

Coordination and Representation – Who is making the decisions?

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Where: ZOOM – Register Now

Language: English How long: 90 minutes

Who is it for: Humanitarian and development practitioners working with NGOs, INGOs, UN agencies and academic institutes

Moderator / Presenter: Smruti Patel

Format: Panellists will make a five-minute presentation that will be followed by questions and answers, providing a space for

participants to ask questions.

Background and Purpose:

The World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) in 2016 brought significant attention to Localization. The Grand Bargain confirmed a commitment from the largest humanitarian donors and aid organizations to make sure national and local partners are involved in decision-making processes in any humanitarian response, and deliver assistance in accordance with humanitarian principles. Because local actors often have the best understanding of the context and acceptance by the people in need of assistance and protection, they are essential for an effective humanitarian response. Grand Bargain states "Support and complement national coordination mechanisms where they exist and include local and national responders in international coordination mechanisms as appropriate and in keeping with humanitarian principles".

What is the reality and experiences of local actors with the coordination mechanisms? In this dialogue, local and international actors will share their experiences and the way forward to ensure more effective and meaningful participation in coordination mechanisms.

The webinar will help to explore:

- What is the purpose of coordination mechanisms at different levels?
- Where are decision made and who is at the table?
- What are the existing barriers and what can be done to reduce the barriers for local actors?
- What systematic changes need to take place?
- What are the shifts in attitudes and behaviors that are required?

Webinar Speakers:

- 1. Dr. Puji Pujiono, Senior Advisor, Pujiono Centre, Indonesia
- 2. Ignacio Packer, Executive Director, International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)
- 3. Marina Skuric Prodanovic, Chief, System-wide Approached and Practices Section, Coordination Division, OCHA
- 4. Takeshi Komino, General Secretary, Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN)
- 5. Mervat Shelbaya, Head, Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Secretariat, TBC
- 6. Amad Muhammad, Executive Director, IDEA, Chairperson, National Humanitarian Network (NHN) Pakistan