Delivering better together: Advancing humanitarian reform, efficiency and localization

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Across humanitarian contexts, local actors are at the forefront – leading responses with agility, insight and unwavering commitment to their communities. The Humanitarian Reset presents a timely opportunity to reshape the system into one that is locally led and globally supported. This transformation requires embedding local leadership in decision-making structures, ensuring direct and predictable funding to local actors and fostering partnerships that prioritize equity, trust and long-term impact. This side event will bring together humanitarian leaders to explore how reform efforts can accelerate localization and to identify concrete actions that will strengthen local leadership and enhance the effectiveness, sustainability and accountability of humanitarian response. Delivering better together begins with recognizing and resourcing those closest to the crisis.

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13:30 - 14:45

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Interpretation will be available in English and in French.

Refreshments will be served outside of the room prior to the event.

