures. The proposed reforms, revised in line with stakeholder feedback, aim to help the IASC refocus on its original role, as laid out in General Assembly Resolution 46/182, as a coordination mechanism for humanitarian action.

Under this proposal, the IASC structure, which supports the Principals and ensures the delivery on the IASC’s strategic priorities, is comprised of the following subsidiary bodies:

- The **Deputies Forum**, an informal platform for dialogue on strategic issues of common interest;
- The **Operations, Policy and Advocacy Group (OPAG)**, regrouping the IASC’s normative/policy work;
- The **Emergency Directors Group (EDG)**, focused on tackling urgent day-to-day crises;
- **Five Results Groups** responsible for delivering the outputs under each IASC strategic priority;
- The **IASC secretariat**, which supports the work of the IASC and its subsidiary bodies, including collaboration between the various structures.

Other **IASC-associated entities** continue to function as stand-alone inter-agency groups with clear connections to specific IASC structures

The meeting generally accepted the proposals, but with some specific suggestions both on the proposal and on its presentation. There were several reservations about the timeframe of rotating chairing arrangements and about the dual accountability of the “Field Effectiveness” and “Collective Advocacy” Results Groups. NGOs also raised the need to orientate the entire system outwards to where humanitarian action is taking place, to have mutual accountability, and to instill a culture of flexible and effective delivery, recognising that there will always be a degree of ambiguity in the system.

### 13. NGO FORA Support Programme:

**Sharing best practice:** ICVA is bringing together representatives of 18 national NGO fora from Asia, Africa, and MENA for a workshop from 6-8 November in Geneva. The three day meeting includes sessions on strategic planning, governance, collective advocacy, fundraising and safeguarding and PSEA. This workshop will be an opportunity for the different fora to improve collective understanding around NGO coordination and share best practice.

**IASC HDN TT:** ICVA has been facilitating and supporting NGO Fora efforts in order to better input to various events pertaining to the Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus. As part of the IASC Humanitarian -Development-Peace Task Team (HDPN TT), ICVA was present at the preparatory workshop of the operationalisation of the HDPN in the Central African Republic and the subsequent launch. Furthermore, ICVA also presented the NGO community view, as well as ensure adequate space was given to the community on the process at the HDPN TT meeting that was held in October.

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## Humanitarian Partnership

**14. NGO Stock-taking on operationalising the nexus:** There has been many meetings and much talk about the humanitarian-development-peace nexus. But what does it really mean for NGOs? ICVA is hosting a **meeting on 9 November** for NGOs to discuss how we are adapting our internal structures in response to a more comprehensive approach to the nexus. For more information contact [secretariat@icvanetwork.org](mailto:secretariat@icvanetwork.org)

**15. Leaving NO ONE Behind:** Launch of the global Red Cross Red Crescent network's 2018 World Disaster Report spotlights the global challenges involved in delivering aid to the most vulnerable people, along with solutions to help humanitarian actors better reach communities around the world. Read the [2018 World Disasters Report](#).

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## Humanitarian Learning Stream



### 16. ICVA PHAP Humanitarian Learning Stream: New series on Navigating Changes starts on 8 November 2018:

Join us for our first webinar of the series "Localization: Perspectives on change" on 8 November @10:30 CET. We will be looking at what does localization mean, how it has evolved and how it is currently used. Our speakers, will talk more about how governments, private donors, the business community, and diaspora actors see current opportunities, trends, and challenges.

For more information on the webinar [click here](#):

For more information on Localization read the [ICVA Briefing Paper Localization Examined](#)

Register now

**17. Learning Event: The CHS, a driver for change:** In partnership with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) a CHS all day learning event will take place in London, on 30 November. This event will support CHS alliance members to effectively apply the CHS, with a special focus on some of the more challenging areas such as the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA). [Click here](#) for more information.

**18. When Safety comes First :** 30 November, Geneva, The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative Advanced Training Program on Humanitarian Action (HHI/ATHA) and the Danish Red Cross (DanRC) are inviting humanitarian actors, policy makers, donors and academics interested in developing programmatic approaches and tools aimed at improving the safety of civilians to join the discussion and help us gain new knowledge, and develop new practices. To sign up for the event, please RSVP to: [nrcgeneva.policy@nrc.no](mailto:nrcgeneva.policy@nrc.no) before 9 November 2018.

**19. Become a strong leader:** An interactive 4 week course will start on November 5, 2018 to develop your skills in Social Leadership and includes activities that focus on the development and application of Social Leadership in the humanitarian context. For more information about this Humanitarian Leadership Academy has teamed up with Sea Salt Learning for this [free open online course](#).

**20. PHAP launched a new track this year for its Core Professional Development Program (PDP),** focusing on “Refugees, IDPs, and Forced Migrants: Protection in Law and Practice.” (The next edition will be in [Amman/Dead Sea, 11-15 November 2018](#).)

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## New and Noteworthy



### **21. The 2018 Sphere Handbook: From human rights to humanitarian practice**

The [new edition is now available](#) in English, Arabic, French and Spanish.

[Checkout the video](#) presenting the new edition.

The Sphere Handbook provides a comprehensive framework to guide anybody working in humanitarian action to understand fundamental principles, protection, technical standards of quality and measurable indicators.

Following the Sphere General Assembly on 5 November 2018 in Geneva, we are pleased to congratulate Colin Rogers of Plan International as the new Chair. ICVA was also successfully elected to the Sphere Board.

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## Forthcoming Events

### ***ICVA Meetings and Events***

**November 7-9:** National NGO Fora workshop Geneva

**November 8 :** ICVA & PHAP Webinar Localization: Perspectives on change

**November 9:** NGO Stock-taking on operationalizing the nexus

**December 10-14:** ICVA Asia Regional Members and NGO Fora meeting, Bangkok

### **2019**

**March 26:** ICVA Annual Conference, Geneva

### ***Other Meetings and Events:***

**November 1-2:** ICSC Global Perspectives Conference Berlin  
**November 6:** 2018 Sphere Handbook Launch  
**November 5-8:** Geneva Peace Week, Geneva  
**November (first week):** R-IASC on West and Central Africa, Dakar.  
**November (last week TBC):** African Union Humanitarian Symposium, Nairobi.  
**30 November:** When Safety comes First NRC Training event, Geneva  
**30 November:** The CHS, a driver for change, London

**December 3:** IASC Principals Meeting, Geneva  
**December 4:** Joint launch of the Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO) 2019 and the World Humanitarian Data and Trends Report 2018, Geneva  
**December 4-7:** Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), Marrakech  
**December 8:** Mayorol Forum, Marrakech  
**December 8-9:** Youth Forum on Migration, Marrakech  
**December 6-11:** CWSA Refresher ToT on Enhancing Collective Quality and Accountability to Affected Populations (Q&AAP), Bangkok  
**December 7-11:** CWSA Workshop on Managing Complaints Response Mechanism (CRM), Bangkok  
**December 10-11:** Intergovernmental Conference to adopt the GCM, Marrakech  
**December 11:** Asia Regional Launch of Sphere Handbook Revision and ALNAP SoHS Report  
**December 12:** Regional Innovation Forum, Bangkok  
**December 18-19:** High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges, UNHCR, Geneva  
**December 5-6:** BBR Training, Yaounde, Cameroon

**2019**

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

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