Mr. Andreas Kamm has been Secretary General of the Danish Refugee Council since July 1998. In the course of the 37 years Mr Andreas Kamm has been with the Danish Refugee Council he has worked within technical as well as management areas. Mr Kamm is a Master of Arts in history and has worked for some years as a teacher and later principal of one of the the Danish Refugee Council's language schools, as educational advisor as well as labour market advisor. For a number of years Mr Kamm was head of the Danish Refugee Council’s Central Integration Department, Copenhagen. Since 1996 he was in office as Deputy Secretary General until he was appointed Secretary General in 1998. Mr Andreas Kamm is a member of the Danish official delegation to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees’ annual Executive Meetings. Mr Kamm was chairman of the Humanitarian Accountability Partnership (HAP) in Geneva (2007-09), chairman of ECRE, the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (2009-15), and chairman of the Council of Human Rights (under Institute for Human Rights) (2015-)

Mr. Morten Jespersen is Under-Secretary for Global Development and Cooperation in Danida. The Centre for Global Development and Cooperation has overall responsibility for safeguarding and promoting Danish interests within priority areas of foreign and development policy, including Danish development policy cooperation across bilateral and multilateral activities. The Centre also promotes green growth and employment in developing countries and emerging economies, development and implementation of humanitarian efforts, as well as development cooperation through popular organisations. Prior to August 2013 Mr. Jespersen was Ambassador to the Danish Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal from 2010 to 2013. Mr. Jespersen has a Master of Political Science and a Post Graduate Degree in East Asian Area Studies.

Emil Bech Andersen is currently Deputy Head of Policy and Strategy at the European Commission’s department for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO). Before joining ECHO in 2013, he held various positions in the Secretariat General of the European Commission. Previously, Emil worked at the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in areas including development assistance, trade promotion and European external relations. Emil has a degree in political science from University of Copenhagen and holds a Master of International Public Management from Ecole Nationale d'Administration (l'ENA, France).
Hany Abdel Gawad El-Banna OBE is the co-founder of Islamic Relief, the largest Western-based international Muslim relief and development NGO, established in 1984 in Birmingham, UK. Since leaving Islamic Relief in 2008, Dr. El-Banna founded the Muslim Charities Forum (MCF), and The Humanitarian Forum. Both organisations seek to foster partnerships and closer co-operation among the humanitarian and charitable organisations from Muslim countries and their Western counterparts. He is also the chairman of the Zakat House, a social enterprise helping new and growing charities. He has visited over 60 countries on behalf of these organisations. Dr El-Banna was in 2004 awarded the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II. Amongst other prominent awards, he has received the Ibn Khaldun Award for Excellence in Promoting Understanding between Global Cultures and Faiths (2004, UK), the Kashmiri and Pakistani Professional Association Award (2005), and the Asian Jewel Lifetime Achievement Award (2006). The University of Birmingham has furthermore awarded him an honorary doctorate.

Smruti Patel is the founder of the Global Mentoring Initiative (GMI), based in Geneva. Her role is to develop the strategy and lead the design of the Organisational Mentoring programme and to engage with stakeholders in the sector to identify the strategic partners and mentors and future collaboration with GMI. Previously, she lead the development of Network of Empowered Aid Response (NEAR) from idea on paper to the launch of the network at the World Humanitarian Summit in May 2016. She carried out the country and global consultation process to identify issues that affect local and national NGOs and to shape the network governance and activities. Formerly, the Head of Services and Certification at Humanitarian Accountability Partnership International, she has expertise in accountability and quality management in humanitarian action. She has accompanied and mentored accountability focal points from HAP member agencies and provided strategic advice to NGO senior management on quality management systems. Smruti has also worked as a consultant and advisor to many National and International NGOs. She was a member of the Tsunami Evaluation team for Multi-Agency Thematic Evaluation: Impact of the tsunami response on local and national capacities.

Key Notes

Session 1

Presenting Examples of Diaspora Humanitarianism from Somalia, Syria and Sierra Leone

Kippy Agyei is the founder and International Director of Heaven Homes (HH) and Children’s Centers, a registered charity in the UK and Sierra Leone. HH aims to meet the fundamental needs of their beneficiaries by providing holistic care in purpose built Children’s Homes and empowering them. Kiptieu worked as a Probation Prosecutor for the National Probation Service for 10 years and has trained as a Probation Officer. She possesses specialist skills in devising, and delivering Cognitive Behavioral programmes, working with victims and their family to facilitate reconciliation, and experience in one-to-one as well as group counselling, psycho-social therapy. In 2013, Kiptieu was awarded the prestigious Changing Lives Award for her contribution to offender management and rehabilitation at London Probation Trust. She speaks two of the indigenous languages in Sierra Leone.

Fadi Al Dairi is the co-founder of and Country Director in Turkey for Hand in Hand for Syria, which is a humanitarian and development organization founded by Syrian Diaspora living in the UK that helps those affected by the conflict, with special interest in Health, WASH, FSL & Shelter. Hand in Hand for Syria implement its own projects and has private fund and also institutional funding through INGOs. It supports other relief committees by providing GIK. Advocacy plays a major role in the organization’s strategy where issues affecting Syrians are highlighted, in addition to raise fund for areas under besiegement.
Fatumo Farah is the Director of HIRD foundation since January 2008. HIRD foundation is one of the leading migrant development organizations in the Netherlands focusing on linking migration and development. Fatumo Farah advocates the diaspora contribution to development of the home countries. She was co-chair of the GFMD 2015 and the civil society steering committee that has supported UN-NGLS preparation of the UN summit for refugee and migrant in 2016. She is also a board member of the platform of the Dutch development organization (Partos) and advisory board member of Global Somali Diaspora (GSD). Before joining HIRD, Fatumo worked for four years as trainee accountant with KPMG. Fatumo Farah has graduated with a Master’s degree in Business Administration and Financial Control at the Free University in Amsterdam.

Moderator:

Onyekachi Wambu is Director at AFFORD, a charity that seeks to enhance the contributions that Africans in the diaspora make to Africa’s development. He was educated at the University of Essex and completed his M.Phil in International Relations at Selwyn College, Cambridge. Before AFFORD, he worked extensively as a journalist and television producer, with periods at the BBC, Channel 4, PBS and as editor of The Voice Newspaper. Onyekachi’s publications include Under the Tree of Talking: Leadership for Change in Africa (ed) and Empire Windrush: 50 years of writing about black Britain (ed). His previous positions at AFFORD, include head of communications, and Director of Strategy and Policy.

Session 2

DEMAC: Findings and Recommendations

Mingo Heiduk Tetsche has been working within the field of diaspora engagement in humanitarian assistance and development since 2012. She is heading Danish Refugee Council’s Diaspora Programme, which supports and enhances the role of diaspora as agents of humanitarian assistance and development in their country of origin. Through this position, Mingo has initiated the DiaGram network of organisations supporting diaspora engagement, as well as DEMAC. Mingo has contributed to reports and analyses in regard to DRC’s experience with diasporas, and has presented knowledge gained at seminars and conferences. Mingo holds a master’s degree in Comparative Religion and has been working with project management in the development and humanitarian sector since 2007.

Dr Melissa Phillips is a non-resident Fellow at the Center on International Cooperation (New York University) and an Honorary Fellow at the University of Melbourne (School of Social and Political Sciences). She is currently based in Tunisia and has academic expertise on issues related to migration, mobility and displacement that is informed by her work in the field. Melissa has previously worked for the Danish Refugee Council in the Middle East as well as Libya and the Horn of Africa. She also worked for UN OCHA and the NGO forum in South Sudan. Melissa has experience working with asylum seekers in immigration detention for the Australian Red Cross, supporting community based asylum seekers in the UK, and managed a refugee resettlement project in Australia. She completed her Doctorate at the University of Melbourne in 2013 and her published work focuses on multiculturalism, rights for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers especially during transit, and settlement. Melissa is an Advisor for the NGO platform Urban Refugees and the International Detention Coalition and an Assistant Editor at the Journal of Intercultural Studies.
Diaspora Humanitarianism: transnational ways of working

**El-Khidir Daloum** built accumulative experience over 25 years in International Development and Humanitarianism. Previously, he worked with Saferworld as their Director of Programmes for Africa and Middle East (2013 - 15). Also he worked as Regional Director for Latin America, the Caribbean, Middle East and South East Europe for a period of five years (2008 – 2012) with Save the Children. He held a number of positions with Save the Children UK since joining the organisation in June 1991. El-Khidir previously worked at the Government of Sudan Ministry of Finance & Economic Planning, as a Financial Analyst (1986 – 1990), and with the British Government’s Overseas Development Agency (now DFID) in Strengthening Regional Planning in Darfur (1990 – 1991). El-Khidir holds a BSc (1985) in Econometrics from the University of Khartoum and an MSc (1999) in Social Policy, Planning and Participation in Developing Countries from the London School of Economics & Political Science.

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**Eva Svoboda** is Research Fellow at the Humanitarian Policy Group of the Oversea Development Institute in London. Her current research focuses on access, protection of civilians and humanitarian action in general. From 1999 to 2012 she held various positions within the ICRC in operational contexts in the Middle East, Africa and Asia as well as Headquarters dealing with policy issues. She has recently co-authored a paper with the title “International and local/diaspora actors in the Syrian Response” and also researched on aid in areas controlled by the Islamic State.

**Moderator:**

**Astrid de Valon** is coordinating the Inter Agency Standing Committee task team on Accountability to Affected Populations and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. She is combining private sector experience in strategy with 12 years of management of humanitarian programs in complex environments in the Great Lakes and the Horn of Africa, in coordination and advisory positions with UN Agencies, International NGOs, the European Union and the OECD. Astrid holds an MBA from ESSEC Business School and Universität Manheim and a diploma of Humanitarian Assistance with Liverpool School of Medicine. She is a passionate advocate for the right to life with dignity.
Challenges in Coordinating an enhanced response: How to enhance response capacity through partnering and complementarity?

Fadi Al Dairi – See session 1

Gareth Owen has a background in Civil Engineering and has spent the last 20 years working in humanitarian aid. He started out in the Somalia and Angola conflicts in logistics and security management for Concern worldwide, then worked in Nepal as a water engineer with VSO. He was also Country Director in Uganda and Head of Mission in Kosovo for Action Contre la Faim and ran the Gujarat earthquake response for Oxfam. Gareth joined Save the Children UK in January 2002 as an Emergency Advisor and became Humanitarian Director in 2007. A senior humanitarian practitioner, Gareth has led operational responses in every major emergency over the past decade, most notably the Iraq conflict, the Asian tsunami, Cyclone Nargis, Haiti, Pakistan, East Africa, Niger and Philippines. Gareth has played a pivotal role in the strategic growth of Save the Children’s humanitarian activities over the past decade and today he leads a diverse department of more than 200 humanitarian staff. He was awarded an OBE in the 2013 Queen’s Birthday Honours list for services to emergency crisis response abroad.

Moderator:

Heba Aly is the director of www.irinnews.org, the go-to source for field reporting and expert analysis about humanitarian crises. A Canadian-Egyptian multimedia journalist, Heba spent one decade reporting from conflict zones in the Middle East, Africa and Central Asia before moving into management. Her work for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, the Christian Science Monitor, Bloomberg News and IRIN, among others, took her to places like Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Chad and Libya; and she received a grant from the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting for her work in northern Sudan. Heba played a key role in IRIN’s successful spin-off from the United Nations. As a non-profit media outlet, IRIN is now one of few independent voices in the aid industry able to cast a critical, analytical eye on humanitarian response. Heba is a regular commentator on humanitarian policy issues in her published work, in governmental briefings and at conferences around the world. She speaks English, French, Arabic and Spanish.

Session 3

Exploring Spaces for Collaboration – the way ahead

Memuna Janneh is the founder of LunchBoxGift, an emergency appeal that provides nutrition and sustenance to communities in crisis or in need. LunchBoxGift provided tens of thousands of fresh, home cooked meals to patients and healthcare workers in Sierra Leone, at the height of the Ebola crisis. Now a fully registered charity in the UK and Sierra Leone, LunchBoxGift primary focus is to provide nutrition and food security for children orphaned by the disease. Memuna is also a Business Intelligence and Finance systems Consultant with over 25 years of experience in business development and financial reporting. Memuna is highly specialised in providing group consolidation and visualisation solutions for multinational companies around the world, with a client footprint in over a dozen countries in Europe, Middle East, Africa and USA.
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Elisah Mbiza is an advocate of social justice issues and is passionate on promoting justice, equality and power issues that lie at the root of poverty and exploitation. She is also a researcher in humanitarian action issues. Since August 2015, Elisah has been working with the newly launched, Network of Empowered Aid Response (NEAR), and helped turn the vision of a global network for local and national organizations into a reality. She has assisted in membership engagement and coordination as well as managing external partnerships for the network. Originally from Zimbabwe, she now lives and works in Geneva, Switzerland. Elisah is the Network Coordinator for NEAR.

Robert Smith is Chief of OCHA’s Partnerships Coordination Section, which launches and maintains OCHA’s long-term strategic partnerships with key humanitarian actors of many types. Previously he was Head of the World Humanitarian Summit Secretariat’s Geneva office, leading the Summit preparations in Europe, and Chief of OCHA's Common Humanitarian Action Planning Section, which coordinated strategic humanitarian response plans and monitoring for the major humanitarian crises. Before joining OCHA, he worked with Oxfam, CARE, IRC, WaterAid and other NGOs in emergencies and development for 10 years, mostly in Africa (DR Congo, Mali, Mozambique, Zambia, Congo-Brazzaville and Angola, plus Brazil). Robert completed a Ph.D. in Development Studies at the University of London, with original research on land tenure issues, and has published three peer-reviewed articles in top social-science journals. He comes originally from Boston, USA.

Moderator:

Paul Knox Clarke is Head of Research in the humanitarian network ALNAP. In this role he is particularly engaged with issues of how well the humanitarian ‘system’ performs, and how response can be improved. He has a background in anthropology and has worked with Save the Children and with WFP. He worked in humanitarian response operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, Sri Lanka, Kenya and Mali, before moving to concentrate on the dynamics of humanitarian organisations and the humanitarian system. Paul has provided policy advice and contributed to organisational effectiveness programmes for a wide variety of donor, UN and NGO organisations. He has conducted and published research on humanitarian leadership and coordination, the quality and use of evidence in humanitarian action, organisational and systemic change, and accountability and participation.