



PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST 2015

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY - GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

On 19 August, the United Nations and humanitarian agencies will celebrate the seventh World Humanitarian Day and we hope that you will be part of it.

PART 1

16:30 - 17:30 Panel debate

At its 70th Session in September 2015, the General Assembly of the United Nations will consider the adoption of Sustainable Development Goals and appropriate implementation actions which will pave the way for international cooperation in the coming years. The panellists will reflect on how the 17 Sustainable Development Goals will impact humanitarian work and response. In particular, the panel discussion will focus on the importance of the Sustainable Development Goals reflecting the aspirations and rights of the most vulnerable people.

Moderated by [Mr. Espen Barth Eide](#), Managing Director and Member of the Managing Board, World Economic Forum

Panellists

[Mr. António Guterres](#), High Commissioner for Refugees

[Mr. Elhadj As Sy](#), Secretary General of the IFRC

[Mr. Peter Maurer](#), President of the ICRC

[Ms. Margareta Wahlström](#), Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction

[Ms. Nan Buzard](#), Executive Director, ICVA

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Palais des Nations, Human Rights and Alliance of Civilizations Room (Room XX)



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PART 2

17:30 – 18:00 Commemoration and award ceremony

The commemoration will acknowledge humanitarian workers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The Sérgio Vieira de Mello Award will be presented to this year's winner, the Interfaith Peace Platform from the Central African Republic. The Interfaith Peace Platform was established in June 2013, by His Excellency Mgr Dieudonné Nzapalainga (Catholic Archbishop of Bangui), Imam Oumar Kobine Layama (President of the Islamic Council in the Central African Republic) and Pastor Guerekoyame-Gbangou (President of the Evangelical Alliance of Central Africa) with the aim of promoting dialogue, peace and reconciliation among the people in the C.A.R. The platform actively seeks to promote dialogue, starting at the grassroots level, as a preventive measure against religious violence and to pursue peace across the C.A.R. Following the courageous example of the Archbishop sheltering the Imam in his own house at the risk of their own lives, churches and mosques saved tens of thousands internally displaced persons who had sought sanctuary there. The address by the three religious leaders in the Security Council about the situation in their country contributed to the authorization by the Council of a 12,000 strong peace keeping force.

Speakers

[Mr. Michael Møller](#), Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva
[His Excellency Mgr Dieudonné Nzapalainga](#), Catholic Archbishop of Bangui,
[Imam Oumar Kobine Layama](#), President of the Islamic Council in the Central African Republic
[Pastor Guerekoyame-Gbangou](#), President of the Evangelical Alliance of Central Africa
[Mr. Ian Richards](#), President, Coordinating Committee of International Staff Unions and Associations

18:00 Reception

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