



Call for expressions of interest to prepare short papers that assess self-reporting in the PACT by transformation in the Agenda for Humanity

The Summit reaffirmed the value of harnessing the skills, ideas and expertise of a diverse range of stakeholders and forming partnerships to work toward common objectives. In keeping with this spirit, OCHA would like to invite expressions of interest to prepare short papers that would analyse and assess the self-reporting in the PACT by one of the 24 transformations in the Agenda for Humanity; by select cross-cutting themes; or an initiative launched at the Summit. Expressions of interested should be submitted by 24 February 2017.

All stakeholders who made commitments at the World Humanitarian Summit in support of advancing the Agenda for Humanity have been invited to self-report on progress once a year through the Platform for Action, Commitments and Transformation (PACT) (agendaforhumanity.org). The self-reporting is a critical opportunity for stakeholders to demonstrate how they are taking forward commitments, confronting challenges, and working to promote positive change. The information provided through the self-reporting will be publically available and will form the basis, along with other relevant analysis, of the annual synthesis report.

The annual synthesis report will be prepared by OCHA and is expected to be released in September. The report will highlight trends in progress, achievements and gaps that need more attention as stakeholders collectively work toward advancing the 24 transformations in the Agenda for Humanity. The papers would provide a substantive contribution to the preparation of the annual synthesis report on progress. All the papers would also be publically available on the PACT.

By contributing analytical papers, organizations have the opportunity to lend their expertise and knowledge to the analysis of the self-reporting in the PACT and help create a culture of mutual-accountability for implementation of commitments. It also provides organizations and contributors an opportunity to share new ideas on how we can continue to make progress in advancing the Agenda for Humanity.

Terms of Reference

Prepare a short paper that analyses the self-reporting submitted in the PACT on one of the following:

- One of the 24 transformations in the Agenda for Humanity;
- One of the following cross-cutting themes:
 - gender



- cash
 - urban
 - humanitarian principles
 - innovation
 - evidence-based
 - accountability to affected people
 - private sector
- One of the initiatives launched at the Summit (see: <http://www.agendaforhumanity.org/initiatives>). *Note this must be drafted by the focal point/ lead organization for that initiative.*

Time commitment: As we expect the majority of the self-reports to be submitted in March, analysis should not begin until 1 April. The paper must be completed and submitted by Friday 12 May. Authors should be available during May-June to respond to any questions/ clarifications sought.

Page Limit: 5 pages maximum

Style of the report: Papers will not be formally edited for style. In order to achieve coherent tone across the papers, we would ask for papers to adopt the following style:

- In bullet points;
- clear, concise and simple language;
- formal tone using third person;

Analysis should be objective, based on facts and evidence contained in the self-reporting and additional thematic reports provided through the PACT and not the personal/ organizational opinion of the author. Other sources of information that cover the same reporting period may be used if referenced appropriately.

Publishing of papers: The papers will be used in the preparation of the annual synthesis report on progress. The papers will be separately available on the PACT. Organizations may also publish their papers on their own websites.

Structure and Content of the Analytical Paper:

The papers are expected to answer each of the following questions. The word limits are a guide within the total maximum length of 5 pages.

- Where was the most significant progress made across reporting on that specific transformation/ cross-cutting issue/ initiative? (500 words max)



- What were the main barriers/ challenges to progress (500 words max)
- Have stakeholders created or adopted benchmarks/ indicators to measure progress? If so, were there common benchmarks/ indicators adopted? Provide examples of good practice? (max 250 words)
- Was gender integrated into the reporting on the transformation/ cross-cutting theme? Provide examples of good practice and highlight opportunities where this could be strengthened? (250 words)
- To what extent was there a gap between the commitments and what is needed to make progress on the transformation/ cross-cutting theme/ initiative? For example, are there further types of commitments and actions needed to advance it? (250 words)
- Are there any other trends and observations that showcase achievements, gaps or challenges? (250 words)
- Highlight 3-4 examples of good practice. For example, concrete examples of institutional progress; establishing benchmarks and indicators; or involvement of women in decision-making (please provide from a diversity of stakeholders) (250 words max)
- Propose three recommendations based on analysis for what is needed to strengthen progress on the transformation/ cross-cutting theme/ initiative (250 words max).
- How could self-reporting be improved on this transformation/ cross-cutting theme/ initiative in 2018 (100 words).

Process to express interest:

1. Select up to three transformations/ cross-cutting themes/ initiatives in order of preference your organization would like to provide a paper on.
2. Prepare a 200 word or less statement on how the mandate or experience of the organization would place it in the best position to undertake the analysis.
3. **Submit the expression of interest to Chris Gerlach (gerlach@un.org), copied to Kathryn Yarlett (yarlett@un.org), by 24 February 2017.**



4. A maximum of two stakeholders/ organizations will be selected per transformation/ cross-cutting theme. For the initiatives, only the focal point/ organization for the initiative will be selected. Selection will be at the discretion of OCHA, but based on expertise, geographical and stakeholder diversity.
5. Selected stakeholders will be notified by 10 March 2017.

For more information:

Please contact Kathryn Yarlett (yarlett@un.org) and Chris Gerlach (gerlach2@un.org). An information briefing will be held in the week of 13 February, please email Chris Gerlach (gerlach2@un.org) if you are interested in attending in person or by webinar.



Annex A: 24 transformations of the Agenda for Humanity

