

15 June High level meeting: The need for a humanitarian policy refresh

Q: What is the purpose of the meeting? What are the goals and expected outcomes of the meeting?

The **purpose** of the meeting is to launch a collaborative process to refresh and renew our policy commitments towards ensuring better assistance for crisis-affected populations globally.

The **goal and desired outcome** of the meeting is to raise awareness of this process and secure high-level buy-in from stakeholders for their organisations to engage in the forthcoming collaborative policy process.

Q: How does this process link to the [Grand Bargain](#)?

A: Cash has been a commitment of the original Grand Bargain agreement in 2016, meaning that all Signatories sign up to it as well. Cash also continues to remain a valid commitment in the new iteration. It has been an important enabler of the Grand Bargain priorities, particularly localisation and participation revolution - which continue to be prioritised in the next iteration of the Grand Bargain. We have been engaging with - and will continue to engage with - the GB Secretariat around the new GB 3.0 process to identify synergies and to enable advancement in both initiatives.

Q: What actions will follow the high-level meeting?

A series of events, including webinars, Chatham House-style discussions, and workshops, will be organised this year and beyond to explore the issues and develop recommended policy commitments. You can follow the process by subscribing to [CALP's newsletter](#) and [events webpage](#).

Q: How can we prepare our organization's representative to engage in the meeting? To optimise engagement, we suggest participants:

- Read this 3-page [policy brief](#), which outlines the need for collective action on cash. If you'd like further details, review the in-depth reports on [Increasing the Use of Humanitarian CVA](#) and [Where Next?: the Evolving Landscape of CVA Policies](#)
- Discuss your organisation's position on cash and what it will take to ensure a more people-focused, locally led assistance and consider what other collective policy areas need attention to really progress the use of CVA as an effective part of humanitarian action
- Determine whether your organisation is committed to engaging staff time in the policy development process, with the aim of working towards the best possible outcomes for affected populations.
- If you have further questions or would like to discuss with CALP, contact kate.hart@calpnetwork.org or lynn.yoshikawa@calpnetwork.org.

Q: Why are senior leaders expected to attend this meeting?

Based on experience and evidence, we know that sector-wide change requires organisational buy-in and institutional commitments. Senior leadership attendance is important to ensure there

is a high-level awareness of the issues and a commitment to addressing these issues in the short and long-term.

Q: Have other senior leaders confirmed participation?

There has been strong interest in the event. At the end of May, senior representatives of 82 organisations, representing local and international NGOs, private sector, UN agencies and donors were confirmed to attend.

Q: What are the expectations of attendees in the meeting? Are participants expected to make remarks and/or statements?

Attendees are expected to learn about this initiative, raise any concern, and for those who are prepared, to express their commitment to the process.

It is important to note that policy commitments have not yet been defined. The aim is for organisations to commit to engage in a process that will define collective policy ambitions.

The event is one-hour in duration. We have some time for some spoken interventions and other interventions can be expressed through the meeting chat function.

Q: How will the discussions and next steps from the meeting be communicated to a wider audience?

CALP will prepare a summary of the meeting; this will be posted on the [website](#) and further updates will be posted as the process evolves. Please subscribe to [CALP's global newsletter](#) to ensure you receive updates.

Q: Will the meeting review achievements of the previous commitments, e.g., the Grand Bargain?

Policy progress will be noted broadly, but for in-depth analysis, please read [Where Next?: the Evolving Landscape of CVA Policies](#).

Q: How will the commitments from the meeting be tracked?

CALP will prepare a summary of the meeting; this will be posted on the website.

As the process evolves, policy commitments will be collectively defined. The monitoring mechanisms will depend on the exact commitments. For example, if there are new commitments related to tracking cash, we would expect the monitoring to sit within existing tracking arrangements. In some cases, new monitoring processes may need to be made but this will be defined by those involved in making the commitments.

CALP will serve as a secretariat, providing a platform for sharing information about progress.

Q: Will there be a possibility to listen in, for those that will not be participating in the meeting?

Only those whose participation has been approved will be able to attend the meeting.

Q: Will the meeting recording be shared?

The recording will not be shared, however, a meeting report will be shared with all attendees and published on CALP's website.