



TRANSFORMING PARTNERSHIPS

The Grand Bargain 2.0 re-emphasised the importance of locally-led humanitarian response. This goes hand in hand with the need to rethink roles and responsibilities in humanitarian and development action. Where are we now? Are we institutionally fit for partnering? Which roles will local, national and international NGOs play in the future? What does this mean in practice?

These are the questions that we will discuss in our online peer-learning series. The series consists of three consecutive online sessions with a mix of input, individual reflection, small group discussions, and further peer-sharing in plenary.

The learning series is oriented towards directors, senior managers from different departments and board members of German, national and local humanitarian and development NGOs. Different representatives from one NGO are welcome. After the online sessions, participants can also request further online coaching support from the trainers.

Smruti Patel and Koenraad van Brabant of the [Global Mentoring Initiative](#) will facilitate the sessions. They are extensively involved in localisation and equitable partnering debates, research and organisational accompaniment. They are also associates of the Inter-Agency Research and Analysis Network (IARAN) whose foresighting methods can be applied to different questions.

The number of participants is limited. You will receive feedback on your admission to the course after the registration deadline. Participants are expected to take part in all sessions. The sessions will be in English. Participation is free of charge.

WHEN?

TUE, 7 September 2021
TUE, 14 September 2021
WED, 22 September
9 am – 12 pm CEST each

WHERE?

Online (Zoom)

REGISTRATION

Please register [↘ here](#) until
27 August 2021.

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PROGRAMME

The content of the sessions will be adapted based on the information on requirements and questions of participants in the registration form.

SESSION 1: TUESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2021

09:00 – **Where are we now? Where have we come from?**

12:00 We reflect on where we come from, where we are now, what shaped that journey, and if and how we are thinking about the medium-term future for our organisations. Some of the questions will be

- What was the original/what is the current purpose why your organisation exists?
- What/who drove the evolution in your organisation's focus and way(s) of working over the past 10 years?
- Where are you, currently, with regard to the whole conversation and policy commitments on localisation and local ownership/leadership?
- What is driving your action or inaction? Do you have a strategy/plan for greater local leadership? What are the implications for INGOs? What are the implications for local/national NGOs?
- Where and how, in your organisation, are you thinking about your role and operating model in the medium-term future, say 2035?

SESSION 2: TUESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2021

09:00 – **Are we fit for partnering?**

12:00 Using a self-assessment, we will discover your institutional fitness for partnering and zoom in on key issues like deciding to partner; sharing of power and resources; sharing of capacities or partnership reviews. Do you partner differently with other international organisations than with national/local ones (and reverse for national/local organisations participating)? Have you built/are you building global alliances? What is the power dynamics in those?

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SESSION 3: WEDNESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2021

09:00 – **Are we fit for the future?**

12:00 In the last session, we will pick up some issues of strong interest by participants, as identified in the earlier sessions. We will take a look at what some foresighting studies say about the future of aid and of international humanitarian and development NGOs and see how we have the strategic discussions about this, within our individual organisations – and with key partners and stakeholders.

All sessions include inputs, discussions in break-out groups and plenary as well as short breaks.