10th Global Dialogue Platform on Anticipatory Humanitarian Action

Lessons from anticipatory action: are we getting it right?

6-8 December 2022, Berlin and online

Guidelines for submitting parallel session proposals

Parallel sessions are an integral part of the Global Dialogue Platform's main programme and 25 slots are available during this year's event. Parallel sessions can be carried out in different formats: fully virtual, in-person only or hybrid. Each parallel session will last for 50 minutes.

Preparation and implementation of the parallel sessions will be supported by the Global Dialogue Platform's production and organizing teams in Berlin. The majority of the sessions will be accessible via the event website, and promoted through the event website and communications channels (e.g., social media, newsletters).

While there will be over 200 participants in Berlin, the majority of participants are expected to join the Global Dialogue Platform online. As an indication, around 1,100 people took part online during the 2021 event. Taking into consideration the needs of both online and in-person participants, the following recommendations should be considered.

Recommendations for all session formats: hybrid, in person and online

- To balance speakers' presentations with the active engagement of participants (e.g., through discussions or Q&A features), sessions should have just one moderator and a maximum of five speakers.
- The selection of speakers should aim for a balance in terms of gender and geography (i.e., Global North and Global South).
- Speakers are strongly encouraged to use a combination of images, short videos and key messages to illustrate their interventions, rather than showing lengthy PowerPoint presentations. If PowerPoints are used, we recommend a maximum of three slides.

- To maintain audience engagement - particularly the online audience - we recommend using an online Q&A or polling tool for both in-person and online participants. Session leads are strongly encouraged to use the available tools to increase public interaction.

Recommendations for hybrid sessions

- Hybrid sessions should have a maximum 50 per cent of speakers joining online (2-3 people maximum).
- The session moderator for hybrid sessions should be present in person at the side event venue in Berlin.
- Both in-person and online participants should be encouraged to ask questions through an online Q&A tool.

Session leads: roles and responsibilities

The session leads for parallel sessions are responsible for:

- designing the session format and submitting a proposal by **25 October 2022**
- securing moderators and speakers for their session
- providing information about the session to the Global Dialogue Platform organizing team in a timely manner

Since most satellite side events will be held at the event venue in Berlin, we encourage participants to consider the expertise and experience of those who will be present when selecting speakers.

We recommend a maximum of two session leads per satellite side event. Each organization can submit a maximum of two parallel session proposals in which its staff are the session leads.

If you are interested in submitting a parallel session proposal that is closely related to the focus of one of the Anticipation Hub working groups, please contact the chairs in advance:

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For more info, please visit the Anticipation Hub's page about these working groups.

Proposal's evaluation and selection process

A selection committee composed of the Global Dialogue Platformorganizing committee will select sessions based on the selection criteria below. Session leads will be informed about the outcome of their proposal´s submission by November 3rd. Events will be selected based on the following criteria.

1. Relevance to this year's theme

Based on the theme for this year's Global Dialogue Platform, 'Lessons from anticipatory action: are we getting it right?', the following main topics and sub-themes will be given priority:

- Listening to the science and learning from the evidence to improve practice
    - short activation windows
    - data availability for risk analyses and trigger development
    - the challenge of activations
    - the difficulty of working with tropical storms
    - the need for localization
    - increased flexibility
    - compounding shocks
- Investment and finance to build and implement systems for anticipatory action
- Scaling up anticipatory action: limits and possibilities

Please read the concept note for full details of each topic.

2. Promote open discussions, critical debates and constructive solutions

Satellite side events should allow participants to have honest, open conversations about core issues, rather than revisiting common talking points. They should allow speakers to present 'two sides of the story' and allow participants to hear differing opinions that highlight the lessons learned through both successes and failures.

3. Strengthen collaboration

We value proposals that are designed to bridge the gaps between the humanitarian, climate, development and private sectors, and/or to connect science, policy and practice. Satellite side events should stimulate joint learning and enable collaborative approaches to flourish in tackling the challenges facing anticipatory action. Side events should always include speakers across different organizational backgrounds (i.e., not just from the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement / United Nations / academia /practitioners).

4. Embrace diversity and inclusion

Side events should have a 50/50 balance between female and male speakers. They should include perspectives from both the Global South and the Global North, as well as including local actors.

5. Promote innovative solutions

The anticipatory action community includes many innovative projects and entrepreneurial endeavours. We welcome proposals that showcase groundbreaking, cutting-edge solutions that improve, or have the potential to improve, the quality and impact of anticipatory action.

6. Create a connection and spark ideas

In keeping with the tradition of past dialogue platforms, we encourage facilitation methods that connect people and spark ideas for innovation and collaboration. To capitalize on the wealth of experience and expertise present at the Global Dialogue Platform, satellite side events should allow sufficient time for debate and the exchange of ideas. We welcome creative and interactive ways of communicating that break down complex concepts, and that prioritize dialogue over one-way presentation.

Contact

If you have questions, please contact Thereza Jatobá, event coordinator, (therezajatoba@gmail.com) with dialogueplatform@drk.de copied in.

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