



AGENDA *(Working Draft)*

2024 UNICEF-NGO Consultations:
Partnering for Children in the Climate Crisis
16-17 April 2024 | Geneva, Switzerland

DAY 1: TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2024	
08:30 – 09:15	Registration (45 minutes): Registration desk opens with light coffee and tea served for participants TBC
09:15 – 09:45	Opening Remarks (30 minutes) Welcome and overview of the UNICEF-NGO Consultations by UNICEF and ICVA leads, objectives of the consultation, thematic focus on climate and children. Objective: A short opening session with two (senior TBC) speakers from ICVA and UNICEF to welcome the participants and briefly introduce the background of the consultations and set the objectives of the thematic focus: climate change, Humanitarian-Development Nexus, accountability to affected persons, community engagement and localisation.
09:45 – 11:00	Session 1: Climate change and children: Setting the scene (75 minutes) This session aims to frame the discussion by scanning the horizon of the needs of children affected by climate change and by presenting the climate change related humanitarian policies and programmes UNICEF and partners are currently implementing. Objective: A panel discussion between UNICEF and NGO speakers to present the impacts of climate change on children, to update on what they are currently doing to address the current and projected impacts of climate change on children, to discuss challenges and opportunities and to consider where continued joint investment and advocacy is needed. Close session with 2-3 key takeaways/recommendations for UNICEF, NGOs and the wider sector.
11:00 – 11:20	Refreshment Break
11:20 – 13:00	Session 2: How to enhance UNICEF-NGO engagement on climate change, including anticipatory action, preparedness, and response (100 minutes) Linked to session 1, this session will encourage participants to discuss, in breakout groups, how UNICEF and NGOs can work better together to develop and implement (including scaling) policies and programmes that support children and their communities in addressing climate change, including strengthening preparedness and anticipatory action, preparedness and



	<p>response. Furthermore, the participants will review the current UNICEF-NGO partnership processes related to climate change and other interconnected issues, present concerns, discuss collaborative approaches and provide suggestions on how jointly climate change can be addressed. Finally, the participants will identify 2-3 key recommendations per group.</p> <p>Objective: An introductory presentation to frame the breakout groups, followed by breakout group discussions. Returning to plenary, the breakout groups will report back on the main points of their discussion and present 2-3 key take aways/recommendations for UNICEF, NGOs, and the wider sector.</p>
13:00 – 14:30	LUNCH
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Session 3: Child-responsive and climate-informed Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus (90 minutes)</p> <p>This session aims to analyse the current challenges, highlight good practices, and identify ways forward and recommendations around how UNICEF and NGO partners can better collaborate across the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus, with a focus on Disaster Risk Reduction, and by putting children, communities and local actors at the centre, when responding to the climate crisis.</p> <p>Objective: This session will open with presentations by UNICEF and NGO speakers on how they work across the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus, putting children and women at the centre, when responding to the climate crisis, before opening the floor to discussions on challenges and opportunities and possible ways forward in terms of joint investment and advocacy. Close session with 2-3 key takeaways/recommendations for UNICEF, NGOs and the wider sector.</p>
16:00 – 16:20	Coffee break
16:20 – 16:50	<p>Closing of Day 1 (30 minutes)</p> <p>In this last session of Day 1, UNICEF/ICVA summarizes the key learning and action points of the day. The session will close with a few instructions for the next day.</p>
<i>Free time before reception</i>	
18:00 – 19:30	Networking and Reception



DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 2024

08:30 – 09:00	Welcome tea and refreshments
09:00 – 09:15	Introduction to Day 2 (30 minutes) Quick housekeeping, wrap-up and take-aways from Day 1 and Introduction to Day 2.
09:15 – 10:45	Session 4: Accountability to climate-affected communities (90 minutes) This session aims to facilitate a discussion between UNICEF and NGO partners on how affected communities, especially children and youth, are involved and engaged with in the design of programmes, including climate-related programmes. By examining areas of collaboration and partnership, the session aims to identify and address barriers and, through the provision of recommendations and ways forward, enhance collective efforts in promoting AAP. Objective: This session will open with short presentations by UNICEF and NGO speakers on how they engage with affected communities and vice versa how affected communities are involved, before opening the floor to discussions on challenges and opportunities and possible ways forward in terms of joint investment and advocacy on AAP.
10:45 – 11:05	Refreshment Break
11:05 – 12:30	Session 5: Promoting partnership with local actors, including marginalized groups, in responding to climate-affected children (85 minutes) This session focuses on analysing and understanding how local actors, communities and marginalised groups as well as the local organisations representing them can promote principled partnership in addressing the impacts of climate change, and how UNICEF can support this. After presentations/ignite talks given by UNICEF and NGO colleagues, in particular from local actors and organizations representing marginalised groups, including persons with disabilities and indigenous persons, the participants will split into breakout groups to discuss best practices and how jointly they can enhance each other’s capacities toward realizing localisation objectives. In the breakout groups participants will explore: capacity-sharing, working with marginalised groups, the cascading of funding, issues on risk transfer/risk sharing and the participation of local actors in coordination mechanisms. Objective: This session will focus on partnership with local actors, including recognition of local knowledge, and the role of local actors in facilitating access to children and communities. To agree on 2-3 key takeaways/recommendations for UNICEF, NGOs and the wider sector in strengthening partnership with local actors.



<p>12:30 – 13:30</p>	<p>LUNCH</p>
<p>13:30 – 15:00</p>	<p>Session 6: Quality funding & equitable partnerships (180 mins)</p> <p>To improve outcomes for climate-affected children and beyond, making progress towards quality funding is required. Quality funding, defined often as multi-year and flexible funding, is not sufficient alone without equitable partnerships. Quality funding and equitable partnership are also essential to effective localisation and accountability to affected people. This session aims to capitalize on the opportunities and address the challenges that partnerships present. A scoping study carried by ICVA received over 700 responses from UNICEF partners and showed that NGO partners are enthusiastic to collaborate with UNICEF on topics such as bridging the funding gap, advocating to donors for more quality funding, and aligning funding across the nexus. The study also showed that areas to strengthen in partnerships between NGOs and UNICEF include overheads, multi-year flexible funding, communication and transparency, and consistency in implementation of guidelines. Through group discussions, the participants will jointly highlight good practices, identify barriers and challenges and ways how to address these and formulate recommendations on how quality funding and equitable partnerships can be taken forward and jointly strengthened.</p> <p>Objective: This session will open with short presentations by UNICEF and NGO speakers on their subject of focus, before opening the floor to questions and comments and breaking out to groups focused on identified challenges, opportunities and possible ways forward in terms of quality funding and equitable partnerships.</p>
<p>15:00 – 15:20</p>	<p>Refreshment Break</p>
<p>15:20 – 16:30</p>	<p>Session 6: Quality funding & equitable partnerships cont'd</p>
<p>16:30 – 17:00</p>	<p>Next steps and closing of the conference</p>