

WCA NGO Consultation

Localization of Humanitarian Action and Community Engagement Session – Panelist Bios

Moderator

Eman Ismail, is MENA Regional Representative in the International Council of Voluntary Agencies- ICVA since August 2019, and the focal point on Localisation at the global level.

During her work for ICVA, Eman has been active and strong advocate on complementarity and principled partnership, enhancing the role of local actors and women led organizations in the coordination structural platforms and very active in supporting local actors at IASC subgroup on localisation.

Eman has taken the lead on different localisation initiatives in MENA and other regions related to capacity strengthening, NGO fora support programmes and evidence-based research on the meaningful participation of local actors in the leadership and decision making platforms.

Before that Eman has been an Emergency and Development professional leader working in the humanitarian sector, private and government sectors with an extensive knowledge of strategizing, implementing, coordinating and leading development and emergency programs with over than 17 years of experience. During her previous work as Deputy Country Director for Programs at CARE International in Jordan, Eman has worked on scaling-up the in-country Syria Emergency Response and Iraqi Refugee response.

Finally, Eman is a certified trainer on PSEA and Leadership in Humanitarian and Fragile contexts.

Panelists

Elmehdi Ag Wakina - AMSS

Mr. Elmehdi Ag Wakina was born around 1969 in Raz-El-Ma, Goundam circle, Timbuktu Region. He is a secondary school teacher and Program Director of AMSS (Malien Association for Survival in the Sahel) since 2002. He has participated in several national and international trainings and consultations in the fields of development and humanitarian aid. He is also a Knight of the National Order of Mali since September 2016, member of the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) since 2018 representing national NGOs, and is also a member of the INSO advisory board.

Mr. Mamadou Ndiaye - INTERSOS

Mamadou Ndiaye started his Humanitarian work with national NGOs over 20 years ago. His background is as an agro-economist and he served as Director of the integrated agriculture program of irrigation development on the river Gambia basin in Eastern Senegal. Mr. Ndiaye has also worked with the OFADEC Humanitarian program focusing on refugee assistance and protection in partnership with UNHCR, and on lobbying and advocacy for refugee rights with a platform of African NGOs, which became COAN (Coalition of African Humanitarian NGO); the secretariat is based in Ndjamena Chad. Mr. Ndiaye has chaired COAN for the last 2 years. Mr. Ndiaye is also currently the **INTEREOS Country Representative in Senegal**.

Mr. Ndiaye was elected as an ICVA board member for 4 terms of 3 years. He was a board member of SPHERE international for 6 years on ICVA's second seat. He participated in the Ombudsman Project initiated by British Red cross 1999 to look into accountability in the sector. The outcome of the Ombudsman project was a Steering Committee tasked to work on ways of improving accountability in the humanitarian sector. He was a member of this Steering Committee that worked on accountability standards which ended with the creation of HAP International in 2003. Mr. Ndiaye was elected HAP International Board member for two terms.

Mr. Ndiaye was also part of the JSI (Joint Standard Initiative) Advisory Group which had for objective to merge Sphere, People in Aid and HAP International. The consultations resulted with the creation of CHS (Core Humanitarian Standard).

Mr. Ndiaye co-chairs the Geneva-based IASC task team on AAP and PSEA with Preeta Law of UNHCR. He is also a member the Humanitarian Encyclopedia advisory board initiated by the CERAD, University of Geneva.

Ms. Mimidoo Achakpa - Women in Humanitarian Response in Nigeria Initiative Network

Ms. Mimidoo Achakpa is a women's right activist with over a decade of experience in Project Management and an extensive background in governance, gender, humanitarian and disarmament issues, **a Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) as well as Women Peace and Security (WPS) expert, Humanitarian Assistant in West Africa (HAWA) Trainer**. She holds Master of Science (MSC) in Security and Strategic Studies and currently a Doctoral Student in Security and Strategic Studies.

Ms. Achakpa has significantly contributed to development, disarmament and humanitarian related issues especially empowering and amplifying the voices of women. She advocates for the betterment of the lot of the vulnerable groups in the society, especially women, youths, children and people living with disabilities with the knowledge of the impact of crisis on women and girls which differ from those of men and boys due to their different status and roles in the society and the under-representation of women in decision making with low levels of participation and influence in the democratic, Peace, disarmament and humanitarian action, as a recognized need to amplify the voices of women as well as empowering them at all levels.

Currently the **Executive Director of Women's Right to Education Programme (WREP)** an NGO with United Nations Consultative Status of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) coordinates and belongs to various platforms in Nigeria and globally that can easily be used to consult and engage with other Civil Society Organizations to improve on her work. A member of **International Action Network**

on Small Arms (IANSA). She coordinates the **International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) Women Network –Nigeria-** a network that has been working to stop the proliferation and misuse of Arms since 2005, including building the capacity of women on alternative dispute resolution and conflict resolution strategies using advocacy and training workshops to reduce violence against women. **A member of the Network for Empowered Aid Response (NEAR), Gender and Disaster Network (GDNET) , Global Network on Disaster Reduction (GNDR) , and the National Coordinator of Women in Humanitarian Response in Nigeria Initiative Network** and a Steering Committee Member of the **Global Feminist Humanitarian Network.**

Ms. Ndaga Yvonne Endam

Ms. Ndaga Yvonne Endam is a Southern Cameroonian refugee resident in Abuja, Nigeria. A single mother of one boy who is about five years old. She is a nurse, writer, and an entrepreneur. She holds a higher diploma and a bachelor's degree in nursing and midwifery and a diploma in catering. She is the founder and CEO of Endam Home of Hope. She is passionate about rendering humanitarian services to people from different countries especially vulnerable females.

Ms. Rose Maruru – Epic Africa

Rose is Co-founder and CEO of EPIC-Africa, a Senegal-based nonprofit startup working to increase development impact by filling critical data and capacity gaps in the African philanthropic marketplace. Previously worked as a Partnership Advisor for Oxfam International; Civil Society Engagement Consultant for the African Development Bank; Director of Operations at TrustAfrica; Bids and Proposal Manager, Population Council; Advisor, Coalition for Children's Rights in Yemen; and Program Manager, Save the Children (Egypt, The Gambia, USA).

EPIC-is a Senegal-based, pan-African organization that seeks to strengthen the ecosystem for philanthropy in Africa to help build a robust and resilient civil society sector. Our organization's creative use of data and technology offers African CSOs a unique platform to demonstrate transparency, reinforce legitimacy and build credibility. EPIC-Africa's services and tools create opportunities for CSOs and their funders to share knowledge, build capacity and scale impact. In addition to growing knowledge about African civil society foundations, EPIC-Africa provides advisory, due diligence and landscape mapping for funders as well as capacity-building services for CSOs.