

GLOBAL CASH FORUM: ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

KEYNOTE



ANDROULLA KAMINARA

**DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA, ASIA, LATIN AMERICA, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EUROPEAN CIVIL PROTECTION AND
HUMANITARIAN AID OPERATIONS (ECHO) OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

Androulla was previously Principal Adviser and Head of Task Force “Knowledge, Performance and Results” in the Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development – EuropeAid - of the European Commission from 2014–16.

Androulla was the European Union Fellow at the European Studies Centre of St. Antony’s College, Oxford University for 2012–13 and the EU Academic Visitor for 2013–14 at the same center. She is currently a Senior Common Room member of St. Antony’s.

From 2008–12, she was the Head of the European Commission Representation in Cyprus and from 2006–08, Androulla was the Director for Quality of Operations in EuropeAid.

She has also been Head of Unit for the coordination of development co-operation projects and programs of the EC in 44 West & Central African and Caribbean countries as well as having served as a member of cabinet in the offices of two European Commission Commissioners. Before joining the Commission she was special adviser to two cabinet Ministers in Greece and Managing Director of a private consultancy firm.

OPENING REMARKS



NIGEL TIMMINS

**HUMANITARIAN DIRECTOR AND CHAIR OF CaLP BOARD
OXFAM INTERNATIONAL**

Nigel joined Oxfam in January 2012 with almost twenty years’ experience in the relief and development sector. He has worked for Action Contre la Faim, Tearfund and Christian Aid, moving from roles in engineering to management. He has been involved in a number of humanitarian responses, including the Great Lakes of Africa, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sudan and South Sudan, countries affected by the Asian Tsunami, Haiti and Syria among others.

He also acted as the focal point for disaster risk reduction in the 2011 revision of the SPHERE Handbook: Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response. He was a co-author of the Core Humanitarian Standard. He is interested in issues of resilience, how to better enable the emergence of local capacity, and organisational learning and performance. Nigel is also a Trustee of the Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR).

FORMAL WELCOME



MANUEL BESSLER

AMBASSADOR

DELEGATE FOR HUMANITARIAN AID AND HEAD OF SWISS HUMANITARIAN AID (SHA)

SWISS AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SDC)

Manuel Bessler, born in Zurich, studied law at the University of Zurich and at Harvard Law School. After working as a lawyer in Zurich, he joined the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in 1991 and among other things worked as the legal advisor of the ICRC Delegation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, head of the ICRC Sub-Delegation in Jerusalem, liaison- and information delegate in Haiti, and head of the ICRC Mission in Chechnya and of the ICRC Delegation in Iraq.

In 1994, Manuel Bessler worked on the military desk of the Force Inspector General of the United Nations Protection Force in the former Yugoslavia (UNPROFOR). From 2000–11, he worked in the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations (OCHA), initially in the Division for Humanitarian Policy in New York and later as head of the OCHA Office in Jerusalem. From April 2009–11, he headed the OCHA Office in Pakistan.

In October 2011, Manuel Bessler took up the post of head of the Department of Humanitarian Aid within the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

MODERATORS



CHRISTINA BENNETT

HEAD OF THE HUMANITARIAN POLICY GROUP

OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (ODI)

Christina Bennett is the head of the Humanitarian Policy Group at the Overseas Development Institute. She has more than 15 years of experience in humanitarian policy and programming has lived and worked in Afghanistan, Pakistan and South Sudan. While at HPG, Christina has focused on analysing the changing humanitarian landscape, including the evolution of cash assistance, and its implications for humanitarian principles, architecture and partnerships. Christina was the lead author for ODI's 2016 flagship publication, *Time to let go: Remaking humanitarian action for the modern era*, published ahead of the World Humanitarian Summit.

Prior to joining HPG, Christina was the Chief of Policy Analysis and Innovation at the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), where she led OCHA's analytical efforts on a range of humanitarian policy issues, including aid effectiveness, risk and resilience and humanitarian action in the network age.



THABANI MAPHOSA

VICE PRESIDENT FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE

WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL

Thabani Maphosa is the Vice President for Food Assistance at World Vision International and the Senior Director for the Food and Livelihoods team at World Vision US. In these roles, he leads a global team of dozens of technical specialists across World Vision to deliver quality food assistance programmes. In 2016, Mr. Maphosa's team implemented food assistance and cash transfer programmes in 39 countries, reaching 9.5 million of the world's most vulnerable men, women and children. Mr. Maphosa sits on the Board of Directors for the Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP) and is World Vision's official representative to the World Food Programme and the Global Food Security Cluster.

For more than a decade, Mr. Maphosa has held senior leadership roles in Food Assistance—beginning as the Director of Programme Development, followed by the Director of Operations & Strategy and ultimately the role of the Vice President, which he took on in 2014. Prior to joining World Vision, Mr. Maphosa held positions at the University of Zimbabwe and at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Mr. Maphosa holds a Master of Arts in Agriculture and a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science, both from the University of Zimbabwe. He believes a hunger-free world is possible and is committed to making it so.



BEN PARKER

SENIOR EDITOR

IRIN

Now head of investigative and enterprise projects for the humanitarian news service IRIN, Ben has been working in humanitarian affairs, online media and fragile states for more than 20 years. In 2013, he was the director of communications for the UN in Mogadishu. Before that he headed UN OCHA in Damascus and in Nairobi. Ben has worked for various agencies in East Africa and in the private sector with Africa Online. He was closely involved with emergencies in Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan and Darfur.

SPEAKERS



DR SITHAMPARAPILLAI AMALANATHAN

ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

MINISTRY OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT, SRI LANKA

Dr Amalanathan is a senior civil servant representing the Sri Lanka Administrative Service (SLAS). He is currently responsible for Disaster Management, Relief service and Recovery as Additional Secretary at the Ministry of Disaster Management in Sri Lanka.

With a PhD (economics), he is an expert of field administration, people mobilization, relief management and recovery, and partnership and coordination with humanitarian agencies. He has led a series of programmes on establishing household food security and development of community assets using rural infrastructure.



JONATHAN CAMPBELL

DEPUTY COUNTRY DIRECTOR, TURKEY

WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (WFP)

Jonathan is the WFP Deputy Country Director in Turkey, and led the team that conceived, wrote and developed the Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN) in Turkey which is now being implemented by WFP, Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) and the Government of Turkey with funding from ECHO in support of those living under protection in Turkey. Before that, he had overall responsibility for implementing WFP's project assisting Syrian refugees in Jordan, including those in the camps and living in Jordanian communities.

A long-term WFP staff member, Jonathan has worked predominantly in emergencies, serving with WFP in the following positions before coming to the Syria Crisis:



GABRIEL FERNANDEZ

NATIONAL SOCIAL PROTECTION COORDINATOR AND HEAD OF THE CASH WORKING GROUP IN LIBERIA

MINISTRY OF GENDER, CHILDREN AND SOCIAL PROTECTION, LIBERIA

Gabriel Fernandez has over 10 years' experience in social protection, and is currently the National Social Protection Coordinator in the Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection in Liberia. He supports the Ministry in its oversight role, coordination and policy guidance for the social protection sector in Liberia. Also, he provides technical support for implementation and coordination of cash transfers as part of building a social protection system, and played a lead role in coordinating over 17 humanitarian partners during the recent Ebola crisis in 2014, who collectively provided cash transfers to about 166,000 households benefiting over 800,000 individuals in restoring their livelihood and building their resilience. At the policy level, he coordinated and facilitated the development of Liberia's national social protection strategy and policy, and assisted with the integration of social protection as a sector in Liberia's "Agenda for Transformation" - its 5 years Development Plan (2012–17). Finally, at the regional level he is a member of the Steering Committee of the Africa Community of Practice on Cash Transfers, a community of practice established since 2011, facilitated and supported by the World Bank and UNICEF.



PAULA GIL BAIZAN

GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN DIRECTOR CASH-BASED PROGRAMMING

WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL

Paula Gil Baizan is a financial assistance expert with more than 14 years' experience in strategic planning, operations management and the development of policy thinking. She has operational experience in natural disasters and fragile contexts with ICRC and Save the Children in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. Paula is interested in new business models and the use of technology in aid. She is currently World Vision's Global Humanitarian Director for cash based programming in Geneva.



ERNESTO GONZALEZ

PROGRAMME OFFICER, CASH-BASED TRANSFERS

WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (WFP)

Ernesto is the regional advisor for cash-based programmes at the WFP bureau for Central and Eastern Africa. Originally from Mexico, he has spent the last 15 years working in food security and market-based programmes in sub-Saharan Africa. Ernesto's particular interests are emergency preparedness, technological innovation and nutrition-sensitive interventions in cash programmes. He holds a PhD in Agricultural Economics.



ALEX GRAY

**GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN DIRECTOR
RELIEF INTERNATIONAL**

Alex is Global Humanitarian Director for Relief International, where he also leads the organization's cash institutionalization efforts. Alex comes with over a decade of experience in the humanitarian sector, having held numerous leadership positions in various INGOs at the global level and in large humanitarian responses globally. He is a strong cash advocate, and has led, designed and delivered many large-scale cash programmes throughout his career. Alex is currently serving on the Strategic Advisory Committee of the North America Cash Working Group, and on the Steering Committee of the Collaborative Cash Delivery (CCD) Platform, a collaborative partnership between international NGOs that focuses on enabling non-governmental organizations to respond with cash quickly and at-scale. He is also a guest lecturer, faculty member and leadership coach on the Humanitarian Leadership Programme at Deakin University in Melbourne.



ORHAN HACIMEHMET

**PROGRAMME COORDINATOR OF ESSN PROGRAMME
TURKISH RED CRESCENT**

Orhan was born in Damascus and has a BA in Economics. He has held different senior management positions within The Saudi Specialized Publishing Co. (Media sector), The International Bank for Trade and Finance (retail and corporate), and the Assistance Coordination Unit (Humanitarian Coordination). Since the beginning of 2017 he started the position of Coordinator of Kizilaykart Cash Based Assistance Programmes, TRCS.



EMILY HENDERSON

**HUMANITARIAN ADVISOR CASH (CHASE OT)
DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (DFID), UK**

Emily Henderson is a Humanitarian Advisor at DFID. Emily has worked for more than 10 years in the humanitarian sector, previously with Oxfam in many different market related roles. She is well known to the markets and cash community for the innovative work she has done, driving this agenda forward in the sector. Emily has a Masters in Agricultural Development from Institut National Agronomique de Paris Grignon.



JEREMY KONYNDYK

**SENIOR POLICY FELLOW
CENTER FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT**

Jeremy Konyndyk is a senior policy fellow at the Center for Global Development. His research focuses on humanitarian response, USAID policy reform, and global outbreak preparedness.

He previously served in the Obama Administration from 2013–17 as the director of USAID's Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), where he led the US government's response to international disasters. Konyndyk led a global team of nearly 600 humanitarian professionals, managed annual resources of more than \$1.4 billion, and oversaw OFDA's responses to an average of 70 disasters in 50 countries every year. He led major US government humanitarian responses to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa, the 2016 Ethiopia Drought, the complex emergency in Northern Nigeria, the Nepal earthquake, the Iraq crisis, Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, the conflict in South Sudan, and the ongoing war inside Syria, among other crises. He also led the Agency's preparations for the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit.



WAHEED LOR MEHDIABADI

CHIEF OF CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS

UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR)

Waheed Lor-Mehdiabadi, joined UNHCR in February 2015 as the Chief of the Cash- Based Interventions Section. Waheed has over 25 years of technical and management experience in complex emergency, recovery and development contexts, including a number of senior advisory, operational, consulting and coordination responsibilities with INGOs, UN agencies, UN Resident & Humanitarian Coordination, World Bank, multinationals, public sector and EU institutions.

Waheed has wide ranging experience and understanding of the corporate systems, operations and programme design and delivery in diverse country contexts, including Iraq, Somalia, South Sudan, Kenya, Nepal, Italy, Belgium, Pakistan, Kosovo and Macedonia. More specific to Cash, as Senior Team leader in 2008, Waheed helped develop ECHO's first corporate policy on the funding of Cash-based initiatives. From 2008–10, he initiated and led the process of corporate mainstreaming and operationalization of Cash-based Transfers in WFP.



PAULA REED LYNCH

DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND RESOURCES PLANNING

US STATE DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF POPULATION, REFUGEES AND MIGRATION (PRM)

Paula Reed Lynch is Director of the Office of Policy and Resources Planning in the State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM), where she is charged with the Bureau's policy development, budget formulation, Congressional relations, civil-military relations, strategic planning and monitoring & evaluation processes. Paula's humanitarian experience includes being elected Rapporteur of UNHCR's Executive Committee, developing PRM's first policies on refugee women and on refugee children, adjusting PRM's budget to be universal, and drafting guidance for "Monitoring Protection."



DR JOANNA MACRAE

DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIPS

GIVE DIRECTLY

Dr Joanna Macrae is the Director of European Partnerships at GiveDirectly, a US-based NGO that aims to transform international aid by scaling up the use of cash-based programming. She is also a Visiting Fellow at the Center for Global Development. Joanna is recognised internationally for her expertise in humanitarian policy, research and innovation management. At DFID, she led the UK's contribution to the World Humanitarian Summit, with a focus on humanitarian financing and new approaches to addressing protracted crises. She also established an award-winning programme to accelerate humanitarian innovation and to promote more evidence-based policy and practice. Prior to joining DFID, she headed the Humanitarian Policy Group at the Overseas Development Institute.



DR NISAR MAJID

INDEPENDENT RESEARCHER & CONSULTANT

VISITING FELLOW, FEINSTEIN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Nisar Majid (PhD) has worked in and on Somali-related issues since the late 1990s. His early work was in food security and livelihoods analysis and latterly he has studied and worked on Somali diaspora and remittance dynamics. Recently he has been working on studies looking at access and programme quality in volatile contexts, and corruption in humanitarian aid. He recently co-authored a book entitled 'Famine in Somalia: Competing Imperatives, Collective Failures'. He has undertaken a number of evaluations and studies focused on cash programming in Somalia.



PATRICK SAEZ

SENIOR ADVISER

HUMANITARIAN POLICY AND PARTNERSHIPS

DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (DFID), UK

Patrick has led on the UK's humanitarian policy since August 2016. Prior to this he held various advisory and team leadership position in DFID since 2007 including leading the humanitarian Partnerships team, senior humanitarian Adviser for MENA. Before joining DFID he worked with the Red Cross movement and iNGOs in the field and at headquarters for 12 years.



ELIAS SAGMEISTER

PROGRAMME MANAGER

GROUND TRUTH SOLUTIONS

Elias Sagmeister is a Programme Manager at Ground Truth Solutions. He designs and implements projects to increase accountability to affected people with a range of humanitarian agencies. Before joining Ground Truth, Elias was a Project Manager at the Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi) in Berlin, where he is a non-resident fellow. Elias studied economic psychology and international development at the University of Vienna. In his PhD, Elias focused on assessing the relevance of development and humanitarian projects.



DEQA SALEH

CASH & SOCIAL PROTECTION ADVISOR

ADESO

Deqa Saleh is currently Cash and Social Protection Advisor at Adeso and provides technical support and guidance to field teams in Kenya, Somalia and South Sudan. She has almost 10 years' experience working on humanitarian and development programs, specializing in program management of cash and social protection interventions. She is also a facilitator of Adeso-designed training workshops on cash based interventions, undertaking training workshops in numerous countries including Ivory Coast, Malawi and Central African Republic in both English and French



IAN TAYLOR

VICE PRESIDENT, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SECTOR

MASTERCARD

Ian Taylor leads Mastercard's business development efforts across Europe in the government, public and humanitarian sector. This involves working with Mastercard's country offices to deliver all forms of electronic payment in areas such as welfare disbursement, transit, payment collections and humanitarian relief; supporting governments' efforts to displace cash. He has worked for Mastercard for three years, and prior to that has had extensive overseas experience working with data, manufacturing and publishing businesses. He is based in London.



INGUNN VATNE

MINISTER COUNSELLOR

PERMANENT MISSION OF NORWAY IN GENEVA

Ingunn Vatne is Minister Counsellor and head of the humanitarian team at the Permanent Mission of Norway in Geneva. Her previous postings include Islamabad, Bangkok and Geneva. In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Oslo, she has held various portfolios in the Section for Humanitarian Affairs, the Section for Asia, and in Norad. From 2014 until arriving in Geneva for a second time in 2016 she was Deputy Director for the Section for Humanitarian Affairs.



JENNIFER WELSH

PROFESSOR AND CHAIR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT THE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE AND SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW AT SOMERVILLE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Jennifer was previously a Professor in International Relations at the University of Oxford, and co-director of the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict. In 2013, she was appointed by the UN Secretary General to serve as his Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect, a position she held until March 2016.

Professor Welsh is a former Jean Monnet Fellow of the European University Institute, and a Cadieux Research Fellow in the Policy Planning Staff of the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs. Her most recent publications include *The Return of History: Conflict, Migration and Geopolitics in the 21st century* (2016) and *The Responsibility to Prevent: Overcoming the Challenges of Atrocity Prevention* (2015). She was the Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Massey College (University of Toronto) in 2005, and a 2006 recipient of a Leverhulme Trust Research Fellowship and a Trudeau Fellowship.

In 2014, she began directing the five-year ERC-funded project "The Individualisation of War: Reconfiguring the Ethics, Law and Politics of Armed Conflict".



ABEL WHANDE

CONSORTIUM TEAM LEADER - CASH TRANSFER PROGRAM

CARE INTERNATIONAL IN ZIMBABWE

Abel Whande is a highly skilled, hands-on humanitarian and development practitioner who has spent the past 15 years working in the public, social, and not-for-profit services. Abel developed an acute sense of social justice from when he was a child. Coming from a Southern part of Zimbabwe that is very prone to drought, floods and malaria, he would see his mother providing food and clothes to various community members who would come to the rural clinic where she worked, for help. It was from these childhood experiences Abel vowed that if one day he could support and help populations, he would do it. Working for CARE International, Abel has been leading a team who have been working over the past two years to support over 400,000 people affected by the 2015-16 droughts in Zimbabwe with humanitarian assistance. This humanitarian assistance has been in the form of cash transfers through mobile money, in partnership with ECONET, NetOne and WorldVision. It is the largest humanitarian cash transfer programme that has ever been carried out in Zimbabwe. Like his CARE colleagues, Abel is a strong believer in cash transfers as a dignified way for people to receive humanitarian aid.



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