

Agenda: Launch of the Core Humanitarian Standard and the Outcome of the SCHR Certification Review

12 December 2014

Venue: [Eigtveds Pakhus](#), Asiatisk Plads 2 G, 1148 Copenhagen, Denmark

Objective: At the end of the conference, participants will have an overview of the findings of both initiatives and explored their implications for the sector, in order to inform decision-making within their organisation.

11 December

19:00 Reception at the [Copenhagen Strand Hotel](#), Havnegade 37, 1058 Copenhagen – all participants invited

12 December

08.30-09.00 Registration and coffee

09:00-10:00 **Welcome:** Mr. Morten Jespersen, Under-Secretary for Global Development and Cooperation, Danida

Introductions and conference objectives

Keynote Address: Ms. Gwi-Yeop Son, Director of the Division for Corporate Programmes, OCHA

10:00-10:15 *Coffee break*


10:15-12:15 **Session 1: Launch of the Core Humanitarian Standard**

- Introduction; overview of the CHS Consultation Process; CHS future and roadmap, **Mr. Rein Paulsen**, Senior Director, Humanitarian Effectiveness and Quality, World Vision International
- Views from organization who tested the CHS
- A panel interview exploring the challenges and opportunities of applying and promoting the CHS in their respective fields of work:
Ms. Jane Cocking, Humanitarian Director, Oxfam GB
Ambassador Raúl Heredia Acosta, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN in Geneva
Ms. Loretta Hieber-Girardet, Chief, Inter-Cluster Coordination Section, OCHA
Mr. Vikrant Mahajan, Chief Executive Officer, Sphere India
Mr. Arno Wicki, Head, Multilateral Affairs Division Humanitarian Aid Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation
- **Conversations at Table Level**, exploring how organizations will use the CHS, associated challenges/opportunities, expectations of the future CHS organization, linking the Standard to strategic debates
- **Plenary discussion, Summary** (Mr. Rein Paulsen)

12:15-13:15 *Lunch*

13:15-15:15 **Session 2: Outcome of the SCHR Certification Review**

This session will present the **process, results and recommendations** from SCHR's two-year certification review, which explored how the certification of humanitarian organisations could contribute to greater quality of programmes and accountability towards crisis-affected populations and other stakeholders. Participants will **explore the implications and opportunities of certification** at the table level and bring their collective thinking to the plenary. The session



will close with reactions from a sample of organisations that have decided to engage in external verification and certification:

Hans van den Hoogen, Oxfam

John Plastow, CARE

Anita Bay Bundegaard, Save the Children

Pauliina Parhialia, ACT Alliance

Philip Tamminga, SCHR Certification Review project

- Session Closing, **Mr. Rein Paulsen**, Senior Director, Humanitarian Effectiveness and Quality, World Vision International

15.15-15:35 *Coffee break*

15.35-16:30 **Session 3:**

- **Taking Stock of the Day and Recommendations to CHS and SCHR for the Way Forward**, Mr. Willem van Eekelen, Board Chair, People in Aid
- **Commitments from the CHS and SCHR to the Sector**
- **Closing Statement:** Mr. Einar Hebogård Jensen, Head of the Department for Humanitarian Action, Civil Society and Advisors, Danida

16.30 Refreshments and Snacks