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World Summit on Frontline Humanitarian Negotiation



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The Center of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation

The Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation (CCHN) is a joint initiative of five Strategic Partners: ICRC, WFP, UNHCR, MSF Switzerland and HD. Established in 2016 in Geneva, Switzerland, the CCHN aims to facilitate the capture, analysis, and sharing of humanitarian negotiation experiences and practices with a view to supporting a more systematic approach to frontline negotiation. We also provide a space for multiagency dialogue and intend to foster a global community of practice among humanitarian negotiators.

During a five-year incubation phase, we are hosted by the ICRC. With the support of the five Strategic Partners and our donors, the CCHN organizes dedicated events, peer-to-peer exchanges and carries out research on global and regional issues identified by our Community of Practice.

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The CCHN World Summit 2021



This summer, the CCHN is bringing together frontline negotiators, humanitarian policymakers, scholars, donor and government representatives for a world-class conference tackling the most challenging present-day issues related to humanitarian negotiation.

Negotiating with multiple actors in complex, evolving humanitarian environments is becoming increasingly challenging. To respond to crises, humanitarian professionals need to acquire robust negotiation skills, share experiences and learn from fellow practitioners and negotiation experts.

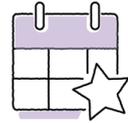
This six-day global event will take place in Caux, Switzerland, livestreamed on an interactive platform that makes real-time participation from around the world simple and engaging. It is free of charge for all participants.

Our rich agenda features a High-Level Panel with humanitarian leaders, in-depth conversations around key themes in humanitarian negotiations, multiple peer workshops and live simulations, as well as several opportunities to meet and exchange with fellow participants in dedicated interactive rooms and a virtual exhibit hall.

The event is organized in collaboration with Initiatives of Change - Switzerland.

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High-Level Panel



Designing Collaborative Approaches to Global Humanitarian Challenges



28 June 2021

9:30 - 10:30 Geneva time

12:00 - 13:30 Kabul time

02:30 - 3:30 Bogotá time

The World Summit will be kicked-off by a High-Level Segment featuring top leaders of major humanitarian agencies and senior practitioners. The Panel will explore the opportunities and constraints of developing a collaborative culture among humanitarian negotiators in the field to address the increasing complexity of humanitarian operations and their environment.

High-level panelists



Peter Maurer
President
ICRC



Stephen Cornish
Director General
MSF Switzerland



David Harland
Executive Director
Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue



Jürg Lauber
Permanent Representative
Swiss Mission to the United Nations



Dr Asha Mohammed
Secretary General
Kenyan Red Cross



Grainne O'Hara
Director for International Protection
UNHCR



Parvathy Ramaswami
Deputy Country Director,
Programme and Operations
WFP Afghanistan

Discover the Summit sessions



Our six-day agenda features multi-language thematic sessions that will tackle the most critical challenges currently faced by frontline practitioners. Delivered by partner organisations from across the humanitarian sector, these sessions will explore a wide range of key issues:

- **Negotiating with armed groups**
- **COVID-19 vaccination negotiations**
- **Remote mediation and negotiation**
- **Kidnap, ransom and extortion negotiation**
- **Stories from the frontlines**
- **...and much more!**

Thanks to our interactive platform, you will be able to participate in virtual exhibitions, peer workshops, live simulations, community gatherings as well as a number of networking opportunities.

During the Summit, participants also have the opportunity to attend a series of workshops and advanced certificate sessions to learn more about humanitarian negotiations or further develop their skills. The workshops will take place over five days and are organised to accommodate participants with different time zone and language requirements:

- **Global Peer Workshop on Humanitarian Negotiation**
- **Advanced Professional Certificate**
- **Negotiation Simulations**

[View the agenda](#)

Our participants



The World Summit is open to the entire humanitarian community: field practitioners, policymakers, representatives of donor governments, researchers and journalists. We are expecting the participation of more than 500 practitioners.

The World Summit also serves as the Fifth Annual Assembly of our Community of Practice, celebrating five years of peer exchanges and collaboration and a community of over 2,000 frontline humanitarian professionals.



Since last summer, the world has literally changed, probably forever! This World Summit will reveal important research work, provide numerous workshops and discussions to help reflecting on negotiations from various perspectives and last year's experiences. It is an opportunity not to be missed!



Mohammed Allaw
Cluster Coordinator - Protection, DRC
Sana'a, Yemen



This is a unique opportunity! The themes of the World Summit are extraordinary. The CCHN team has designed the Summit based on the concurrent needs that humanitarian practitioners are facing. Hence, it is essential to partake so as to receive valuable information and strategic guidance to advance the humanitarian framework that we operate in.



Matina Stamatiadou
Senior Project Officer, CRS
Athens, Greece

Partners and contributors



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