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## *Dialogue 3: Strengthening partnerships between the environmental and humanitarian sectors in the context of the humanitarian change agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals*

**19 October, 2017**

**TECHNICAL SEGMENT 08.30 – 13.00**

Moderated by Mr. Oli Brown, Sub-Programme Coordinator for Disasters and Conflicts, UN Environment

### Introduction

08:30-9:00 *Registration*

9:00-9:10 1. Opening of the Dialogue  
*Opening remarks by Mr. Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary General, UN Environment*

### **Session 1 The humanitarian and environment nexus**

9:10-09.30 2. Setting the Scene: integration of environment in humanitarian action – a brief overview  
*Introduction by Ms. Emilia Wahlström, UN Environment/OCHA Joint Unit*

09.30 – 10.00 3. Interlinkages between the humanitarian and environmental agendas in the Sustainable Development Goals  
A mapping of actors and existing partnerships at the nexus of environment and humanitarian action  
*Presentation by Mr. Albert Salamanca and Ms. Amanda Kohn, Stockholm Environment Institute*

10.00 – 11.00 4. The humanitarian/environment nexus in practice – examples of collaboration and lessons learned

a) Coordination of assessments for environment in humanitarian action  
*Presentation by Mr. Amare Gebre Egziabher, UNHCR*

b) Lessons learned from REACT – possibilities for replication to humanitarian operations, *Presentation by Mr. Andrew Morton, UN Environment*



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- c) Enhancing environmental and social sustainability in the UN programming and operations including humanitarian action through coherent safeguards, Tim Scott, UNDP

Summary / key messages from the e-discussion

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11.00-11.15 BREAK

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11.15 – 12.50 5. Interactive Discussion:

*Views and Perspectives of key UN agencies and other actors on the following issues:*

- Challenges in integrating environment into humanitarian action
- Good practices, lessons learned to build on
- Identifying opportunities for long-term and systematic integration of environmental sustainability into humanitarian action in the light of SDGs
- Possibilities for joint policies and programs
- Issues for further consideration

12.50 – 13.00 6. Summary of messages to be delivered to the high level segment

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13.00-14.30 LUNCH

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**HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT 14.30 – 17.00**

Moderated by Dr. Achim Wennmann, Senior Researcher at the Graduate Institute and Executive Coordinator of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

14.30 – 14.50 [Opening of the high-level segment](#)

Welcoming remarks by Mr. Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary General, UN Environment

Opening remarks by Mr. Felix Wertli, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland



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14.50 – 14.55 [Overview of outcomes from the technical segment](#)

Mr. Oli Brown, UN Environment

14.55 – 16.30 [Panel discussion](#)

*Theme:*

Addressing environment in humanitarian operations – policy perspectives and areas for further action

*Building upon the outcome of the technical discussions, the panelists will share their perspectives on issues requiring further action, including possible system-wide responses through the Environment Management Group.*

**Panelists:**

Ms. Clarissa Azkoul, Chief of the Staff, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Dr. Hugo Slim, Head of Policy, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Mr. Jesper Lund, Chief, Emergency Services Branch and the Field Coordination Support Section, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

Mr. Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary General, UN Environment (UNEP)

Mr. Jagan Chapagain, Under Secretary General for Programmes and Operations, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

Dr W. Zhang, Assistant Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

16.30 – 16.40 [Summary of discussion by the moderator](#)

16.40 - 17.00 [Closing remarks](#)

Mr. Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary General, UN Environment