

Invitation

LEARNING EVENT: DRR/CCA in fragile and conflict affected situations (FCAS) 06 November 2018; 9:00 – 17:00, Helvetas office, Bern

Frame

The political and social context can determine how disaster and climate risks impact people's lives and how well they are able to recover. This requires a thorough awareness and understanding for a successful consideration of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) mechanisms to adjust and improve coordination, advocacy and advice. This is particularly important but also complicated in the case of conflict affected and fragile contexts (FCAS), when governance mechanisms and institutions are generally weak. Nevertheless, humanitarian aid as well as development cooperation programs and projects of Swiss NGOs and SDC are often located in in fragile and conflict affected contexts. The learning event (LE) shall sensitize practitioners on how climate and social risks are minimized in a systematic way when planning and implementing projects and programmes in fragile and climate affected settings and foster the linkages with disaster risks. This shall be done through two main elements: The exchange on experience by experts through case studies and group works. A new guidance - Helvetas elaborated an instrument how to tackle risks in fragile contexts combining climate change, disaster risk reduction and conflict sensitivity (based on the [FCAS 3 steps manual](#) and [CRISTAL / CEDRIG](#) risk assessments). First hands-on experience from the testing in Borana in Ethiopia shall be presented.

Learning event

The event is addressed to NGOs practitioners and staffs of SDC involved in projects and programmes working in disaster affected and fragile situations. The event is free of charge and open to anyone interested.

Objectives Enhance the thematic competences of participants in the field of DRR/CCA in fragile and conflict affected situations:

- i) Experts exchange experience about practices, lessons learned and challenges in the field of DRR/CCA in fragile and conflict affected situations;
- ii) Participants have a better understanding about the interlinkage between DRR/CCA and fragility;
- iii) Participants are sensitized on how potential risks are minimized in a systematic way when planning and implementing programs in a climate and fragile affected contexts.

Registration

Participation is open to anyone interested and free of charge.

Please register [online \(http://drrplatform.org/event-list.html\)](http://drrplatform.org/event-list.html) until 19.10.2018.

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A detailed programme will be shared two weeks prior to the event.