

27TH ALNAP MEETING
CHENNAI, INDIA
17-19 JANUARY 2012
Agenda

The Urban Challenge:

Adapting humanitarian
response to a changing world

There will be a pre-meeting and welcome reception on 16 January for National Government Representatives attending the meeting.

DAY 1 (17 January 2012)

0830 - 0930 Registration

Meeting Chair: Mihir Bhatt, Director, All India Disaster Mitigation Institute

0930 - 1100 Meeting the urban challenge

Welcome and meeting opening

Dr Muzaffar Ahmad, Member, National Disaster Management Authority, India

Keynote addresses:

- Robert Piper, United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Nepal
- Dan Lewis, Chief, Disaster and Post Conflict, UN-Habitat

Plenary discussion

1100 - 1130 Coffee break

1130 - 1215 Table discussion: “Ideas emerging, issues arising”

Table discussions on the degree to which the formal humanitarian system is meeting the challenges of humanitarian action in an urban context

1215 - 1300 Lessons learned from working in urban environments

Speakers will address a range of issues related to humanitarian action in an urban environment. Participants will have the opportunity to attend one of the three presentations in this session

Session 1:

- **Evaluating humanitarian aid in urban situations - a few methodological challenges**
François Grünewald, Executive and Scientific Director, Groupe URD
- **Preparedness for urban disasters - the case of Kathmandu**
Jenty Kirsch-Wood, Head, Disaster Risk Management Unit, UNDP Nepal
- **The humanitarian implications of urban violence**
Kevin Savage, Associate Director Strategy and Organisational Change and Humanitarian Learning, World Vision International

1300 - 1400 Lunch

1400 - 1545 Lessons learned from working in urban environments - continued
Participants will have the opportunity to attend two of the six presentations in these two sessions.

Session 2:

- **Citizens' Disaster Response Center's experience of urban response - lessons from the Philippines**
 Carlos Padolina, Deputy Executive Director, Citizens Disaster Response Centre (CDRC)
- **Disaster preparedness in urban West Africa - integrating WaSH and food security & livelihoods**
 Morwenna Sullivan, Policy Adviser, Action Against Hunger (ACF-UK)
- **Ensuring accountability in urban response**
 Emily Rogers, CRS Haiti

Session 3:

- **Rebuilding cities - lessons from UN-Habitat experience**
 Dan Lewis, Chief, Disaster and Post Conflict, UN-Habitat
- **Innovations and opportunities in urban disaster response and recovery - the experience of IFRC Haiti**
 Margaret Stansberry, Deputy Country Representative, IFRC Haiti
- **The Great Japan Earthquake and Tsunami - response and lessons learned**
 Tsukasa Katsube, Information Management Advisor, Secretariat of Japan Disaster Relief Team, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

1545 - 1615 Coffee break

1615 - 1720 What works and what do we need to do better?
Table discussions on the lessons learned from the presentations: what should humanitarians be doing differently?

1720 - 1730 Close day 1

Evening event: ALNAP dinner hosted by World Vision India.

DAY 2 (18 January 2012)

Meeting Chair: Mihir Bhatt, Director, All India Disaster Mitigation Institute

0900 - 0910 Opening day 2

0910 - 1300 How ready are we for future urban disasters?

A scenario session in which participants apply the insights and ideas from day 1 to a specific example of an urban disaster.

Facilitated by David Sanderson, Director, CENDEP

1300 - 1415 Lunch

1415 - 1530 Setting priorities: 10 key actions for a 'Global Urban Disasters Action Plan' for the humanitarian system.

Drawing on the past day and a half, participants identify a common action plan for improving humanitarian action in urban disasters. This may involve different actions for each of the groups gathered - national governments, donors, NGOs, Red Cross, UN, academic/researchers.

1530 - 1600 Coffee break

1600 - 1700 Next steps: 'A Global Urban Disasters Action Plan' - How to make it a reality.

An expert panel to reflect on the emerging action plan and next steps.

1700 - 1730 Summary and close

DAY 3 (19 January 2012) - ALNAP Full Members' day**0900 - 0920 Introductory remarks**

John Mitchell, Director, ALNAP

0920 - 1100 Quality and Accountability Stocktake

A reflection on the progress made by five different approaches for improving quality and accountability.

- **Approach 1: Voluntary standards**
John Damerell, Project Manager, Sphere
- **Approach 2: Accredited standards**
Smruti Patel, Membership Services Coordinator, Humanitarian Accountability Partnership
- **Approach 3: Evaluations, learning and results**
Josse Gillijns, Head of Planning and Evaluation, IFRC

1100 - 1130 Coffee break

1130 - 1220 Quality and Accountability Stocktake (cont'd)

- **Approach 4: Quality approaches**
François Grünewald, Executive and Scientific Director, Groupe URD
- **Approach 5: The professionalisation movement**
Jess Camburn, Director, ELRHA

1220 - 1300 Discussion and summary

1300 - 1415 Lunch break (**including meetings of ALNAP constituency groups**)

1415 - 1445 A report on the high-level forum on aid effectiveness, Busan

Steve Darvill, Executive Director, CDA Collaborative Learning Projects and Dayna Brown, Director, Listening Project

1445 - 1645 Open-space discussion on issues chosen by the membership (including break)**1645 - 1700 Closing statements**