



Wilton Park

Programme

Responsible Data Sharing with Donors: Accountability, Transparency and Data Protection in Principled Humanitarian Action- Towards a Common Approach

1 September and 23 September 2021

1330-1600 BST | WP1777V2

Virtual roundtable

Humanitarian organisations are facing increased incentives to collect and share data for various purposes such as improved coordination, more efficient service provision and accountability. At the same time, they have to ensure that data is only used for humanitarian purposes and does not cause harm to vulnerable populations.

In order to shape shared principles and practices for data sharing, the [Humanitarian Data and Trust Initiative \(HDTI\)](#), convened by the Government of Switzerland, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the United Nations Office of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA) Centre for Humanitarian Data, launched a dialogue process on responsible data sharing between humanitarian organisations and donors at Wilton Park in [September 2020](#).

Following this initial convening, the HDTI commissioned two empirical studies on the risks and constraints associated with humanitarian data sharing as well as related donor objectives and practices. Together, these studies engaged over 50 humanitarian and donor representatives across headquarters and field locations.

In support of these activities and in the lead up to the [UN World Data Forum](#) in October 2021, this Wilton Park meeting will consist of two virtual sessions.

- **Part 1, on 1 September 2021**, will take stock of the findings from the research on the risks and constraints associated with humanitarian data sharing as well as related donor objectives and practices.
- **Part 2, on 23 September 2021**, will discuss proposed shared principles on responsible data sharing that will inform a common approach by humanitarian organisations and donors. The outcomes of Part 1 will inform the agenda for Part 2.

All discussion will be fully participatory and held off the record under the [Wilton Park Protocol](#).

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Wednesday 1 September 2021 – 1330-1600 BST (Please check your local time)

1315 BST

Orientation session

Technical check ahead of the start of the meeting

1330-1340

1. Welcome

Julia Purcell

Programme Director, Wilton Park

1340-1345

2. Purpose of meeting

Introduction and context

Gilles Cerutti

Head of Humanitarian Diplomacy, Peace and Human Rights Division, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

1345-1430

3. Overview of research findings

Stock-take of results of empirical studies

Introduced by

Vincent Cassard

Deputy Head, Data Protection Office, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
Key points and findings

Florian Westphal

Research Fellow, GPPi

Larissa Fast

Professor of Humanitarian and Conflict Studies, Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI), University of Manchester

Followed by discussion, questions and clarifications

1430-1440

Break

1440-1445

4. Introduction to break out groups

1445-1525

5. From evidence to action

Break out groups

Group 1 - Focus: Risks and Harms

Moderator: David Fallows, Humanitarian Reform Team Leader, FCDO

Group 2 - Focus: Benefits and Opportunities

Moderator: Catherine Kayser, Attachée, Humanitarian Affairs, Directorate for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Luxembourg

Group 3 - Focus: Risks and Harms

Moderator: Alexandrine Prilot de Corbion, Director of Strategy, Privacy International

Group 4 - Focus: Benefits and Opportunities

Moderator: Eugenia Olliaro, Programme Officer - Responsible Data for Children, UNICEF

1525-1545

6. Towards collective action: key points from breakout discussion

1545-1600

7. Next steps

Summary of emerging points and information about next steps, follow up survey, actions needed, format and purpose of Day 2

Stuart Campo

Team Lead, Data Responsibility, Centre for Humanitarian Data, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA)

Final announcements

1600

Close of Day One

Thursday 23 September 2021 – 1330-1600 BST (Please check your local time)

1315 BST

Orientation session

Technical check ahead of the start of the meeting

1330-1340

8. Welcome

Julia Purcell

Programme Director, Wilton Park

1340-1345

9. Recap from Part One and Introduction to Part Two

Vincent Cassard

Deputy Head, Data Protection Office, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

1345-1415

10. Towards principles and collective action

Brief presentation of emerging principles based on break out discussion from Part 2 and interim survey.

Jonas Belina

Diplomatic Officer, Humanitarian Policy, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)

1415-1420

11. Introduction to break out groups

1420-1500

12. Break out discussion

1500-1510

Break

1510-1545

13. Feedback from groups followed by discussion of next steps

1545-1600

14. Final remarks, next steps and close of meeting

Sarah Telford

Lead, Centre for Humanitarian Data, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA)

Final announcements

Julia Purcell

Programme Director, Wilton Park