



#EUPartnership18

**Monday 25 June (16:30-18:00)**

### **Session 3**

## **Public trust, transparency and accountability in addressing sexual exploitation and abuses cases**

### **Background**

Misconduct, sexual abuse and violence are found in many organisations. Civil Society Organisations and associations of local authorities are no exception. The recent developments related to misconduct cases from development and humanitarian aid organisations have raised concerns and measures to address the issues in a forceful and transparent manner. Partners are requested to ensure that safeguarding and accountability systems are in place to prevent, report, investigate and adjudicate any cases of (possible) misconduct. At the same time, a general and coordinated effort is required to ensure public trust in the sector and convince the public that their generosity will not be abused. In light of the above, this session will offer a space to share experiences and best practices to uphold the highest standards to carry out our joint work.

### **Objectives of the session**

- Address transparency and accountability in sexual exploitation and abuse cases.
- Raise awareness and share lessons learned and good practices for effective policies and safeguards in the development sector that prevent sexual exploitation and abuse and other misconduct.

### **Expected Results**

- Better understanding of how Framework Partnership Agreement signatories (FPAs) prevent and handle situations of sexual exploitation and abuse, individually and collectively
- Best practices and new ideas shared on safeguarding and accountability measures to openly address cases of sexual exploitation and abuse, raise awareness with all staff and networks, transform the working cultures and end impunity
- Proposals identified to prevent any form of sexual exploitation and abuse in our respective organisations and to address the topic as networks

### **Methodology**

- Brief introduction by the moderator who will set the scene (5 min)
- Panellists will briefly share experiences and ideas (5 min each)
- Participants will take the floor
- Wrap up of the session. Final conclusions and recommendations
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## **Moderator**

- Pam Takhar, Independent Consultant

## **Panellists**

- Marco Panigalli, Head of Unit, Budget, Finance and Control, Directorate General for Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, European Commission
- Seamus Jeffreson, Director, European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development (CONCORD)
- Misun Woo, Regional Coordinator, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD)
- Marlène Siméon, Director, PLATFORMA

## **Rapporteur**

- Sascha Gabizon, Executive Director, Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF)

## **Background documents:**

- The Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non- Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief  
<http://www.ifrc.org/Global/Publications/disasters/code-of-conduct/code-english.pdf>
- Core Humanitarian Standard  
<https://corehumanitarianstandard.org/the-standard>
- International Labour Organisation (ILO) Guidelines and Example Policies:  
[http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---asia/---ro-bangkok/---ilo-suva/documents/policy/wcms\\_407364.pdf](http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---asia/---ro-bangkok/---ilo-suva/documents/policy/wcms_407364.pdf)  
[http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---asia/---ro-bangkok/---ilo-beijing/documents/publication/wcms\\_157626.pdf](http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---asia/---ro-bangkok/---ilo-beijing/documents/publication/wcms_157626.pdf)
- The UN Roadmap: A Staff Member's Guide to Finding the Right Place, Ethics Office, The UN Ethics Office, Version 2.0, Revised: April 2014  
<http://www.un.org/en/ethics/pdf/roadmap.pdf>
- IRIN <https://www.irinnews.org/about-us/2018/03/15/event-humanitarian-metoo-moment-where-do-we-go-here>
- TUFS <http://fic.tufts.edu/publication-item/stop-the-sexual-assault-against-humanitarian-and-development-aid-workers/>