

## Charter4Change and NEAR event at Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks 2021

### *Centring local leadership in humanitarian coordination – A dialogue between national civil society networks and international coordination actors*

Timing:

22<sup>nd</sup> April

08.00 GMT-4 / New York

12.00 UTC time which means

13.00 GMT+1 / London

14.00 GMT+2/ Geneva, Oslo

15.00 GMT+ 3 / Kampala, Sana'a, Nairobi

19.00 GMT+7 / Indonesia

Registration at:

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National NGO panellists:

- Puji Pujiono, Representative of the Indonesian Development and Humanitarian Alliance
- Gloria Soma, Executive Director, Titi Foundation, South Sudan
- Dr Aisha Thawab, Chair Woman of the Board, Yemen Civil Society Organisations Union

International organisation panellists:

- Hilde Salvesen, Policy Director at the Section for Humanitarian Affairs at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Stephen Williams, Humanitarian Adviser (Localisation & Humanitarian Reform), Humanitarian & Stabilisation Operations Team, FCDO
- Philimon Majwa, Humanitarian Policy Specialist at UNICEF

This session will focus on sharing experience from locally-led networks and platforms for humanitarian coordination; exploring both good practices and challenges in how internationally-led humanitarian coordination processes, structures and agencies link to and engage with these. Whilst localisation efforts are underpinned by the principle of “as local as possible, as international as necessary”, in practice humanitarian coordination practices adopted by international agencies are often the inverse of this. So the starting point for this session will be to hear from representatives from national NGO networks and platforms; before opening up to perspectives from international stakeholders and the online audience. Speakers and discussion in the session will be encouraged to identify good practices and opportunities for creative new approaches that deserve support to re-centre humanitarian coordination in local leadership.