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Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection

# Annual Conference of the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Partners

**25 – 26 November 2014**

**ECHO & PARTNERS:  
ACTING TOGETHER – SHAPING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

**European Commission - Charlemagne Building  
De Gasperi Room  
Rue de la Loi 170 – 1040 Brussels**

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# Programme - 25 November 2014

08.30 – 09.00

Arrival and registration of participants

**09.00 – 09.45**

**Welcome message** by Claus H. Sørensen, Director-General, ECHO

**09.45 – 10.15**

**Towards the World Humanitarian Summit - Shaping Humanitarian Assistance**

Key Note by Dr Jemilah Mahmood, Director of WHS

10.15 – 10.45

Coffee break

**10.45 – 12.45**

**Panel: Towards the World Humanitarian Summit - Shaping Humanitarian Assistance**

- Theme 1 - Humanitarian effectiveness: MSF – Christopher Stokes, Director-General
- Theme 2 - Reducing vulnerabilities and managing risks: UNISDR – Paola Albrito, Regional Coordinator for Europe
- Theme 3 - Transformation through innovation: IOM – Mr. Nuno Nunes, Cluster Coordinator
- Theme 4 - Helping the need of people in conflicts: International Rescue Committee – Mr Alyoscia D'Onofrio, Senior Director Governance and Rights Technical Unit.

Presentation by panellists followed by questions and answers sessions.

12.45 – 14.15

Sandwich lunch and coffee

**14.15 – 15.45**

**Humanitarian action in a deteriorating security environment – challenges, dilemmas, perspectives.**

- Panel discussion with Frédéric Roussel, ACTED, Lisa Reilly, EISF, Michael Elmquist, DEMA, Dominic Parker, OCHA and Patrick L'Hôte, ICRC.

Presentation by panellists followed by questions and answers sessions.

15.45 – 16.15

Coffee break

**16.15 – 17.45**

**ECHO priorities for 2015**

- Information on the 2015 budget by Claus H. Sørensen
  - Presentation of policy, operational, legal and financial priorities by Florika Fink-Hooijer, Jean-Louis De Brouwer and Walter Schwarzenbrunner,
- Presentation by ECHO Directors followed by questions and answers sessions

**17.45-18.15**

**Intervention by the President of VOICE**, Nicolas Borsinger

**Closing** the first day of the conference, by Claus H. Sørensen, Director-General, ECHO

From 18.15

Apero & Walking Dinner

# Programme - 26 November 2014

08.30 – 09.00

Arrival and registration of participants

**09.00 – 10.00**

**"Where is the risk?" InfoRM** – a new tool for shared risk analysis and risk management collaboration.

Presentation and panel discussion with Tom de Groot, JRC, Julian Andrew Srodecki, World Vision, Sean Lowrie, Start Network followed by questions and answers session.

**10.00 – 11.15**

**ECHO approach on Remote management**

- The criteria for remote management from an ECHO point of view, presentation by B. Miège, A. Clear, C. Pateron
- Presentation of maps & tables illustrating the outcome of the current measures on remote management for Syria and Somalia crisis by A. Battista, J.Y. Terlinden and S. Wilcox
- Presentation by Christian Jacob Hansen, DRC and Dominic Crowley Concern of their approach to remote management in the three crisis selected (Syria, Somalia, Afghanistan)
- Followed by questions and answer session

11.15 – 11.30

Coffee break

**11.30 – 12.30**

**European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid – the way forward**

Presentation by Kathrin Schick, VOICE and Leonor Nieto Leon, ECHO followed by discussion with participants.

**12.30 – 13.00**

**Closing Session, Address by Mr Christos Stylianides, Commissioner in charge of Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management**

13.00 – 14.00

Sandwich Lunch & Coffee

## Stands and meeting opportunities.

- **FPA Helpdesk, e-Tools, ECHO reporting**

ECHO and FPA Helpdesk staff will be happy to meet you and discuss the recent developments relation to the Single Form and any other questions you may have on the FPA.

- **InfoRM**

InfoRM is the first global, open-source tool for measuring the risk of a humanitarian crisis or disaster occurring in a country. It provides a common evidence base so all governments and organisations can work together better to reduce the risk of humanitarian crisis and disaster, build resilience and prepare for crises. INFORM is supported by most major humanitarian organisations, which have worked together to develop it. As of 2015, for example, DG ECHO will incorporate INFORM in its evidence-base for global needs and risks analyses. Visit the stand to better understand this innovative tool.

- **SIGMAH**

Sigmah is open source software for the shared management of international aid projects. The software is simple, flexible and intuitive and allows each organisation to organize its own work methods, and thereby improve the quality of its programmes. Sigmah is the result of a participatory project facilitated by a group of organisations from the sector. Based on the expertise of Groupe URD and its professional and voluntary partners, they have developed the software so that it corresponds to what aid organizations say they need and have placed it in the public realm so that it is available to all.

- **ACTION MEDEOR**

Action MEDEOR is a service center for the procurement of medicines and medical devices, registered as a non-profit association under German law. Action Medeor is a certified supplier for ECHO, SCMS/US AID and ICRC. Visit the stand to better understand the benefits of purchasing supplies through a Humanitarian Procurement Center.

- **VOICE**

VOICE is a network representing 82 European NGOs active in humanitarian aid worldwide. VOICE is the main NGO interlocutor with the EU humanitarian affairs and disaster risk reductions and it promotes the values of humanitarian NGOs. The Secretariat will be delighted to welcome you and give an update on our current priorities as well as latest activities and publications. It is also an opportunity to discover the benefits of being a VOICE member.

- **UNICEF**

The stand will reflect UNICEF collaboration with ECHO and inform about the EU-UNICEF partnership in action, delivering aid in areas including nutrition, health, WASH, child protection, psycho-social support, immunization (polio), children in armed conflicts and communications, etc. It will show items used in UNICEF's emergency responses funded by ECHO. This includes education (school in a box kit), child protection (early childhood development kit), nutrition (items used to detect and address malnutrition), as well as health (medical items to be used in treatment against malaria, polio etc.).