



Wilton Park

Provisional programme

Advancing humanitarian action: engaging with rising global actors to develop new strategic dialogue and partnerships

Sunday 20 – Wednesday 23 October | WP1269

Held in Istanbul, Turkey

Humanitarian action is needed now more than ever. The growing number of vulnerable people, the rise in disasters, and the failure to address many fragile states effectively will increase humanitarian needs. While Western-based donors, the United Nations and international non-governmental organisations have a vital role to play, there are significant, and growing, contributions made by emergent or rising powers and the inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations based in these countries. These actors are a complex and diverse group, each donor and humanitarian actor having its unique history and political, economic and social development. How do rising global actors define humanitarian assistance? What implications might this definition have on the safeguarding of humanitarian principles? Is there a need to change the way humanitarian actors coordinate, communicate and engage? Are there different approaches to decision-making processes, allocation and administration of humanitarian aid among rising global actors? What are their constraints, what are the incentives and what are the influences? How do rising global actors perceive the multilateral humanitarian system and its organisations? What issues require dialogue among all actors to work towards a more complementary humanitarian system? What can be done to encourage all humanitarian actors to uphold humanitarian principles?

Against this background, the conference seeks to:

- Strengthen mutual understanding among humanitarian actors on matters of policy and practice;
- Broaden common understanding of an effective and complementary humanitarian system, based on shared humanitarian principles, and build support for a multilateral approach from all humanitarian actors, creating new partnerships to enhance global effectiveness as well as respecting the diversity of different approaches;
- Encourage more active collaboration in international humanitarian response;
- Encourage increased financial and other contributions to ensure the humanitarian community is able to respond promptly and effectively to humanitarian needs.

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Sunday 20 October

1500 onwards	Participants arrive
1830	Reception
1900	Dinner

Monday 21 October

0900	Welcome and introduction Isobelle Jaques Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning
0915-1045	1. The future of humanitarianism? What are the challenges of managing widening vulnerability and humanitarian response? <p>To what extent are current humanitarian challenges met? What are the likely future trends? With the rise in number of new global humanitarian donors, and increasing volume of humanitarian aid contributed by them, how can support for humanitarian action be effectively broadened? What is the extent of new global humanitarian donorship, and how is it contributed? Are all actors working on the same principles? To what extent is there cooperation and dialogue between 'traditional' and 'non-traditional' donors?</p> Peter Maurer President, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Geneva
	Fuat Oktay President, Prime Ministry Disaster and Emergency Presidency (AFAD), Ankara
	Abdullah Al-Matouq Humanitarian Envoy of the UN Secretary General for Kuwait, Kuwait City
1045-1130	Photograph followed by tea/coffee
1130-1300	2. New global humanitarian donors and partners working in humanitarian response: principles and practice <p>How have new global humanitarian donors humanitarian engaged in humanitarian assistance in recent years? What are the main characteristics of their approach to humanitarian aid? What are the norms, foreign policy interests, policies and institutions that shape the implementation of humanitarian assistance by 'non-traditional' donors? Who are the main implementing partners? Are there differences in concept, and practice, and if so what are the consequences of these differences?</p> Muhammad Jusuf Kalla Chairman, Indonesian Red Cross Society (PMI), Jakarta
	Shoayb Casoo Director, South African Development Partnerships Agency, Department of International Relations and Cooperation, Pretoria
	Andrea Binder Associate Director, Global Public Policy Institute (GPPI), Berlin
1300-1430	Lunch

1430-1600

3. Combining international and local response in humanitarian crises

Plenary introduction followed by parallel discussions in working groups

- i. The experience of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement: linking international and local response in Lebanon

Georges Kettaneh

Secretary-General, Lebanese Red Cross, Beirut

Philip Spoerri

Director of Law and Cooperation, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva

- ii. How can governments best work with national and international civil society organisations to provide a response capacity? What kind of partnerships are needed?

Hany El Banna

Founder and President, Humanitarian Forum, London

- iii. Strengthening the local capacity of crisis-affected countries: to what extent are new global humanitarian donors involved?

Misikir Tilahun

Head of Programmes, Africa Humanitarian Action, Addis Ababa

1600-1630

Tea/coffee

1630-1800

4. Understanding new global humanitarian actors: sharing recent experiences

Brazil's involvement in Haiti

Milton Rondó Filho

Minister, Coordination General for International Actions against Hunger, Ministry of External Relations, Brasilia

Turkey's assistance to Somalia

Cemalettin Kani Torun

Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Somalia, Mogadishu

1800-1830

Report back from working groups

1930

Coach to Sait Halim Pasa Mansion

2000

Reception and dinner at Sait Halim Pasa Mansion

2200

Return to hotel

Tuesday 22 October

0800-0845

Breakfast

0900-1030

5. Regional responses to humanitarian crises: the role of regional organisations

What are the advantages, and challenges, of humanitarian action through regional organisations? To what extent do rising global actors contribute humanitarian assistance through regional organisations? How do these organisations work with respective civil society organisations in the region?

Atta Al-Manan Bakhit

Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Organisation for Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Jeddah

Florika Fink-Hooijer

Director, Strategy, Policy and International Co-operation, European Commission
Humanitarian Office (ECHO), Brussels

Lisa Fergusson Nicol

Senior Legal Officer, Department of Political Affairs, African Union Commission, Addis
Ababa

1030-1100

Tea/coffee

1100-1230

6. Channelling assistance through mainstream organisations and processes: how is this perceived by new global humanitarian donors? What are the considerations determining how their assistance is channelled?

How and where do 'non-traditional' donors coordinate humanitarian assistance in UN fora?
What is the likelihood of increased international cooperation in multilateral fora, and
between 'non-traditional' and Western donors over time?

Ahmed Al-Meraikhi

Director, Department of International Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Doha

Alexander Alimov

Deputy Director, Department of International Organisations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Moscow

Dimitri Medlev

Country Director, Oxfam International, Moscow

1300-1430

Lunch

1430-1600

7. How can new global humanitarian actors effectively contribute towards international coordination mechanisms shaping humanitarian assistance?

Bruno Figueroa Fischer

Director General, Technical and Scientific Cooperation, Mexican Agency for International
Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE), Mexico City

Hansjoerg Strohmeyer

Chief, Policy Development and Studies Branch, Office for the Co-ordination of
Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), New York

1600-1630

Tea/coffee

1630-1800

8. Forging consensus on a common understanding and complementary approaches on humanitarian action and new partnerships: what are the next steps in building a coherent and principled response to future humanitarian challenges?

What are the key insights and policy options from the conference discussions, and how
can they best be carried forward? What more may be needed to ensure the humanitarian
community is able to respond promptly and effectively to humanitarian needs?

Sara Pantuliano

Head, Humanitarian Policy Group, Overseas Development Institute, London

Syafiq Mughni

Vice Chairman, Central Board, Muhammadiyah, Jakarta

Brian Tisdall

Head of Division, Multilateral Organisations, Policy and Humanitarian Action, International
Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva

1815	Participants depart (optional)
1845	Coach to Venge Restaurant, Akasyali
1930	Dinner and drinks
2130	Return to hotel

Wednesday 23 October

0800-0845	Breakfast
0900-1030	Participants depart

This is a preview programme and as such is subject to change.

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