

# INVITATION TO A HALF DAY SEMINAR

with a High-Level Panel hosted by

**Ine Eriksen Søreide**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway and foresight-based conversation with **Jan Egeland** and **Karim Albrem**.

## Tech-driven innovations and private sector collaboration - Can it improve humanitarian aid?

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Wed 28 November 2018, 12:00 - 17:00

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- 10 minutes from Place des Nations)



Humanitarian innovation is about pairing the experience and insight of the humanitarian sector with innovative technology and better solutions that can improve the delivery of humanitarian assistance and the quality of life for people affected by conflict and natural disasters.

The gap between needs and available resources places a strain on the sector's ability to deliver, and urges us to find new and better ways to provide quality and principled assistance.

Emerging technologies have the potential to address challenges faced by the humanitarian sector. Where humanitarian actors know the needs, many entrepreneurs and companies have the technical capabilities and expertise to develop new solutions that can achieve impact on the ground.

New partnerships between private companies and humanitarian organizations can make us better equipped to respond to growing humanitarian needs. However, these partnerships are not established overnight.

How can we best facilitate humanitarian innovation and humanitarian-private partnerships? How do we safeguard the humanitarian principles and "do no harm" whilst innovating and advancing the way we work? Why are good innovations not scaled? How do we share the risk naturally inherent in the innovation process?

**You are warmly invited to join the discussion on 28 November**

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# Agenda

**12.00 -13.00: Lunch**

**13.00 -14.00: High-level Panel - How do we best facilitate humanitarian innovation and humanitarian-private partnerships while abiding by the humanitarian principles and “doing no harm”?**

**Key note – HE Ms Ine Eriksen Søreide Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway**

**Moderator: Senior adviser, UNHCR, Jaime de Bourbon de Parme**

Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, UNICEF, Genève, **Afshan Khan**

Head of Innovation / Office of the Director General, ICRC, **Nan Buzard**

Director of Programme Quality and Impact at Save the Children Norway, **Nora Ingdal**

Senior Vice President, Global Head of SAP Next-Gen, **Ann Rosenberg**

Head of Innovation, UNHCR, **Christopher Earney**

**14.15-15.15: Innovation Talks – 8-minute presentations of successful partnerships**

**Norwegian Church Aid & Bright** – “Solar powering economic independence of Somalian and Burundian women and youth”

**International Organization for Migration & SAS Analytics** – “Leveraging Data to Monitor Displacement and Population Mobility”

**UN Environment & Google Earth Engine** – “Harnessing tech company partnerships on environmental impacts of humanitarian interventions”

**Norwegian Refugee Council in cooperation with Accenture and Microsoft** – “Designing and building the future counselling and legal assistance services in NRC”

**Norwegian Red Cross** – “Community Based Surveillance”

**15.15 -16.00 Tech-driven innovations & private sector collaboration - Can it improve humanitarian aid? A foresight-based conversation with Jan Egeland & Karim Albrem**

**Moderator: Nicholas Davis**, Head of Society and Innovation, World Economic Forum

**Jan Egeland** is Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and has a rich humanitarian track record. Since 2015, Egeland has been Special Adviser to the UN Special Envoy for Syria with a focus on humanitarian access and protection of civilians. He has also served as UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (2003-2006).

**Karim Albrem** is a 23-year-old refugee from Syria living in Germany. He is a member of the UNHCR Global Youth Advisory Council and a volunteer youth delegate for Plan International Germany, advocating for the protection and rights of refugee children and youth. Albrem has a degree in banking from the University of Aleppo and training in psychosocial support from Germany. He works as a stress management trainer at the University Clinic of Hamburg.

**16.00 Reception – cocktail**

