

Climate and weather-related risks are rising worldwide and the accuracy of forecasts on these extreme-weather events have improved significantly over the years, but only recently have humanitarians begun to apply these improvements to support more anticipatory approaches.

Join us at the Humanitarian Networks and Partnership Week (HNPW) 2019 session on **Act Early on Early Action: How do we move from early warning to early action? The case for anticipatory response!**

Wednesday, 6 February 2019

(Inter-Network Day)

11:00 – 12:30

Centre International de Conférences

Genève – Room 2

Rue de Varembe 17
1211 Geneva

The session will discuss key contributing elements to effective early action initiatives: **risk monitoring, science-based triggers, readiness for early action and pre-arranged financing. Based on the current mechanisms and networks contributing to early action, we will outline challenges, opportunities and a vision for integrating anticipatory actions in the humanitarian systems.**

Agenda

- **Short film**
- Opening remarks by **Ursula Müller**, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator
- Moderator **Jagan Chapagain**, Under Secretary General of Programmes and Operations, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Outcomes of the session will contribute to the Early Action Technical Meeting at HNPW, where twenty operational partners will explore further some of the issues and challenges of taking early action to scale.

Panel discussion

- **Pascale Meige** Director, Disaster and Crisis – International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
- **Sean Lowrie** CEO – START Network
- **Brian Lander** Deputy Director – World Food Programme
- **Neil Marsland** Senior Technical Officer – Food and Agriculture Organization
- **Interactive feedback session**

This Cross-Network session has been developed by the members of the Focus Task Force on Early Action (OCHA, FAO, WFP, IFRC and the START Network) representing the following networks:

- IASC Reference Group on Risk, Early Warning and Preparedness
- IFRC Forecast-based Financing network
- Dialogue Platform on Forecast-based Financing
- START Network members
- FOREWARN

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