## Agenda

*4th Autumn School of Humanitarian Aid*

**Humanitarian space in jeopardy?**

### Thursday 28 September 2006

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<td><strong>Introduction</strong> (plenary session) Placing the debate in its context with <strong>case studies</strong></td>
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<td>- Peggy Pascal: Groupe URD, Country Director Afghanistan</td>
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<td>- Alice-Clara Bernard: Civilian-Military coordinator for OCHA, Consultant</td>
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<td>and member of ERT (Emergency Response Team) with French Red Cross</td>
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<td>- Moderator: Groupe URD (to be confirmed)</td>
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<td><strong>Presentation of the different issues at stake</strong> and analysis of geo-political context, impact of 9/11 and Global War against Terror on International Humanitarian Law and the humanitarian space</td>
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<td>- Françoise Bouchet-Saulnier: Legal Director for MSF¹ France, Author of</td>
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<td><em>Dictionnaire pratique de droit humanitaire</em></td>
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<td>- Michel Veuthey: PhD in Law, former advisor to the President of ICRC,</td>
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<td>Vice President of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law</td>
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<td>- Rachid Lahlou, General Director of Islamic Relief France.</td>
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<td>- Moderator: François Grunewald, Chairman of Groupe URD, Director of</td>
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<td>Summary. Presentation of Friday's round tables</td>
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¹ Médecins Sans Frontières
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**Topic 1: The effect of security constraints and rejection of humanitarian field presence on humanitarian space**

09.00-09.30  Introduction to round tables

09.30-11.30  **Two round tables**

  - **RT 1: Operational procedures or risk management in the field**
    - Speaker (validation in progress)
    - Moderator: Peggy Pascal, Groupe URD

  - **RT 2: Joint Civilian-Military Action and UN integrated missions: part of the problem or part of the solution?**
    - Alice-Clara Bernard: (see above)
    - Xavier Zeebroek: Researcher with GRIP
    - Moderator: Véronique de Geoffroy, Groupe URD

11.30-12.00  Coffee break and preparing feedback

12.00-13.00  Feedback from the various round tables

13.00-14.00  Lunch

**Topic 2: Evolution in institutional framework and funding mechanisms**

14.00-14.30  Introduction to round tables

14.30-16.30  Three simultaneous round tables

  - **RT 3: NGO initiatives or call for tenders procedure ... a risk of increased instrumentalisation?**
    - François Fiard: French and EU funding mechanisms, NGO Support Desk with Coordination Sud
    - Speaker (validation in progress)
    - Moderator: André Prince, Groupe URD

  - **RT 4: Issues at stake and the risks involved in UN Humanitarian Reform Programme**
    - Marine Buissonière: General Secretary for MSF International
    - Luc Chauvin: Programme Manager, Inter-Agency Unit with UNICEF
    - Moderator: François Grünewald, Groupe URD
RT 5: **Reduction in financial independence and lobbying capacity: a contradiction in terms?**

- Nathalie Herlemont-Zoritchak: Context Analysis and Institutional Positioning, Handicap International
- Moderator: Claire Pirotte, Groupe URD

16.30-17.00 Coffee break and preparing feedback
17.00-18.00 **Feedback** from round tables
18.00-18.45 Summary

Evening Dinner

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**Saturday 30 September 2006**

09.00-10.30 Points of information
  - Good Humanitarian Donorship Initiative: better donor coordination?
  - Reforms within the European system: role of Environment Office and European Civil Protection
  - Proposed reforms of the European humanitarian aid system and ECHO

10.30-10.45 Coffee break
10.45-13.15 **Conclusion: opportunities and proposals for future action**
  - Preserving the humanitarian space:
    1) Policy issues at stake
    2) Operational issues at stake

13.15 Lunch
14.00 Departure