On 2 December 2021, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO) will host one of six sequential launches to present the 2022 Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO) in Brussels.

The Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO) is the world’s most comprehensive, authoritative, and evidence-based assessment of humanitarian needs. It reflects global trends and requirements for inter-agency appeals as well as explores opportunities to deliver humanitarian assistance together, better.

The overarching theme across all launches is “climate change and humanitarian action”. The climate crisis is no longer a distant threat for the future. Its effects are happening now, making humanitarian needs and suffering more severe and more protracted. Humanitarians have been on the front lines of most of these climate “hotspots” for years and play a vital role in affected countries’ adaptation efforts and strategies. Humanitarian action must therefore position itself more decidedly as part of global adaptation efforts, contribute more clearly to community resilience, and adjust its own focus and ways of working accordingly.
In line with the priorities of the Communication on the EU’s Humanitarian Action, and in order to develop synergies with the preparations for the European Humanitarian Forum, the subtheme for the Brussels GHO launch this year will focus on **expanding the resource base** in a context where climate change compounds the humanitarian funding gap. Climate change disproportionately affects vulnerable groups, and adds on to the already dire humanitarian situation, further increasing humanitarian needs, and consequently creating larger funding gap. Addressing the impact of climate change on humanitarian needs requires reaching out to a wider group of donors and partners, including development actors, to mobilize additional resources, reinforce common analysis and encourage a more coordinated, joint-up and holistic approach to respond to immediate needs as well as to manage underlying conditions in any specific humanitarian context.

As part of continuous efforts by the international community, this event is expected to build momentum towards the main session of the European Humanitarian Forum on "expanding the resource base". Through concrete examples and case studies, the event aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Identify and illustrate potential incentives and solutions which could help diversify and expand the resource base for humanitarian assistance;
- Demonstrate how humanitarian partners have managed to mobilise alternative funding sources, and how international finance institutions, or development actors, can contribute to diversifying the funding sources, as well as ultimately contributing to reducing humanitarian needs;
- Better understand the motivation and the potential obstacles in enhancing the inclusivity of the humanitarian system to enable less traditional humanitarian donors and actors to provide funding and support principled humanitarian actions;
- Explore the role and initiatives that donors could undertake in order to encourage a better sharing of responsibility in addressing growing humanitarian needs.

**Programme**

The event will run from 11:30 to 13:00 CET/Brussels time and is envisaged to be divided into two segments.

The first segment will be chaired by Ms. Paraskevi Michou, Director-General, European Commission’s Directorate-General for Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO), including recorded messages by Mr. Janez Lenarčič, European Union Commissioner for Crisis Management and by Mr. António Guterres, UN Secretary-General, and a presentation by Ms. Reena Ghelani, Director of Operations and Advocacy, UN OCHA who will present the latest trends, analyses, challenges and opportunities in humanitarian action, as well as an overview of the coordinated plans for humanitarian response in 2022.
The second segment will consist of a panel discussion on “climate change and expanding the resource base”. The discussion aims to make the case that expanding the resource base is an important means to prepare for and respond to growing humanitarian needs, including those deriving from climate change.

The moderated interactive high-level panel will be composed of five eminent panellists:

1. Ms. Ugochi Daniels, Deputy Director-General for Operations, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
2. Mr. Ali Abdulla Al Dabbagh, Deputy Director-General, Qatar Fund for Development
3. Ms. Marriët Schuurman, Director of Department of Stabilization and Humanitarian Aid, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands
4. Ms. Véronique de Geoffroy, Executive Director, Groupe URD, think tank

Ms. Dareen Abughaida, Al Jazeera English Principal Presenter will moderate the session.

Government officials, Parliamentarians, humanitarian agencies, diplomatic representatives, civil society, private sector, academia and media will be invited to the event and will have the opportunity to engage with the panel speakers on the topic.

Closing remarks will be delivered by Mr. David Beasley, Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP) and Ms. Paraskevi Michou, Director-General, European Commission’s Directorate-General for Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO).

Logistics

The launch and panel discussion will take place from 11:30 to 13:00 CET/Brussels time, 2 December. The event will be live-streamed here and on UN Web TV.

To register, please click here and for more information about the event, please visit the GHO website (www.unocha.org/2022gho).

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