

**Raising the Bar
Practitioners and Policymaking: Building Effective Transatlantic Action on Disaster
Relief and Preparedness**

**2nd Transatlantic Dialogue on Humanitarian Action
December 15-16, 2008**

Draft Agenda

**Location: Kenney Auditorium
The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS),
The Johns Hopkins University,
1740 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20036**

The conference is the second in a series of three transatlantic dialogues. This event compares and contrast policy approaches of the United States and European Union with reference to doctrine, programming principles and sectoral priorities. Currently the international humanitarian community is debating how to reform the humanitarian sector in order to be able to respond effectively to these challenges. Being the two biggest donors of humanitarian aid, the EU and the U.S. should spearhead the humanitarian policy debate by developing a transatlantic vision of managing disasters, and by promoting reform both at the bilateral as well as at the multilateral levels.

Monday, December 15, 2008

8:45am-9:00am **Welcome**
Location: Kenney

Esther Brimmer
Center for Transatlantic Relations
The Johns Hopkins University-SAIS

Andrea Binder
Global Public Policy Institute

9:00am-10:45am Panel I: Disaster Response and Foreign Policy

Location: Kenney

This panel considers the connections between disaster response and foreign policy priorities. How do policymakers view disaster relief? How do they balance humanitarian, strategic and economic concerns? How does the interplay of these concerns affect the effectiveness of disaster response?

Carol Lancaster (Confirmed)

Director, Mortara Center

Georgetown University

Howard Roy Williams (Confirmed)

Former Director, Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance

Johannes Luchner (Confirmed)

European Commission Humanitarian Office - ECHO

Hans-Joerg Strohmeyer (Confirmed)

Chief of the Policy Development and Studies Branch

UN OCHA

Moderator: Johanna Mendelson-Forman (Confirmed)

Senior Associate, Americas Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies

10:45am-11:00am Coffee/Tea**11:00am-12:30pm Panel II: Transatlantic Approaches to Preparedness and Disaster Response**

Location: Kenney

Which integrated approaches to preparedness and disaster response (like the vulnerabilities concept and an “all-hazards approach) have been developed on both sides of the Atlantic? What can be learned from domestic civil protection and homeland security mechanisms for emergency response in third countries?

Bob Powers (Confirmed)

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Disaster Operations

Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Capt. Jeffrey Maclay (Confirmed)
Military Fellow, International Security Program
Center for Strategic and International Studies

Allan Jury (Confirmed)
Director, US Relations Office
World Food Program

LCL Bernard Tourneur (Confirmed)
Allied Command Transformation, NATO

Moderator: Andrea Binder, Global Public Policy Institute

12:30pm-2:30pm

Buffet Lunch

Panel of Speakers

Buffet Lunch, Herter Room adjacent to Kenney Auditorium,
12:30pm-1:05pm

1:05pm-1:10pm Conference participants walk to 1619
Massachusetts Avenue for public panel event

PLEASE NOTE LOCATION OF PANEL DISCUSSION:

“The Impact of Afghanistan Relief on International Humanitarian
Assistance Cooperation”

Rome Auditorium, 1:15pm-2:30pm

**The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies
(SAIS)**

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George Rupp (Confirmed)
CEO and President
International Rescue Committee

Moderator: Daniel Hamilton, Center for Transatlantic Relations
The Johns Hopkins University-SAIS

2:30pm-4:00pm **Panel III: Organizational Innovation in Humanitarian Agencies**

Location: Kenney

What types of organizational innovations are occurring in the humanitarian sector? How have NGOs applied network concepts and other forms of organizational innovation? What lessons from just-in-time manufacturing and other business logistics models could be applied to organizing humanitarian assistance? What role do the transatlantic partners play in supporting and implementing organizational reforms?

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*Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance
USAID*

*Linda Poteat (Confirmed)
Director, Disaster Response
InterAction*

*Stan Nkwain (Confirmed)
Deputy Director, Bureau for Crisis Prevention & Recovery
United Nations Development Program*

*William A. Malfara (Confirmed)
Director, Disaster Operations, Human Resources
American Red Cross*

*Moderator: Daniel Hamilton, SAIS CTR, editor of new book on
Networks*

[4:15pm-5:15pm **Steering Committee meeting]**

Location: Herter Room (Adjacent to Kenney)

[7:00pm-9:00pm

Buffet Dinner for Speakers at the Beacon Hotel Overlook/Patio
1615 Rhode Island Ave, NW Washington, DC]

Tuesday, December 16, 2008**9:00am-9:15am****Welcome to Day 2**

Location: Kenney Auditorium

*Andrea Binder**Esther Brimmer***9:30am-11:00am****Working Groups Meet**Locations: Johns Hopkins University, seminar rooms
1717 Massachusetts Ave, NW; Rooms 500, 616, 714, 736

Raising the Bar Working Group Leaders each moderate a conference group and present interim case study results for comments by resource people and participants. The group leader will moderate a structured discussion around issues and recommendations they want to take up in their framework pieces

Resource people are assigned to each group

Conference participants may sign up for a specific working group

Group 1: Linking Relief, Rehabilitation, and Development

Group Leader: Kai Koddenbrock, GPPI

Resource people:

Roberta Del Giudice, Consultant to the European Commission in
Goma (DR Congo) (confirmed)François Grünwald, Groupe Urgence, Réhabilitation,
Développement (URD), France (confirmed)

Ned Olney, Save the Children (confirmed)

Group 2: Improving Humanitarian Performance Through the Implementation of Lessons Learned

Group Leader: Andrea Binder, GPPI

Resource people:

Inger Brodal, Humanitarian Affairs Officer, UN OCHA
(confirmed)Silvia Hidalgo, Development Assistance Research Associates
(DARA), Spain (confirmed)Domitille Kauffmann, Groupe Urgence, Réhabilitation,
Développement (URD), France (confirmed)

Johannes Luchner, European Commission Humanitarian Office,
ECHO (confirmed)
Beatrice Pouligny, Georgetown University

Group 3: Business Engagement in Humanitarian Action

Group Leader: Kelly Johnson, GPPI

Resource people:

Ben Kauffeld, Global Development Alliances, USAID (confirmed)

Theresa Loar, CH2M Hill (confirmed)

Nancy Jaffie, Chemonics

Group: 4: Civil-Military Relations in Disaster Response

Group Leader: Jean-Luc Marret, CTR and Fondation pour la
Recherche Stratégique

Resource people:

Gudrun van Pottelbergh, Researcher (confirmed)

JL Samaan, French Ministry of Defense, Delegation aux Affaires
Stratégiques, Paris (confirmed)

Howard Roy Williams, Former Director, Office of Foreign
Disaster Assistance (confirmed)

11:00am-11:15am **Coffee/tea**

11:15am-12:45pm **Working Groups Continue to Meet**

Locations: Johns Hopkins University, seminar rooms
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1:00pm-1:30pm **Concluding Remarks:**

Themes for Action Papers and Next Steps

Location: Kenney

Kelly Johnson

Esther Brimmer

1:30pm-2:30pm

Buffet Lunch Available

Location: Herter Room