The Future of Humanitarian Response:
Towards More Effective, Accountable and Innovative Approaches

Co-hosted by the Humanitarian Coalition and the International Development Research Centre, and supported by the Canadian Research Institute on Humanitarian Crisis and Aid

Wednesday, October 30, 2013 (8:30-18:00)
IDRC Headquarters, 8th Floor, 150 Kent Street, Ottawa, Ontario

Registration is required. For more information, please contact the Humanitarian Coalition at info@humanitariancoalition.ca
Agenda

8:30-9:00: Registration and Networking

9:00-9:10: Opening Remarks

9:10-9:30: Keynote address by the Honourable Christian Paradis, Minister of International Development and Minister of La Francophonie

9:30-11:00: Panel 1: The State of Humanitarian Affairs in Canada
1) Susan Johnson – Director General, International Operations & Movement Relations, Canadian Red Cross: Are we the good humanitarians we think we are?
2) Robert Fox – Executive Director, Oxfam Canada: Taking good Humanitarian Partnership to the Next Level

Moderator: Francois Audet – Professor, School of Sciences and Management ESG-UQAM & Director, Canadian Research Institute on Crisis and Aid (OCCAH)

11:00-11:15: Break

11:15-12:45: Parallel Sessions

Panel 2: Promoting Quality through Professional Standards and Leadership
1) Kirsten Johnson – Professor, Department of Family Medicine, McGill University: A Pathway for Professional Humanitarian Training and Certification
2) Deborah Bickler – Senior Manager, Academy Centres, Humanitarian and Leadership Academy, Save the Children UK: Presentation on the Humanitarian and Leadership Academy
3) Phillip Tamminga – Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response Project Coordinator: Presentation on the SCHR Certification Project

Moderator: Saleh Saeed – CEO, Disaster Emergency Committee, UK

Panel 3: Gadgets and Gizmos – Using New Technology to Drive Innovation in the Field
1) Sara Almer – Global Coordinator, Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP), UK: Enabling innovation: a twin-track approach to addressing some of the challenges to the uptake of appropriate, quality and accountable e-transfers
2) Jessie Thomson – Director, Humanitarian Assistance and Emergency Team, CARE Canada: Information Communication Technology and Humanitarian Field
3) Otto Farkas – Senior Advisor, Global Office of Strategy, Collaboration & Innovation, World Vision International: Issues and Opportunities for Humanitarian Protection and Accountability in the Digital Age

Moderator: Ann Witteveen – Manager, Humanitarian Unit, Oxfam Canada

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12:45-14:00: Lunch with presentation on the Joint Appeal Alliances by Nicolas Moyer, Executive Director of the Humanitarian Coalition

14:00-15:30: Parallel Session

Panel 4: Violence, Vulnerability and Protection in Humanitarian Response

1) Elise Leclerc-Gagné – Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science at UBC: The Changing Portrayal of Violations of the Norm of Humanitarian Security
2) Julian Murray – Independent Consultant: Funding Protection in Complex Emergencies, and some Implications for Canada
Susan Johnson – Director General, International Operations & Movement Relations, Canadian Red Cross: Predictable, Preventable: Addressing Violence in Disasters using a Public Health Approach

Moderator: John de Boer – Program Leader, Governance, Security and Justice, International Development Research Centre

Panel 5: New Paradigms, Old Challenges: Emerging Humanitarian Debates

1) Linda Elmore – Professor, International Development, Simon Fraser University: Politics Unbound: ‘Strategic Humanitarianism’ in the Era of Emerging Powers and a Neo/Liberal World Order in Flux
2) Lily Frey – Advocacy Officer, Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP), USA: Quality and Accountability in Humanitarian Response: minimum requirements for market analysis in emergencies by CaLP, funded by CIDA
3) Lauren Ravon – Policy Advisor, Women’s Rights and Food Justice, Oxfam Canada: Using women’s experience to build resilience, improve food security and bridge the divide between humanitarian and development Action
4) Steffi Hamann – Ph.D. candidate, Political Science and International Development Studies, Guelph University: Improving the Sustainability of Humanitarian Aid: Germany’s Transitional Development Assistance Model

Moderator: Nicolas Moyer – Executive Director of the Humanitarian Coalition

15:30-16:00: Break and Networking

16:00-18:00: The Future of Humanitarian Response
Public Event with Keynote Panel followed by Closing Remarks

1) Francois Audet – Professor, School of Science and Manager ESG-UQAM, Director, Canadian Research Institute on Crisis and Aid (OCCAH)
2) Stephen Cornish – Executive Director, Doctors Without Borders Canada
3) Denise Byrnes – Executive Director, Oxfam-Québec

Moderator: TBC

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