

A discussion with national and local actors
Levering governance to advance Diversity
Equity and Inclusion in ICVA

*From Principles to Realities Implementing the Principles of Partnership
and Enhancing Equity in Partnerships*

21 April 2-5 pm CEST on-line

Agenda/programme (1 of 3)

Welcome and framing (Andrea Ferguson BHA; Ignacio Packer ICVA) 10 min

Segment 1 (Key barriers and opportunities)

Constraints and opportunities for strengthening local engagement and leadership (plenary) 10 min

- *Discussion starter - Lebanon Humanitarian and development NGO forum (LHDF), Alejandra Acebo, Advocacy Adviser*

Break out groups (3) – Solution oriented discussion for increased local engagement - Guiding questions 30 min

- While COVID-19 has ironically created a window for change in terms of strengthening the aligning efforts with local actors, there remains an imbalance of power between the local and international actors when it comes to decision-making and coordination roles. What actions need to be taken by UN agencies, donors, INGOs, and L/NNGOs in order to diminish the gap in this context?
- What are some of the challenges or bureaucratic impediments that prevent fulfilling more gains and successes regarding localization?
- What actions should international and national structures take to support localization of the response through complementarity, effectiveness, and accountability? How can donors be more supportive? What is needed to make national structures more inclusive of local/NNGOs in humanitarian response?

Plenary discussion

10 min

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Segment 2 (Process)

Challenges in putting the Principles of Partnerships into practice (plenary) 10 min

- *Discussion starter - Africa Development Aid (South Sudan), John Riek, Executive Director*

Break out groups (3) – Solution oriented discussion to transform PoP into realities on the ground - *Guiding questions* 30 min

- What do the Principles of Partnership mean to you? And are they currently reflected in partnership agreements for local partners?
- Does the current administrative or technical process of partnership place a burden on local partners? What are some examples of how this affects humanitarian action in practice?
- What can be done by different actors to reduce the burden of partnership while retaining appropriate levels of accountability?

Plenary discussion 10 min

Break – 5 minutes

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Segment 3 (Actors)

How localization impacts different types of stakeholders – Discussion starter (plenary) 10 min

- *Discussion starter - Coastal Association for Social Transformation Trust (Bangladesh), Rezaul Karim, Executive Director*

Break out groups (3) – Solution oriented discussion on intermediaries and influential role of donors - *Guiding questions* 30 min

• *Considering the principles of partnership, what would make funding passed through intermediaries subgrants easier to access? How can donors contribute to a more enabling environment for intermediaries and partners to have more equitable partnerships”*

• *What actions should intermediaries take to support a risk-sharing vs a risk transfer approach?*

• *What are areas of collaboration/engagement with donors that you think local CSOs could contribute to?*

Plenary discussion 10 min

Wrap up 15 min