

# ICVA Bulletin

## Highlights from February 2022



A GLOBAL NGO NETWORK  
FOR PRINCIPLED AND EFFECTIVE  
HUMANITARIAN ACTION

### Dear Readers,

Welcome to another packed bulletin full of humanitarian content. We start off by reflecting on the humanitarian needs and responses with the escalating conflict in Ukraine. We also explore updates on forced migration, financing, coordination as well as climate action, safeguarding and the regional hubs.

Don't forget to check out our open vacancies and events. Also, stay tuned for the upcoming registration details for events during the commemoration of our 60th anniversary.

Dig in!

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## Message from Executive Director

### Unified in Solidarity for People in Ukraine and other Crisis Contexts

The international community unified more than ever is calling upon Russia, and all parties to conflict, to uphold their obligations under international humanitarian law, protect civilians and civilian infrastructure, ensure humanitarian access for those delivering aid and halt the conflict. The Human Rights Council meeting this week in Geneva adopted a [Resolution](#) on the "situation of human rights in Ukraine stemming from the Russian aggression."

Over 4 million people could flee Ukraine in the coming months. Millions more will be internally displaced in the country's west. Moldova and the neighbouring European Union countries are welcoming Ukrainian refugees. People are showing their solidarity across Europe and beyond. The EU decision to implement the temporary protection directive for those fleeing Ukraine is another sign of determination. Humanitarian actors are deploying efforts specifically to support third country nationals' evacuations from Ukraine. Most of the refugees coming in are women and children.

Local and national authorities, the UN, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and the diversity of NGOs and CSOs are adapting their operations and scaling-up response activities both within the country and just across its borders as civilians flee the violence. Even in the worst-affected areas of Ukraine, individuals and communities get organised to support each other.

The challenges are substantial, coordination being one of them. ICVA has reinforced its team in supporting the NGO coordination to ensure as much as possible that humanitarian assistance is responsive to local inputs and expertise.

IASC Principals reiterated the importance of collective advocacy. Based on concerns around framing and language in relation to the sensitivities, ICVA Secretariat has begun engagement with our members' advocacy focal points to approach advocacy that will strengthen rather than limit humanitarian access.

A number of interagency working groups are in action. ICVA is working closely with UNHCR for the refugee response in the neighbouring countries. To bring all the response operations and planning together, in addition to EDG, an Emergency Operations Cell has been put in place with NGO engagement in Geneva, and in-country mechanisms are being reinforced.

As the international community is responding with one strong voice to the Ukraine crisis, we should not forget other protracted conflicts, the climate crisis and the ongoing response to COVID-19, requiring additional efforts to ensure equal access to vaccines for all. Whilst we actively support the people of Ukraine, we have also to maintain our engagement to restore hope for the many millions of people who desperately also need it in crises around the world.

**Ignacio Packer**  
Executive Director | ICVA

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## ICVA Updates

### 1. We are Hiring

Our team is growing and we are currently looking to fill two exciting positions of a Chief Operating Officer and a Deputy Representative in Asia Pacific. Come and join a dynamic team working to make humanitarian action more principled and effective. Check out [more information](#) about these positions and apply before the deadline.



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60 YEARS  
1962-2022

ICVA 60 COMMEMORATION

# Save the Date

Wednesday, 18 May, 2022

### 2. Save the Date: ICVA's 60<sup>th</sup> Commemoration

We will be commemorating our [60<sup>th</sup> anniversary](#) on Wednesday, 18 May 2022 on-line and in Geneva and on separate dates in the Regions. Since the creation of ICVA in 1962, we have remained committed to our mission of making humanitarian action more principled and effective by working collectively and independently to influence policy and practice. The [External Impact Study](#) concludes that ICVA has had significant impact whether viewing the work through the lens of the Focus Areas, the defined ways of working or the documented added value of ICVA. Collective achievements of the ICVA members, the ICVA board and the ICVA Secretariat team. The commemoration will be an opportunity to reflect on our past, present and future as well as re-enforce the ICVA 2030 ambitions.

#### **We have lined up two events on the 18<sup>th</sup> May:**

- An on-line event on Wednesday 18 May **3pm - 4:30 pm CEST**. During this interactive event you will hear more about our 6 decades journey and how through the ICVA 2030 strategy we are looking to transform the ICVA network to the future. Registration details will be shared soon.
- An in-person, on invitation, reception in Geneva on Wednesday 18 May at The International Conference Centre in Geneva from **5:30pm - 7:00pm CEST**.

We invite you to join us.

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## Forced migration

### **3. UN Secretary-General's draft Action Agenda for Internal Displacement**

Following the submission of the report of the High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement to the UN Secretary-General and its public release last September, ICVA has maintained its focus on this process. On 14 February, InterAction and ICVA organised a meeting on the draft of the UN Secretary-General's Action Agenda on Internal Displacement to gather initial reactions from both networks' memberships. The follow-up team to the UN Secretary-General's Action Agenda presented the aims and scope of the draft as well as the process going forward. The goal of the draft Action Agenda is to present how the United Nations will step up its work on internal displacement. This of course has implications for NGOs as well. An exchange then ensued on proposed actions and commitments in the draft Action Agenda as well links to the High-Level Panel's report. An NGO collective written feedback from the memberships of InterAction and ICVA is being prepared and will be shared with the follow-up team to inform the process going forward.

### **4. UNHCR and NGOs Quarterly Consultations**

On 23 February, UNHCR and ICVA co-organised an online consultation with NGOs on "**Civil society and UNHCR's engagement in strengthening access to justice**". Speakers from [St Andrew's Refugee Services](#), [PILnet](#) and [UNHCR](#) exchanged on the importance of access to justice for refugees, asylum seekers, returnees, internally displaced and stateless persons as they face a variety of legal needs. The speakers and participants also highlighted the specific role of legal aid in maintaining and providing a holistic protection response and access to durable solutions. The crucial role of refugee-led organisations and community-based organisations, as well as the role of legal professionals and the private sector in reinforcing access to justice was particularly emphasised. The discussion also showcased several relevant 2019 Global Refugee Forum pledges and developments related to [the Asylum Capacity Support Group](#). Notes will soon be disseminated to participants. More information on the Quarterly Consultations is available on the [dedicated webpage](#).

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## 5. Migrants in Vulnerable Situation



### Migration Week on 14-18 February 2022

In preparation for the first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), the United Nations Network on Migration (Network) hosted a weeklong migration event under the [theme](#), **Cooperation and Partnership: Implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration**. The event showcased a wide range of good practices in implementing GCM, while also galvanizing strong engagement from all actors three months before the Forum.

### Launch of UN Secretary-General Report on the Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)

On 17 February, in a high-level briefing hosted by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General launched his [report on the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration \(GCM\)](#). The report highlights areas of particular progress and provides 14 recommendations focusing on where more needs to be done, which are aimed at inspiring pledges ahead of the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF).

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## Financing

### 6. Grand Bargain 2.0

ICVA continues in its role as NGO representative on the Facilitation Group (FG) alongside NEAR representing the local NGO voice. On 25 February, ICVA and NEAR held an update call for NGO constituents to brief on recent FG activities. Key updates include:

**Cash Coordination Caucus:** The Principals of the organisations represented in the Grand Bargain Caucus on Cash Coordination, one of three GB 2.0 Caucuses, have unanimously endorsed a model setting out the structure, function, leadership, and resourcing of cash coordination. Read the final [outcome document](#) and the letter from the GB Eminent Person Jan Egeland to the ERC.

- The final cash coordination proposal specifies a two-tier coordination structure, with Cash Working Groups (CWG) - existing or new - established at the country level, and

- a Cash Advisory Group (CAG) providing overall guidance at the global level.
- A key feature of the structure is that CWGs are accountable through the local inter-sector/cluster working group and ultimately the HC/RC. Operational and non-operational co-chairs will be set up to lead the CWGs at the country level, with clear representation from NGOs (including local). OCHA or UNHCR will be one of the standard co-chairs depending on context.
- The CAG at the global level does not have line accountability for the work of CWGs, but it does establish standards and guidance to define the overall framework within which the CWGs are expected to work. OCHA will chair this group with a rotating membership. CWGs and/or RC/HCs have the option to raise issues to the CAG when assistance is needed.
- The caucus members representing donors, agencies, red cross, and NGOs unanimously endorsed the proposal, so there is a strong mandate to carry this forward.

**National Reference Groups (NRGs):** The Guidance Note on NRGs drafted by NEAR and OCHA has now been released. NRGs, led by local and national actors, are intended to strengthen the connection between local partners and the implementation of Grand Bargain commitments at the country level. Check the [Guidance Note](#) and a step by step guide for creating NRGs. Also see more information about [GB 2.0 structure](#).

**ICVA Grand Bargain 2.0 Explained:** ICVA will soon be releasing a new briefing paper on Grand Bargain 2.0. The [Grand Bargain Explained](#) from 2017 was a key document on the GB ad was widely used by NGOs and beyond. With the GB 2.0, ICVA has been working to provide an updated overview of the GB 2.0 including current status of workstreams, implications of the new structures, and future implementation.

- For more information contact [jeremyrempel@icvanetwork.org](mailto:jeremyrempel@icvanetwork.org).

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## Coordination

### 7. Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC)

On 25 February the IASC Principals held an ad-hoc meeting on the escalating Ukraine crisis, discussing the situation and senior leadership requirements.

#### Emergency Directors Group

In early February, the Emergency Directors Group (EDG) conducted the Annual Review of Operations, and the annual Humanitarian Coordinator Appraisals. These reviews are an opportunity to discuss the full range of response contexts and issues facing the humanitarian system, to consider challenges and achievements in 2021 and highlight priorities for the year ahead. The EDG also conducted a one-week mission to Afghanistan to review the response and consider necessary global support to advocacy and operations. In late February the EDG also met to discuss the situation in Ukraine and the need for a scale up to international response and planning efforts.

#### Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluations

ICVA convened a meeting for NGOs with the Review Team Leader for the InterAgency Humanitarian Evaluation (IAHE) for the COVID-19 Response. This is the first IAHE of an IASC collective response to an infectious disease event and aimed to provide valuable learning for the humanitarian system. The review seeks to determine the extent to which the IASC member agencies' collective preparedness and response actions were relevant to addressing humanitarian needs in the context of the pandemic. It will assess the results achieved from these actions at the global, regional and country level in support of people, and with governments and local actors.

#### Civil 7 Working Group on Humanitarian Assistance and Conflict

The Civil Society 7 (C7) Group is one of the official Engagement Groups of the G7 and represents positions from the international civil society. It provides a platform through which representatives from non-governmental organisations worldwide can network in order to develop policy recommendations and enter into a dialogue with the G7. ICVA has taken on the role of co-chair of the Civil 7 Working Group on Humanitarian Assistance and Conflict. Following the important engagement of NGOs with the G7 Humanitarian Assistance and Famine Prevention Compact in 2021, this is a unique opportunity for NGOs to influence the G7 process and strengthen a specific focus on policy and advocacy related to humanitarian assistance and conflict.

## 8. Update on IASC Results groups

**RG 1 Sub-group on Localization: No meeting held-** No updates

**RG 1 Subgroup on Bureaucratic and Administrative Impediments (BAI):** No updates

**RG 2 Accountability and inclusion:** No updates

**RG 3 Subgroup Counter Terrorism:** No updates

**RG 5 Humanitarian Finance:** *See updates above under financing*

## 9. COVID-19 Vaccines

Are you an International and national NGO staff in fragile and humanitarian contexts and having challenges accessing the COVID-19 vaccinations (primary or boosters)? You can now access them through the UN Systemwide vaccination programme. Please contact the UN [local vaccine deployment coordinator](#) or ICVA for further details.

Ted Chaiban, has recently been appointed as Global Lead Coordinator for COVID-19 Country Readiness and Vaccine Delivery by UNICEF and GAVI to support countries with low COVID-19 vaccination rates to meet the WHO target of 70% population vaccination coverage by mid-year. His plan is to mobilise key in-country stakeholders, including NGOs to reach this target through a One Team approach. The vaccine delivery budget is expected to be \$500 million initially. His initial focus will be on 34 countries with intensive support to 10 countries: Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, DRC, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Somalia & Sudan. Contact in-country UNICEF and OCHA offices to find out how to engage.

- Please email [eileen.morrow@icvanetwork.org](mailto:eileen.morrow@icvanetwork.org) if you have queries or inputs on the COVAX humanitarian buffer, UN systemwide COVID-19 vaccination programme, or wish to join the COVID-19 WG mailing list and working group.

## 10. NGO Fora Support

### Expanding the capacity of NGOs fora in the greater horn of Africa

ICVA continues its support to the fora in Africa. ICVA is collaborating with the Building a Better Response (a joint program of the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, International Medical Corps and Concern Worldwide) to include NGO fora staff in trainings. A cohort began at the end of February covering Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan and Ethiopia.

- For further details please contact: Maxine Clayton at [advocacysupport@icvanetwork.org](mailto:advocacysupport@icvanetwork.org)

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## Transforming our Network

### 11. Champion Principled Humanitarian Action

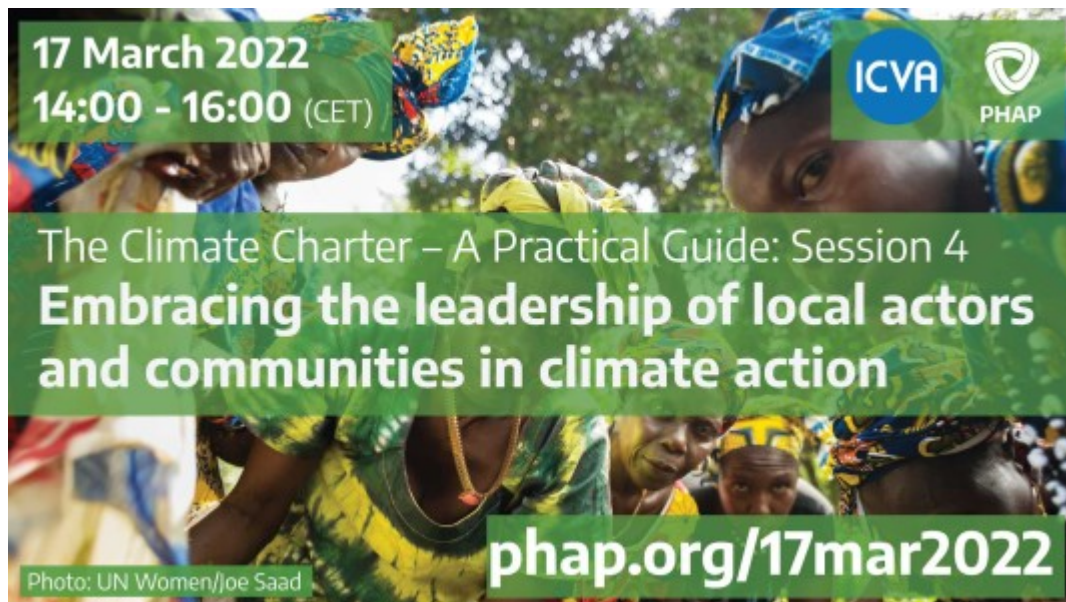
#### Civil Society Space in Humanitarian Action

The 49<sup>th</sup> regular session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) will be held from 28 February – 1 April 2022 addressing issues related to COVID-19, humanitarian action in many of the context's humanitarian organisations are working in. Check out more information on [schedules and events](#) happening during the session. You can also follow the live meetings via [UN web tv](#).

- For more information see ICVA's [Civil Society Space](#) webpage or contact: [nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org](mailto:nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org)

### 12. Address Impact of Climate Change on Humanitarian Action

#### Climate and Environment Action:



Webinar: Embracing the Leadership of Local Actors and Communities in Climate Action (17 March ,14:00 – 16:00 CET)

ICVA-PHAP is organising the 4<sup>th</sup> session of the [Learning Series on Climate Change and Humanitarian Action](#) with a focus on [Commitment #3](#) of the Climate and Environment Charter **Embracing the leadership of local actors and communities in climate action**. The commitment encourages learning from traditional and indigenous knowledge on mitigation and adaptation measures, including nature-based solutions. During the webinar, you will hear lessons learned and experiences from YAKKUM Emergency Unit from Indonesia, Centre for Disaster Preparedness from the Philippines, Candlelight from Somaliland and the Refugee Child's Coalition for Climate Action in Zimbabwe.

The webinar will also provide insight on how NGOs and local communities can work together to support local leadership in climate action as well as how to achieve meaningful and inclusive participation and leadership of local actors in programmes.

Don't miss out!

[Register now](#)

### **IPCC Sixth Assessment Report: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability**

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) published its [latest report](#) on the impacts, adaptation and vulnerabilities related to climate change. The report identifies 127 key risks with one of the main findings that climate change induced by humanity is already impacting nature and people more intensely, more frequently and over a wider geographical area than previously thought.

### **Applications for the 2022 Ashden Awards on clean energy – Deadline 15 March**

Is your project creating economic opportunities, skills and training for refugees and host communities? Then apply for the Ashden award where winners will receive a grant of £25,000. Check [application details](#) and more information.

- For more information visit ICVA's [Climate and Environment webpage](#) or contact: [nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org](mailto:nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org)

## **13. Be Globally Distributed and Locally Rooted**

### **Localisation**

See “Region specific” sections.

### **Nexus**

The Nexus Academy was [launched](#) in February. It is hosted by UNDP as a ‘common good’ designed and delivered by DAC members, the UN system, NGOs and a broad range of stakeholders. The first cohort began, and you can find more information on the academy and next cohorts [here](#).

The IASC RG4 met with three main points in the agenda on guidance and mapping of tools available for engaging and programming with the Peace Pillar, discussing the finding of the OECD DAC INCAF research on financing the Nexus, and provision of basic services applying a Nexus approach. Discussions also revolved on conditionalities of the humanitarian funding that may create incentives or disincentives to operational actors, as well as the importance to ensure clarity of the nature of needs the system wants to address and the appropriateness of actors involved in the response.

More information and materials will be provided to interested members soon. Further, the Community of Practice on the Nexus will hold a session in the month of March, on a country case to be confirmed.



- For more information on the work of ICVA on the HDP Nexus kindly contact [rotelli@icvanetwork.org](mailto:rotelli@icvanetwork.org)

## 14. Be Diverse, Inclusive and Live Our Values

### Child Rights

No updates

### Safeguarding

#### 2021 round of the PSEA Outreach Fund complete

The PSEA Community Outreach and Communication Fund has now completed its second round with all the 15 NGO beneficiaries completed their projects. Communities in the 15 countries where these NGOs operate are now week informed of the non-conditionality of humanitarian aid, the commitment of the sector to address impunity for sexual abuse and exploitation (SEA), and the existing possibilities to report SEA allegations. All products created through these projects will soon be publicly made available through the Fund's [Deliverables Database](#). The 2022 round of the PSEA Outreach Fund will be announced soon.

#### Partnerships and PSEA study

A new report is out! **Partnerships and PSEA - an analysis of recent case studies** was commissioned by SCHR and ICVA, reviewed by GCPS, with technical support from UNHCR. The report focuses on the important role played by partnerships in addressing allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) against aid workers. The main objectives included: examine in what ways the nature of relations between partner organisations (UN, NGOs, donors) has affected the quality of the response to allegations of SEA, in particular the impact on survivors, communities and programme continuity; identify and document good practice and learning in partnership response to SEA cases; and to provide findings that may inform ongoing efforts by donor governments, UN Agencies and NGOs to collectively strengthen the framework for prevention of SEA. [Download and read the full report](#).

#### Survey on Harmonised SEA Reporting

The lack of a standardised approach to the data collection, reporting and management of cases of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) remains a major challenge in the aid sector. In 2021, the CHS Alliance and SCHR, together with FCDO, agreed on a project concept to develop a harmonised framework for SEAH data collection and reporting in the aid sector (humanitarian and development). A first phase was carried out from May to October 2021. You can find the report [here](#). CHS Alliance, SCHR and GCPS Consulting are now conducting the second phase of the project and are looking for inputs through consultation and a survey on a harmonised framework for SEA reporting. You are invited to fill the [survey](#) by 18 March. Also available in [French](#).

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## 15. Proactively Engage in Agile Collaborative Partnerships

Partnership support by SAP to the Ukraine humanitarian crisis.

[SAP](#) are offering their technology and support free to humanitarian organisations responding to the crisis in Ukraine. The technology supports refugee registration, accommodation search and booking; matching and optimising donation supply and demand; goods procurement via access to their massive global business network; refugee and NGO employee wellbeing, and; volunteer management. Please write to [info@impact17.net](mailto:info@impact17.net) with a brief description of your organisation, and scale and impact of activities. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that all requests will receive a response.

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## Region Specific

### 16. Africa

#### Food insecurity

A large-scale emergency response is critically needed to urgently mitigate an acceleration in food insecurity and excess mortality in Ethiopia, northern Kenya, and most parts of Somalia. This is due to the current severe drought and uncertainty around the performance of the March to May 2022 rainfall season. Regardless of whether the next season's rainfall performance is good or poor, high levels of food insecurity are expected to continue in drought-affected areas through at least September 2022. Further advocacy for resources to respond to life-threatening levels of food insecurity and malnutrition, as well as protect livelihoods, is needed. ICVA is working with the Somalia NGO Consortium in the creation of a 'Somalia Drought Advocacy Hub' with technical and academic experts on and from the region, to support collective NGO advocacy on the latest research and contextual knowledge to inform programming and advocacy for timely and equitable action.

#### **Support to NGOs in Uganda and Cameroon to establish a baseline on the current state of localisation to start soon.**

This project, in partnership with the Humanitarian Advisory Group (HAG), aims at supporting NGOs in defining clear criteria to establish the current state of local NGOs in terms of access to funding, meaningful participation in the humanitarian architecture and institutional strength. It also aims to develop concrete actions in support of the localisation agenda in Uganda and Cameroon. Following preparatory works ICVA has visited the partners in Uganda with visits in eastern Uganda refugee settlements (Kyangwali). A visit to Cameroon is being organised for the month of March 2022.

#### **Recruitment of the Dakar-based ICVA representative for West and Central Africa ongoing.**

This recruitment is key to ICVA's plan to re-open an office in Dakar beginning of Q2 2022, in order to better support members in that region and in the regional coordination mechanisms. Interviews have been ongoing, and the name of the selected candidate will be announced in March.

#### **Briefing to members**

The team has been briefing incoming members' staff who are in advocacy and coordination, in order to bring them up to speed on the main issues in the region and ways to engage with ICVA. We invite members to contact us for any briefing or update.

- For more information or to be included in the ICVA Africa Working Group List, please connect with [marco.rotelli@icvanetwork.org](mailto:marco.rotelli@icvanetwork.org) or [addis.tesfa@icvanetwork.org](mailto:addis.tesfa@icvanetwork.org)

### 17. Asia and the Pacific

## **Briefing on Thailand Not-for-Profit (NPO) draft Bill**

On February 10, 2022, ICVA together with the International Center for Not-for-Profit Bill (ICNL) hosted a briefing on the Thai Draft Act on the Operation of Not-for-Profit Organizations for humanitarian organisations with a presence in Thailand and the region. The first iteration of the Bill was approved by the Thai Cabinet in February 2021 and has continued to draw strong criticism nationally and internationally with concerns raised around the implications for the day-to-day operations of civil society groups and organisations. The briefing provided a legal analysis of the draft Bill and included input from Thai civil society on the discussions that have taken place at country level around the Bill.

## **2022 Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week (RHPW)**

The 2022 RHPW Building a More Inclusive Humanitarian Ecosystem took place between 31 January to 4 February with 340 participants joining from 47 countries. The event was jointly organised by ICVA, UN OCHA, CWS Asia and ADRRN and InsightPact. The concept note and resources list from the event can be found on [ICVA's website](#).

## **Briefing Paper on the Current Situation for National NGOs in Afghanistan**

ICVA has commissioned a team of consultants to conduct a study on the situation of NGOs in Afghanistan, particularly national NGOs. The report will be made available soon, for updates please stay tuned.

- For more information about ICVA's work in Asia and Pacific, contact Keya Saha-Chaudhury, [keya.sahachaudhury@icvanetwork.org](mailto:keya.sahachaudhury@icvanetwork.org).

## **18. Latin America**

The Coalition LAC-RMD and ICVA are facilitating an encounter between Foras in the region. Further, a tentative schedule of the Work Plan of the 2022 Humanitarian Program Cycle of the North of Central America, workshops have been organised to support this process in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. The objective of the workshops is to prepare work plans in each country and schedules of key activities.

- For more information or to be included in the ICVA Latam Mailing List, please connect with [lina.gomez@icvanetwork.org](mailto:lina.gomez@icvanetwork.org).

## **19. MENA**

### **ICVA Member Meeting – Yemen**

Based on expressions of interest from ICVA members on greater coordination in advocacy and influencing work in Yemen, ICVA convened a meeting on February 28 to connect NGOs engaged in Yemen from local to global level. The aim was to facilitate joint analysis of key access challenges and for members to share their influencing and advocacy engagements, identify gaps and engagement opportunities, and set priority actions for collective action. Depending on interest from members, the goal is to establish a Yemen focused working group and more regular meetings going forward to strengthen advocacy and influencing work.

### **The Yemen 2022: High-level Pledging Event for the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen**

This event will take place on Wednesday, 16 March 2022 and will be hosted by the United Nations and the Governments of Sweden and Switzerland. There will be one registration per delegation. Check out more information and [registration](#) details.

### **The Localization Baseline Initiative in Yemen**

ICVA in partnership with HAG and in close collaboration with local members in Yemen continued to meet with several members and partners in Yemen to collate inputs to develop the localization baselining. The main purpose of the different discussions was to facilitate communication between local and international NGO fora, OCHA, and ICVA partners. ICVA regional teams hosted interactive and participatory workshops at the country level to define what success looks like, and what are the main objectives and indicators to be measured in order to monitor progress and success. The first workshop was conducted in collaboration with 15 local CSO members and HAG team to contextualize the Localization Measurement Framework. The second workshop was moderated by a local researcher/consultant in Yemen. The main objectives were to discuss the current situation of the local actors after seven years of conflict, to reach an agreement on what success looks like linked to the key localization areas.

### **Advancing NEXUS in MENA: Breaking the Silos**

ICVA is currently conducting a research on NEXUS in MENA (Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus- HDP). The purpose of this research is to better understand the current stage of implementation of NEXUS approach in eight countries throughout MENA (whole of Syria which includes Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria cross border response in Turkey), Iraq, OPT, Libya & Yemen) and how localization can be interconnected with NEXUS to create a holistic approach. ICVA aims to share the research findings and recommendations by April 2022. Stay tuned.

### **MENA Climate Week**

The first-ever MENA Climate Week is set to build on the outcomes of COP26 and explore resilience against climate risks, the transition to a low-emission economy and collaboration to solve pressing challenges. MENACW 2022 will accelerate collaboration and integrate climate action into global pandemic recovery. This opens an opportunity for regional stakeholders to address social inequalities and invest in economic development that is good for humanity and nature. Registration information can be found [here](#).

- For more information or to be included in the ICVA MENA Mailing List, please connect with [eman.ismail@icvanetwork.org](mailto:eman.ismail@icvanetwork.org) or [stephanie.yousef@icvanetwork.org](mailto:stephanie.yousef@icvanetwork.org)

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## **Learning Opportunities**

### **20. Free Learning Resources on Essential Humanitarian Skills**

Explore [DisaterReady's](#) engaging courses and downloadable guides for humanitarian and development professionals around the world.

### **21. The Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies has a range of Online Short Courses coming up**

The courses explore key aspects of humanitarian action including negotiation, protection, cash and voucher assistance and media relations. See the full [course catalogue](#) and also catch up on their recent [achievements](#).

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## New and noteworthy

**22. ICVA is a consortium partner of the Safeguarding Resources and Support Hub** that aims to support organisations to strengthen their safeguarding policy and practice against SEAH. Learn more about this [programme](#). If you are interested to be part of the Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub's pool of consultants then send your CV to the [Regional Associate](#) and [HR](#) to receive an application package.

**23. Register now for the Humanitarian Networks and Partnership (HNPW) Weeks from 2-20 May 2022**

The HNPW 2022 will be held in a hybrid format with discussions around 9 areas of concern. Check out the event [registration and more details](#).

**24. European Humanitarian Forum:** The European Commission and the French Presidency of the Council of the EU are happy to inform you that the European Humanitarian Forum will take place, in hybrid format, on 21-23 March 2022 in Brussels. DG ECHO has developed a dedicated [website](#) for the EHF 2022. The website includes detailed information about the forum in Brussels including information and results of the events from the fields in the run up to the EHF.

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## Agenda

**March 7-18:** World Bank Fragility Forum

**March 08-10:** UNHCR 83<sup>rd</sup> Standing Committee

**March 17:** [ICVA Learning Series Session 4: Embracing the leadership of local actors and communities in climate action](#)

**March 21-23:** [European Humanitarian Forum](#)

**May 2-20:** 8<sup>th</sup> [Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week](#) (HNPW 2022)

**May 17-20:** International Migration Review Forum

**May 18:** [ICVA @60 commemoration](#)

**May 23 -28:** Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022, Indonesia

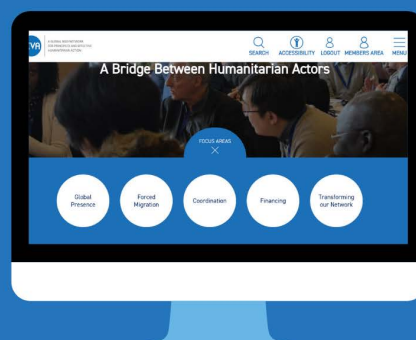
**June 7-10:** UNHCR Global Consultations with NGOs

**June 21:** UN Humanitarian Affairs Segment

**June TBD:** Grand Bargain Annual Meeting

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