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## **Sustainable Innovation in the Humanitarian Field**

 29 April – 1 May 2025

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## DAY 1: 29 April 2025 – Ground for Preparedness

Time	Session	Speakers
12:30 – 12:40	Welcome/MC	<b>Abdulazeez Mahboob</b> Strategic Market Analyst, WFP
	<b>DXBH Introduction</b>	<b>Giuseppe Saba</b> CEO and Board Member, Dubai Humanitarian
12:40– 12:50	<b>Opening Speech</b> <i>and video</i>	<b>HE Abdulla Al Shaibani</b> Board Member, Dubai Humanitarian
12:50– 13:00	<b>Keynote Address</b>	<b>Michela Matuella</b> Director of the Emergency Response Coordination Centre, ECHO
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:00 – 15:00	Panel: <b>Are We Ready? Transforming Aid for Tomorrow's Challenges</b>  Moderated by: <b>Simon Missiri</b> Strategic Advisor and Former IFRC Special Representative and Director	<b>Xavier Castellanos Mosquera</b> Under Secretary General for National Society Development and Operations Coordination, IFRC
		<b>Benjamin Safari</b> Head of Supply Management Service, UNHCR
		<b>André Krummacher</b> Vice CEO Programmes, Impact & Accountability, ACTED
		<b>Natasha Zalira-Mbengo</b> Relief and Rehabilitation Officer at Department of Disaster Management Affairs, Malawi Government
		<b>Krishna Putra Tanaja</b> Deputy Executive Director ASEAN Coordinating Centre, Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management

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15:00 – 16:00	<p>Panel: <b>Innovating Sustainability – Bridging Cluster Insights with Innovation Labs</b></p> <p>Moderated by: <b>Prof. Marco Cantamessa</b> Department of Management and Production Engineering (DIGEP), Politecnico di Torino</p>	<p><b>Dr. Ayesha Almemari</b> Consultant Emergency Medicine and Clinical Care, Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City</p> <p><b>Benjamin Safari</b> Head of Supply Management Service, UNHCR</p> <p><b>Jean-Cedric Meeùs</b> Global WASH Cluster Coordinator, UNICEF</p> <p><b>Dr. Mehdi Saeidi</b> Research Fellow, Department of Bioengineering Imperial College London</p> <p><b>Mailin Fauchon</b> Global Logistics Cluster Coordinator, WFP (<a href="#">online</a>)</p>

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## DAY 2: 30 April 2025 – Innovating for Impact

Time	Session	Speakers
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome & Recap/MC	<b>Sara Fikree</b> Strategic Market Analyst, WFP
10:05 – 10:20	<b>Keynote Address</b>	<b>Xavier Castellanos Mosquera</b> Under Secretary General for National Society Development and Operations Coordination, IFRC
10:20-10:30	<b>Opening Speech</b>	<b>Sajeda Shawa</b> Country Representative, Head of OCHA UAE Office
10:30 – 11:30	Dual Panel: <b>Revolutionizing Relief – Technology’s Role in Humanitarian Change</b>	<b>Prof. Marco Cantamessa</b> Department of Management and Production Engineering (DIGEP), Politecnico di Torino  <b>Jose Alcocer</b> Head of SDGx Acceleration, WFP
11:30 -12:30	Panel: <b>Building a Better Future – Greener &amp; Smarter Sourcing for Humanitarian Aid</b>  Moderated by: <b>Benjamin Safari</b> Head of Supply Management Service, UNHCR	<b>Maria Palacio</b> Team Leader, Strategic Supply Chain & Relief EU Funding ( <a href="#">online</a> )  <b>Yazeed Ayasra</b> Director of Health Systems & Applications, International Medical Corps  <b>Sergio Vatalaro</b> Sustainable Innovation Project Manager Dubai Humanitarian  <b>Simon Missiri</b> Strategic Advisor and Former IFRC Special Representative and Director  <b>Fabrizio Bertora</b> Chief of Procurement Section, UNHCR ( <a href="#">online</a> )

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Time (Day 2)	Session	Speakers
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
13:30-14:30	<p>Panel: <b>Financial Sustainability – Beyond Short-Term Wins</b></p> <p>Moderated by: <b>Nameer Khan</b> Chairman MENA Fintech Association &amp; Founder FILS</p>	<p><b>Gustavo Antonio Montero</b> Chairman, Carter Capital</p> <p><b>Mario Stephan</b> Head of Diversification &amp; Impact-Philanthropy Unit, Doctors without Borders (MSF)</p> <p><b>Mailin Fauchon</b> Global Logistics Cluster Coordinator, WFP (online)</p>
14:30-15:00	<p><b>Showcasing Cutting-Edge Solutions</b></p>	<p><b>Zafar Samadov</b> Programme Officer Partnerships, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)</p> <p><b>Caroline Ochieng</b> Programme Officer – Energy Access Policy, IRENA’s Knowledge, Policy and Finance Centre</p>
15:00-15:30	<p><b>Market Intelligence – Key Findings, Insights &amp; Trends</b></p> <p>Moderated by: <b>Bouran Najem</b> Head of Logistics, DXBH</p>	<p><b>Birmingham University:</b> Prof. Amer Alaya Devadutt Ramu Shajil, Student Abel Koshy Sam, Student Diyun Zhang, Student Shalin Mohamed, Student</p> <p><b>Hanken University</b></p> <p><b>WFP, UNHRD</b></p>

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15:30-16:30	<b>Showcasing Cutting-Edge Solutions – Private Sector</b>	<p><b>Francesca Coccozza</b> Director, NRS Relief</p> <p><b>Yun'an (Sara) Gu</b> Business Development Manager, Rinland</p> <p><b>Amadou Kebe</b> Sr. Innovation Engagement Specialist DHL Innovation Centre, Middle East &amp; Africa</p> <p><b>Elham Othman</b> Communications &amp; Partnerships Manager Eye of the World</p> <p><b>Thomas Bonicel</b> Commercial Director Access to Energy MEAS Schneider Electric</p> <p><b>Lorena Muñoz Carmona</b> Sustainability &amp; Partnership Manager Bright Products</p>

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## DAY 3: 1 May 2025 – Innovation & Sustainability: The Way Forward

Time	Session	Speakers
10:00 – 10:10	Recap/MC	<b>Abdulazeez Mahboob</b> Strategic Market Analyst, WFP
10:10 – 10:25	Keynote Address	<b>Gauri Singh</b> Deputy Director General, IRENA
10:25- 10:45	Presentation: <b>From Crisis to Circularity – Sustainable Innovation in Humanitarian Action</b>	<b>Maher Al Kaabi</b> Advisor to Group Chairman and Independent Board Member Al Serkal Group
10:45 – 11:45	Panel: <b>Rethinking Partnerships – Aligning Innovation &amp; Sustainability for Impact</b>  Moderated by: <b>Cormac O’Sullivan</b> Global Director Emergency and Relief, Kuehne+Nagel	<b>Giuseppe Saba</b> CEO and Board Member, Dubai Humanitarian  <b>Prof. Nika Salvetti</b> Heriot Watt University  <b>Muhammet Maruf Yaman</b> Head of Foreign Relationships Department, AFAD  <b>Walid Ibrahim</b> UNHRD Network Coordinator, WFP
11:45-12:15	<b>Showcasing Cutting-Edge Solutions – Academia</b>	<b>Heriot-Watt University</b>
12:30 – 13:00	Closing Remarks	<b>Giuseppe Saba</b> CEO and Board Member Dubai Humanitarian

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