



Wilton Park

Programme

Data responsibility in humanitarian action: from principle to practice

Monday 20 – Wednesday 22 May 2019 | WP1688

Humanitarian organisations are collecting and sharing more data than ever before. This trend will continue as more systems, sensors and people come online in crisis settings. How the humanitarian community handles the data revolution to inform decisions and improve lives will be a key determinant of its future effectiveness.

As part of its efforts to build data responsibility into the daily practices of humanitarian organisations, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Centre for Humanitarian Data, in collaboration with Wilton Park, is convening an event in May 2019 to advance discussions around the responsible and safe sharing of data about crisis-affected people.

The meeting will explore key questions related to assessing and managing high-risk data about humanitarian crises. In particular, participants will consider issues with regard to the technological, policy and procedural requirements to realise responsible data management and, relatedly, the mitigation of digital risk.

The 48 hour off the record, residential meeting, to be held over 3 days/2 nights, will include roundtable discussions in plenary and smaller breakout groups.

It aims to:

- Build a shared understanding of good and bad practice in the management of humanitarian data;
- Align around a vision and requirements (operational guidance, skills, resources, etc) for data responsibility in the humanitarian system; and
- Agree on collaborative mechanisms for realising data responsibility in practice

In association with United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Centre for Humanitarian Data

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Monday 20 May

1300

Participants arrive and buffet lunch available

1500-1515

Welcome and introduction

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1515-1630

1. Data responsibility in the humanitarian system: understanding risks and harms

This session will provide a high-level framing of the key issues for discussion throughout the event, including:

- What is sensitive data and how is it different from personal data?
- How do we understand risks and harms?
- How can humanitarian organisations balance the opportunities presented by new technologies and data sources with the attendant risks?
- What are the main technical and ethical issues and concerns?

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1630-1715

Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1715-1830

2. Practical challenges in responsible data management: stories from the field

In this session, participants will discuss the challenges of data management in crisis settings. The session will feature stories from field-based colleagues as a way to ground the discussions in the realities of humanitarian action. The challenges identified in this session will form the basis for discussions on Day 2.

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1830-1845

Ice-breaker

1845

Facilitator briefing for Session 4 in the Library

1900

Reception followed by dinner

Tuesday 21 May

0700-0800

Yoga session (optional)

0800-0900

Breakfast

0915-1045

3. Addressing risks and harms through collective action

Drawing on the experiences shared on Day 1, this session will explore **how we can work together** to mitigate risk and close the gaps in capacity and guidance faced by humanitarians to address these challenges in crises settings.

The session will aim to answer the following questions:

- How might the humanitarian community work together and with the private sector and academia to address data challenges?
- How are private sector companies assessing and managing digital risk? What promising practice can organisations draw on to improve data responsibility in their own work?
- What are the coordination mechanisms and forums at a global, regional and local level that we can use to take this work forward collectively?
- How do we address the capacity and guidance gap to ensure data is handled responsibly?

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Rob Samupindi

Information Management Officer, Yemen, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), Amman

1045-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1245

4. Towards data responsibility in practice

Participants will work in small peer groups to discuss the necessary steps to achieve data responsibility *for their particular group*:

- Priority challenges to focus on in the next 12 months
- Major opportunities for engagement, advocacy and collaboration
- Responsibilities and accountabilities

1300-1400

Lunch

1400

Facilitator briefing for Session 7 in the Conference Room

1400-1500

Free time

1500-1530

5. Read-out and discussion of recommendations from breakout groups

Following the breakout sessions, the stakeholder groups will present back their outcomes in plenary. Participants will have the opportunity to respond to proposed solutions and ways forward in a Q&A session.

1530-1600

6. Response to recommendations

1600-1630

Tea/coffee

1630-1800

7. A maturity model for data responsibility in crisis response

Drawing on the recommendations and discussions from the previous session, participants will create a vision of data responsibility for the humanitarian sector. Participants will work in mixed teams comprising representatives from the different stakeholder groups to answer the following questions:

- What would it look like to manage data responsibly in humanitarian response?
- What protocols, procedures and practices would need to be in place?
- What partnership models would be most effective and sustainable?
- How should critical incident reporting take place across the sector?
- What roles would different stakeholder groups play in delivering on this vision?

1800

Facilitator debrief in the Library

1900

Reception followed by dinner

Wednesday 22 May

0800-0900

Breakfast and checkout

0915-1000

8. Future: visions for data responsibility in practice

Report back from breakouts, focusing on the vision for data responsibility in practice, both in specific response contexts and for the overall humanitarian system.

1000-1045

9. Conversations on the future of data in humanitarian action [Live recording for *The Economist's* Babbage podcast]

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1045-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1130

10. Evaluation survey

Completion of online survey

1130-1245

11. Collective leadership, collective action

This session will cover key recommendations for leadership and collective action, based on the read-out in the previous session. The recommendations will be examined and organised through the frame of the challenges and opportunity areas identified on Day 2. The session will aim to answer the following questions:

- What are the leverage points in the system to improve practice?
- What does it take to realise data responsibility collectively?
- What is the 'change space' available? Who can influence and commit to what type of change?
- How do we create and support leadership around data responsibility?

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1300

Lunch

1400

Participants depart

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