

ICVA WEBINAR

THE GRAND BARGAIN

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Agenda

15:00–15:05	1. Welcome and introduction	A. Tesfa, ICVA & J. Rempel, ICVA
15:05–15:15	2. Development of the current Grand Bargain framework and intentions	J. Rempel, ICVA
15:15–15:20	3. Pre-webinar survey findings	J. Rempel, ICVA
15:20–15:35	4. Grand Bargain at country-level	A. Masson, NEAR
15:35–15:50	5. Priorities for implementation	S. Scholz, InterAction
15:50–16:20	6. Discussion	Facilitation by J. Rempel, ICVA
16:20–16:30	7. Concluding remarks	J. Rempel, A. Masson and S. Scholz

Objectives

1. Update on key changes to the Grand Bargain for 2023 to 2026 implementation
2. Share the current priorities of the Grand Bargain, focus on country-level implementation
3. Facilitate a discussion with participants to identify country-level priorities for humanitarian finance align with Grand Bargain implementation



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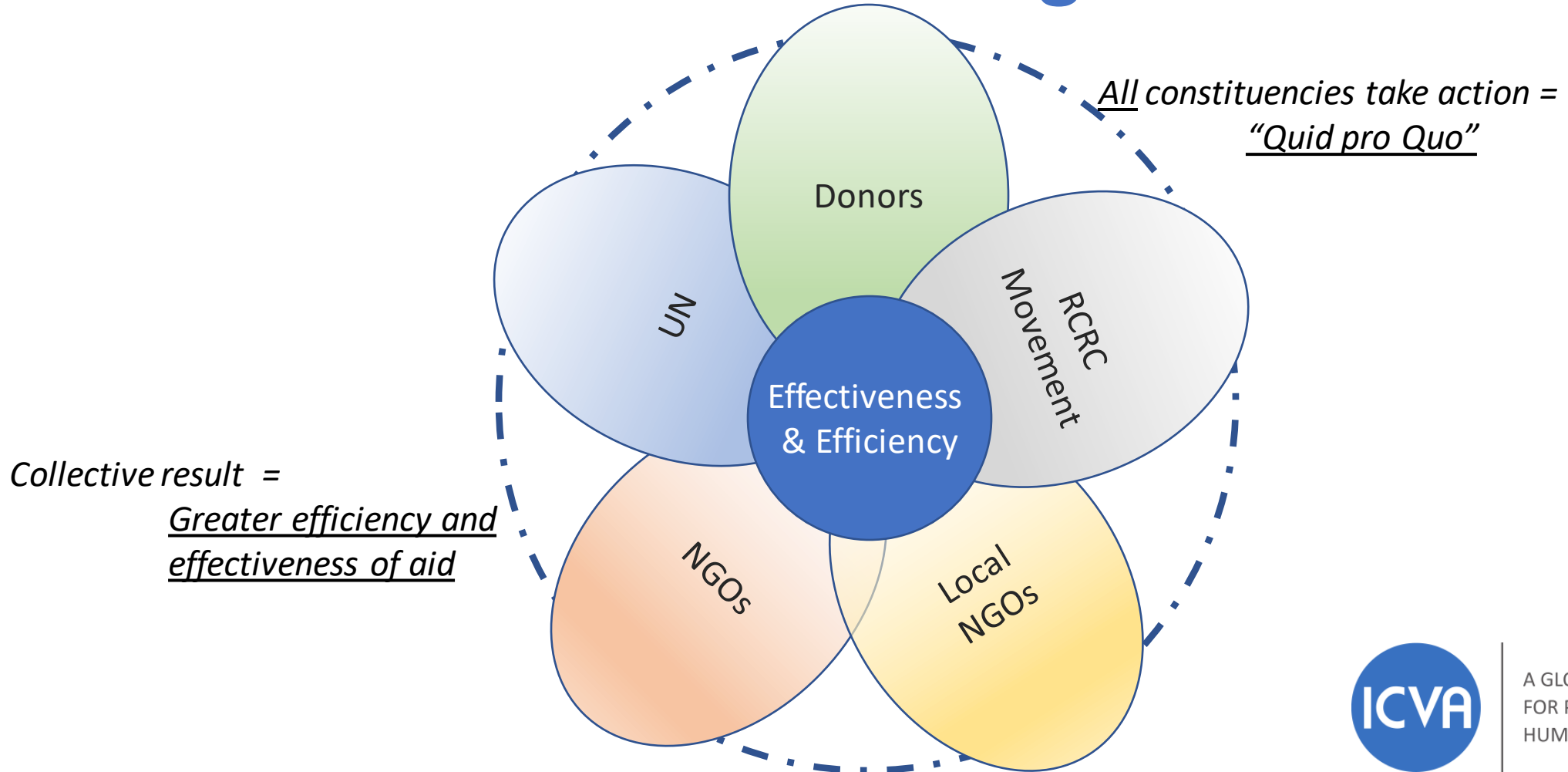
Speakers

- **Addis Tesfa**, ICVA, Representative for East and Southern Africa
- **Jeremy Rempel**, ICVA, Head of Humanitarian Finance
- **Alix Masson**, NEAR, Grand Bargain Facilitation Group NGO representative
- **Stephanie Scholz**, InterAction, Grand Bargain Facilitation Group NGO representative



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What is the Grand Bargain?



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Development of the current Grand Bargain Framework and intentions

1. Key features of the Grand Bargain beyond framework
2. Why is the Grand Bargain still relevant and important?



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Grand Bargain 1.0 - Structure

Workstreams are ongoing, starting before, and will likely continue after, the Grand Bargain



Where are we now?

- Grand Bargain 1.0 and 2.0 complete... It is still alive...
- The areas of focus remain valid:
 - Transparency, Localization, Cash Coordination, Quality Funding, Participation, Needs Assessment, Harmonized Reporting, Simplification of Management Costs, NEXUS
- Is the Grand Bargain initiative still valuable?
 - Unique platform for all stakeholders
 - Still pushing action faster than alternatives
- Key changes are proposed moving forward.
 - Core commitments remain the same
 - No re-negotiation of the agreement



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SCOPE

Strategic Objective

Better humanitarian outcomes for affected populations through enhanced efficiency, effectiveness, greater accountability and strengthened partnerships, in the spirit of Quid pro Quo

Sub-objectives Focus Area 1

Continued support to enabling priorities

Catalysing sector-wide transformation

Focus Area 2

- Quality Funding
- Localisation
- Participation
- Anticipatory Action
- Multi-sector collaboration
- Innovative financing mechanisms

Cross-cutting issues

- Gender
- Risk sharing



GOVERNANCE

Grand Bargain Ambassadors steer the process

Grand Bargain Secretariat supports the Ambassadors and the Facilitation Group

Facilitation Group at Sherpa-level advises the Ambassadors and the Secretariat



STRUCTURE

Caucuses to resolve political challenges

Communities of Practice to help progress on commitments

Engagement at the national level

Annual Meeting to take stock of progress and agree on the priorities moving forward

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10th anniversary High-level event in 2026 to acknowledge the achievements and assess progress, and decide whether there is agreement to continue or not.

Simplified Annual reporting against concrete and measurable milestones/indicators

ACCOUNTABILITY

Co-funding mechanisms from multiple donor Signatories

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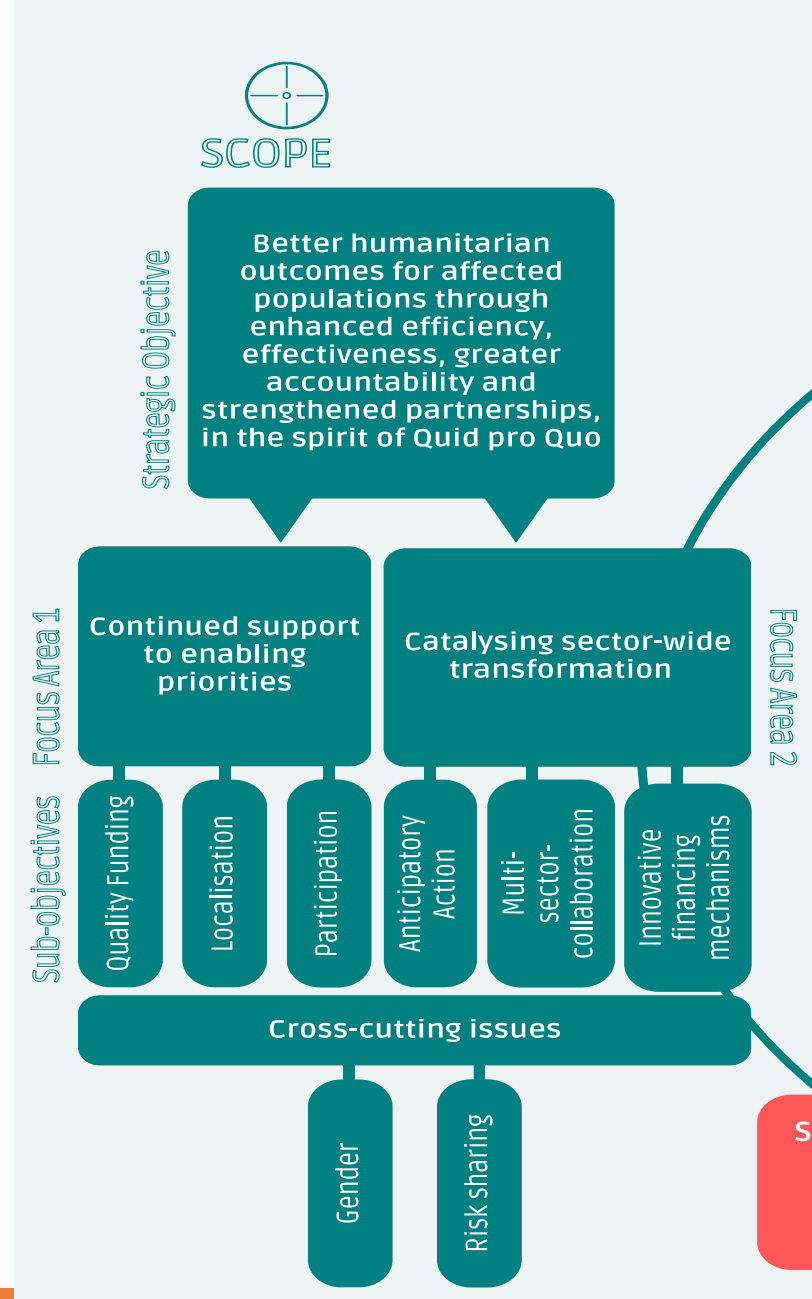


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Grand Bargain scope

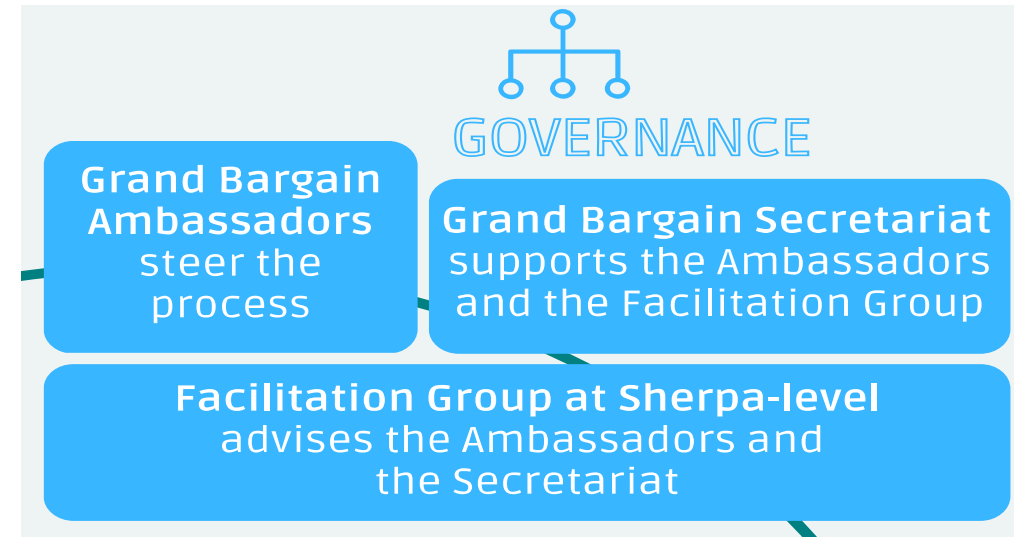
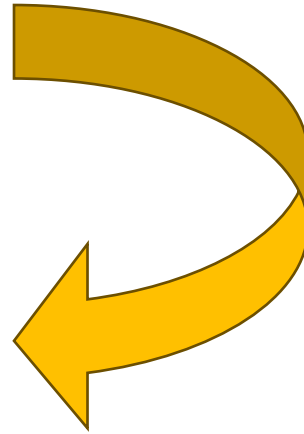
1. **Maintain current enabling priorities** of localization, participation, and quality funding.
2. **Add a new focus area** leveraging the value of the Grand Bargain as a unique platform – catalysing sector-wide transformation:

“Use existing resources and capabilities better to shrink humanitarian needs through strengthened partnerships across humanitarian and development sectors, increased prevention, mitigation and preparedness for early action...”



Governance

- Grand Bargain 2.0
 - Eminent Person
 - Facilitation Group
 - Grand Bargain Secretariat
- Grand Bargain 2023-2026
 - **3 “Ambassadors”** replace the EP
 - **Lighter Facilitation Group**, i.e. Sherpa level
 - **Stronger Secretariat** to support Ambassadors and Facilitation Group



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Structure

66 SIGNATORIES

25 Member States
25 NGOs
12 UN agencies
2 Red Cross/Red Crescent movements
2 Inter-governmental organisations

Annual Meeting

Signatories come together to take stock of progress and agree on next steps

Engagement at national level

By Signatories through National Reference Groups or other national level initiatives led by local actors to ensure progress and results of the Grand Bargain are implemented at national level

Caucuses

Smaller groups of Signatories convening to solve a specific challenge in a limited timeframe

Communities of Practice

Can be established as a useful instrument to help progress on commitments



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Timeline

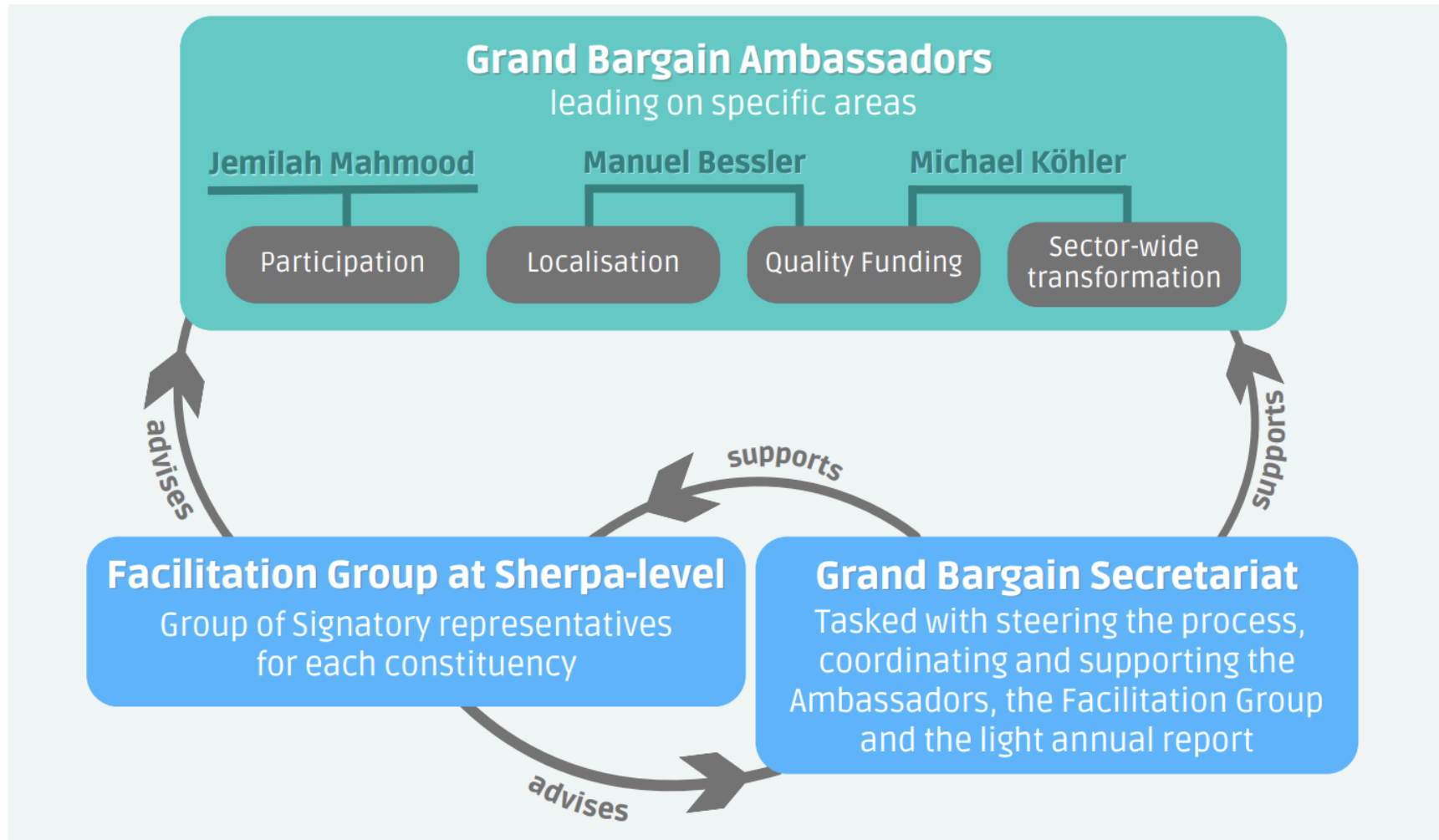
- Agreement in June 2023 that **2026** is an appropriate point to set a key milestone for Grand Bargain progress, aligned with the **10-year anniversary** of the Grand Bargain
 - ❑ Annual objectives set each year
- 3 year is effectively a short timeline for progress. It will be critical to have **clear milestone objectives** and **broad support for implementation**.

“The high-level event in 2026 would provide the occasion for the Signatories to acknowledge the achievements and assess progress and decide whether there is agreement to continue or not.”



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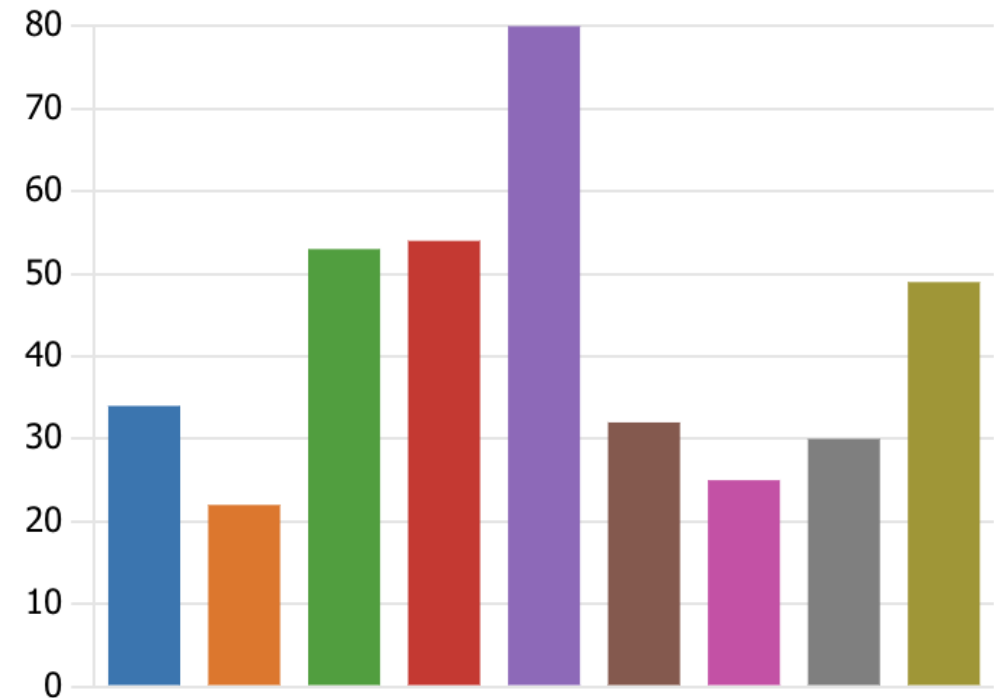
Governance and Structure



Survey findings

7. Please select the topics you would like to see covered in the webinar

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Survey findings

8. Please share any questions you would like to raise / see addressed on the Grand Bargain.

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 Aperçus



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Discussion priorities based on survey

- \\ Focus area 1: Localisation
- \\ Focus area 1: Quality Funding
- \\ Country-level implementation / National Reference Groups
- \\ Cross-cutting issues: Risk-sharing and Gender
- \\ Grand Bargain Ambassadors (responsibilities and priorities)



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Additional topics of interest

- Progress in Grand Bargain implementation in practice.
- NNGOs' access to direct quality funding from key donors and changes in level of risks appetite.
- Shared cost allocation, risk and due diligence.
- Funding for cross-cutting issues.
- Funding for people with disabilities.



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Grand Bargain at country-level

Some background:

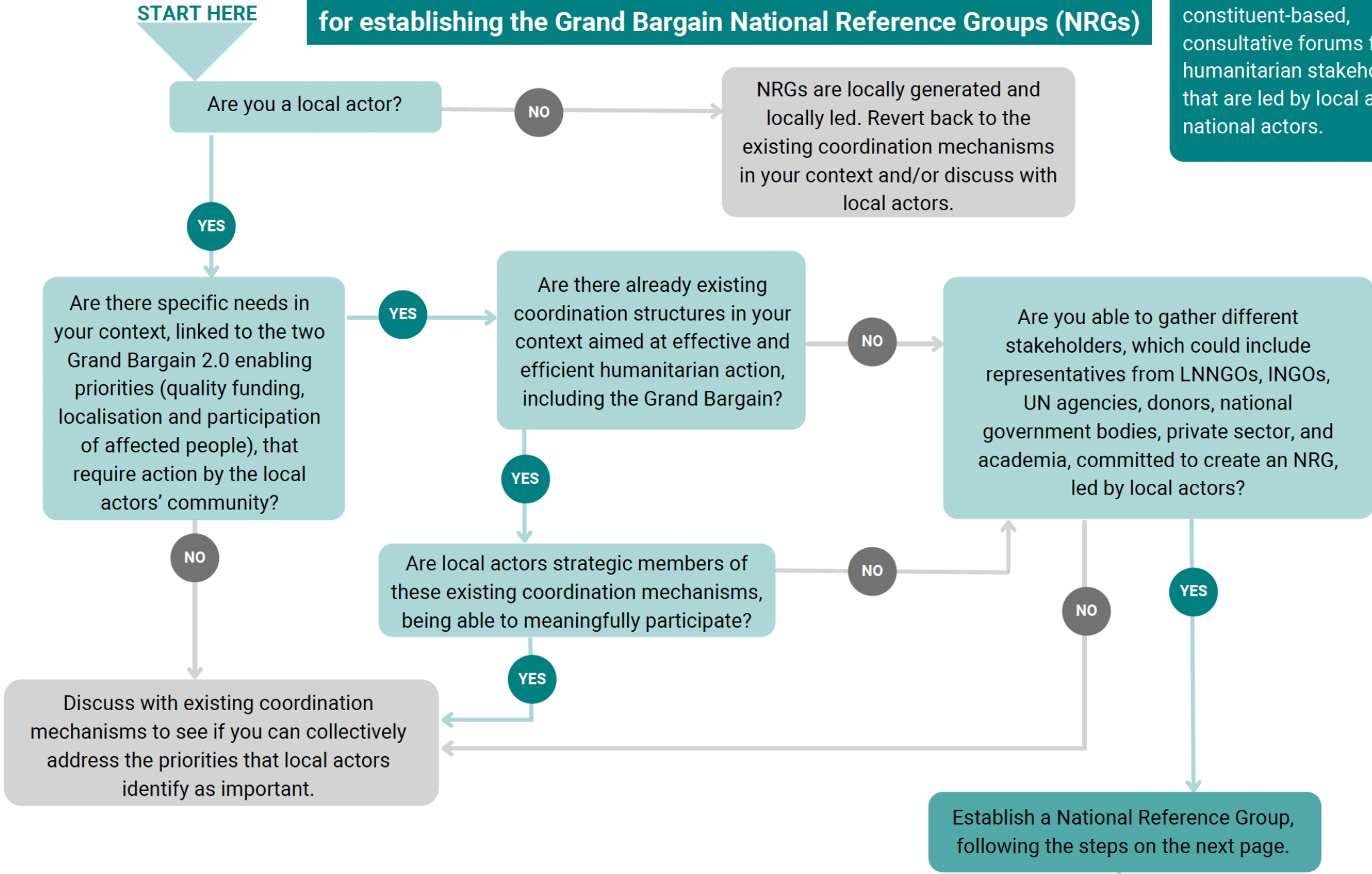
- Never set up for that
- 2020-2021 – Country level dialogues
- 2022 – National Reference Groups ToRs
- 2023 – new framework – clear reference to focus on that



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Grand Bargain 2.0 Step-by-step guide for establishing the Grand Bargain National Reference Groups (NRGs)

NRGs are national level, constituent-based, consultative forums for humanitarian stakeholders that are led by local and national actors.



Grand Bargain at country-level

What is a National Reference Group?

- A dialogue tool
- A multistakeholder space with collective leadership
- A comprehensive tool to move localization at country level

What is NOT a National Reference Group?

- A competing structure at national level on localisation
- A space that drives solely local actors' agenda



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Grand Bargain at country-level

Where are we?

- A mapping of localization initiatives at national level
- NRGs
 - Launched: Türkiye, NWS, DRC, Lebanon
 - Ongoing and active conversations: Myanmar, Kenya, Uganda, Philippines, Yemen, Palestine (likely to be on hold)
 - Interest: Indonesia, Pakistan, etc

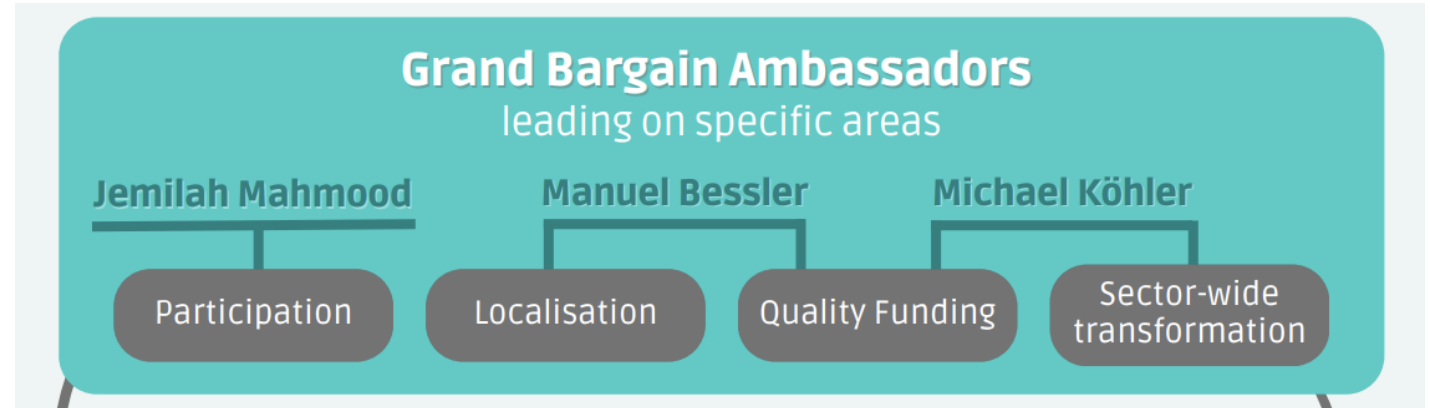


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Priorities for implementation

The specific focus areas of the Grand Bargain 3.0 are shown at left.

As an NGO constituency, we need to clearly define our priorities and we need to hear from all of you what issues you care about most.



What areas or issues under these broad umbrellas are most important to your organizations?



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Time for discussion



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Questions from the survey

- How can downward accountability be enhanced?
- Are donors ready for *real* localization?
- Would active capacity development of national staff working with INGOs qualify as localization, especially when national staff are *groomed* to take on more senior roles or is this concept limited in focus/scope to only local NGOs?
- How will the Grand Bargain benefit local communities?
- How can local and national initiatives for the localisation and optimization of response be integrated in the GB, empowered by international actors and not undermined or replaced?



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Questions from the survey

- How do we ensure affected populations are part of the CVA decision-making process?
- With needs rising and less funding available, how do we define priorities and focus areas?
- What would be the role of civil society networks for the effective implementation of Grand Bargain and quality funding in the country level ?
- What is the accountability of donors and intermediaries if commitments are not made? What about mutual accountability?



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Resources for participants

- ICVA, [The Grand Bargain 2.0 Explained](#), Briefing Paper, 2022
- The Grand Bargain Beyond 2023 Framework, 2023 in [English](#), [French](#) and [German](#)



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