



## GPC GLOBAL PROTECTION FORUM 2021 THEMATIC EVENT

### **Translating IASC Guidance into Action: Participation, Representation and Leadership by Local and National Actors in Protection Coordination**

**Thursday, 28 October, 16:00-17:30 CET**

#### **Rational/purpose**

The Global Protection Cluster (GPC) and its Areas of Responsibilities (AoRs)<sup>1</sup> are committed to working with local actors in the coordination and delivery of protection responses in humanitarian crises. In implementing the Grand Bargain<sup>2</sup> Commitments, the GPC and the AoRs have been instrumental in providing guidance and support to coordination groups and national and local actors to ensure local partners have increased leadership roles in both global and field protection clusters.

The GPC and the AoRs welcome the [IASC Guidance on Strengthening Participation, Representation and Leadership of National and Local Actors in IASC Humanitarian Coordination Mechanisms](#) issued in June 2021. The GPC and AoRs plan to use the IASC Guidance to augment the gains the GPC and the AoRs have made in the implementation of the Grand Bargain Commitments. Specifically, the GPC and the AoRs plan to use the IASC Guidance to galvanize the participation, representation, and leadership of local and national actors in the coordination and delivery of protection responses during and after humanitarian crises as well as preparedness for humanitarian crises. In addition to this, the GPC and AoRs will introduce the IASC Guidance to coordination teams and the broader humanitarian community, as a tool to leverage the localization agenda into their workplans and activities.

#### **Expected Outcome**

The aim of the session is to promote the IASC Guidance on Strengthening Participation, Representation and Leadership of National Local Actors in IASC Humanitarian Coordination mechanisms by focusing on two specific areas: i) capacity strengthening and ii) resourcing for coordination.

In the session, we will present two countries experiences which will highlight the different considerations for capacity strengthening and resourcing for coordination under the localization agenda.

#### **Format/Content of the Event**

**Plenary section:** Presentation of the overview of the IASC Guidance, Marina Skuric-Prodanovic, OCHA followed by Country presentations from Colombia and Nigeria

#### **Roundtable discussion:**

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<sup>1</sup> The Areas of Responsibilities include the: Child Protection Area of Responsibility (CP AoR), the Gender Based Area of Responsibility (GBV AoR), the Housing, Land and Property Area of Responsibility (HLP AoR) and the Mine Action Area of Responsibility (MA AoR).

<sup>2</sup> The Grand Bargain, launched during the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) in Istanbul in May 2016, is a unique agreement between some of the largest donors and humanitarian organisations who have committed to get more means into the hands of people in need and to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of humanitarian action



The presentations will be followed by a roundtable discussion. Participants will pose questions to the presenters and learn more from their experiences. There will also be interventions from the audience focusing on these two specific areas of the IASC Guidance.

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The roundtable discussion will be followed by remarks by the Global Protection Cluster and AoR Coordinators and technical donor partner-Swiss Development Cooperation

The session will be held on a virtual platform with interpretation in French and Spanish. The date and time for the session is 28 October, 16:00-17:30 hrs CET.

### Speakers/Moderator/ technical donor partner

- Moderator: Anthony Nolan, NRC
- Opening Speaker, William Chemaly, Global Protection Cluster Coordinator
- Presentation of the IASC Guidance: Marina Skuric-Prodanovic, OCHA
- Capacity Strengthening (experience from Colombia): Sebastian Diaz, Protection Cluster, Colombia
- Resourcing for Coordination (experience from Nigeria): Abba Yusuf Tijjani, Executive Director, Grow Strong Foundation, Nigeria
- Technical Donor Partner: (SDC TBC)
- Speakers: Global Protection Cluster Coordinator, Global CP AoR, and Global GBV AoR Coordinators.
- Closing Speaker: Jennifer Chase, Global GBV AoR Coordinator

### Field Cluster/Operations

We will have a combination of 2 speakers from the field (Colombia protection cluster and Nigeria local NGO partner), interventions by South Sudan Sub-Cluster (TBC) and Child Protection Sub-Cluster from Colombia

### Local voices

As mentioned above, local or national actor has been identified in Nigeria, (Abba Yusuf). We will bring interventions from different national NGOs (TBC)

### Pre-event questions /survey to be shared with participants

Not applicable

### Background Reading

<https://www.globalprotectioncluster.org/wp-content/uploads/2021-IASC-Guidance-on-Localization.pdf>

<https://www.globalprotectioncluster.org/tools-and-guidance/hpc-guidance/>