



Private Sector Partnerships & Connecting Business initiative

Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week 2019

Geneva, Switzerland, CICG, 4 – 8 February 2019

About the programme

Organized by OCHA and the CBI Secretariat in collaboration with humanitarian partners, the *Private Sector Partnerships & Connecting Business initiative* programme will build on the outcomes of previous private sector sessions at the Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (HNPW). It will highlight recent trends, discuss lessons learnt and identify further opportunities for collaboration between the humanitarian community and the private sector. The various sessions will also explore different modalities for the private sector to work with humanitarian actors, and further integrate into humanitarian coordination structures and mechanisms.

Agenda

Tuesday, 5 February

Time	Sessions
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Welcome and orientation session for private sector participants (room 4)</p> <p>To help private sector participants navigate through the various sessions and amplify their voice in the discussions, OCHA, the Connecting Business initiative (CBI) and other humanitarian partners will organize a Welcome and orientation session for private sector participants. The session will serve as an introduction - highlighting key trends in the humanitarian and development space, discussing UN-business partnerships and providing an overview of the main program.</p>
14:00 – 17:30	<p>2019 Connecting Business initiative (CBI) Annual Event (room 4)</p> <p>The CBI Annual Event is the main convening for CBI Member Networks and other key partners to come together to discuss collective private sector contributions to disaster risk reduction, preparedness, response and recovery. Organized now for the third time, it will allow participants to showcase their work over the past year, share lessons learned and identify further opportunities for collaboration. This year the CBI Annual Event will be structured around two thematic sessions – one that explores enabling policy environments for public-private collaboration and one that focuses on private sector engagement in manmade disasters.</p>

Wednesday, 6 February

Time	Sessions
11:00 - 15:30	<p>Multi-stakeholder dynamics in sudden onset disasters, escalating emergencies and protracted crises (room 6)</p> <p>The session will illustrate the challenges in humanitarian response and coordination in sudden-onset disasters, escalating emergencies, and protracted crisis, and display mechanisms, tools, and concepts that have been developed by the international community to address these. The session aims at providing an overview of existing and emerging concepts, to create an understanding of the complexity of the humanitarian response in different scenarios and emergency phases, and to identify opportunities of synergies and collaboration.</p>

Thursday, 7 February

Time	Sessions
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Integrating private sector in humanitarian coordination structures (room 4)</p> <p>In humanitarian response, coordination structures at the field level need to be fit for purpose and enable contextualized response by allowing inclusion of non-traditional actors, such as the private sector. By looking at country and cluster specific context, the session will discuss emerging trends how the private sector is increasingly integrated in humanitarian response and coordination structures.</p>