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Panelist Bios

Mr. Jeremy Rempel serves as the ICVA Head of Humanitarian Finance. In this role, he coordinates ICVA's engagement with the Grand Bargain, co-leads the IASC Humanitarian Finance Results Group with OCHA, engages with UN agencies on humanitarian partnership agreements, and leads ICVA's policy engagement on humanitarian finance. Jeremy has worked with NGOs over the past twenty years in roles linked to accountability, capacity assessment, and audit.

Ms. Katharina Thote is the Head of the Operational and Partnership Management Unit, Division of Strategic Planning and Results in UNHCR HQ in Geneva. Katharina has been working with UNHCR since 2002, in operations in Africa, MENA and Latin America, as well as at Headquarters.

Mr. Armando Castro Figueredo is the Senior Implementing Partnership Management Officer in the UNHCR Division of Strategic Planning and Results Implementation Management and Assurance Service. He has more than 20 years of Operations Management with a proven record in areas such as Finance, Programme, and Partner Management as well as Donor Relations and Risk Management in the UN system and other multilateral organizations, including the European Commission.

Through the years, he succeeded in diverse multicultural environments, including in the MENA region, the Americas, Europe, and Africa. Since June 2018, serves at UNHCR's HQ with a global purview providing leadership to the Projects & Partners Management Team based in Budapest overseeing Policy, Compliance and Capacity Building to ensure and promote sound governance for implementing with Partners and development of related policies and procedures. Before being reassigned to his current position he was at the Regional Representation for the USA and the Caribbean in Washington DC and earlier at the Regional Representation for Southern Europe in Rome. Currently, he is part of UNHCR's Emergency Response Team with previous deployments to Egypt and Angola.

Mr. Magloire Nkouannessi is an International Development and Humanitarian Affairs Professional with over 15 years' experience working for UN, Non-governmental and multilateral organizations including private sector and research institutions in developing and middle-income countries in technical and management positions.

Currently he serves as the UNHCR Senior Capacity Building Officer (RBM) in the Regional Bureau for West and Central Africa with the primary responsibility to support UNHCR's transformative change initiative aimed at strengthening the organization's ability to plan, manage and present results. This role requires delivering trainings to regional and country staff to strengthen field capacity in the RBM renewal project process including planning of multi-year and interim strategies, annual workplans and detailed budgeting.