

## Red Cross and Red Crescent Forum (RC<sup>2</sup> Forum)

**Inspiration for action** - *Anticipating tomorrow's trends and dilemmas, understanding their impact on people and preparing the Movement's response today.*

The humanitarian landscape is evolving. As new challenges emerge, people's needs change and so too must the response to those needs. Today more than ever, we need to adapt and innovate to ensure we can anticipate the challenges and continue addressing the needs of the people we serve.

### What are the Forum's objectives?

- help create a continuum between the 32nd and 33rd International Conferences;
- promote forward-thinking by identifying and discussing trends, emerging humanitarian issues and potential solutions in an interactive format;
- contribute to shaping the next International Conference so that it remains relevant to the Movement and, more broadly, to the global humanitarian community.

### How will the Forum meet these objectives?

#### RC<sup>2</sup> Forum – 9 November 2017

The RC<sup>2</sup> Forum provides **an opportunity for discussion** between the General Assembly and the Council of Delegates. Its programme will be based on the results of **engagement sessions**.

The Forum will be dynamic and hands-on to **empower National Societies** and increase their sense of ownership and engagement in statutory meetings. There will be a diverse programme of sessions, exhibition spaces, speaker corners and networking opportunities.

The Forum will seek the participation of **external partners** to enrich discussions and knowledge-sharing, and further encourage productive partnerships. Its future-looking approach will complement the General Assembly and Council of Delegates programs.

#### Engagement sessions – March to August 2017

Regional engagement sessions will be held from March until the end of August.

They will identify **regional and local trends and emerging issues** through interactive discussions in order to better understand the challenges that the Movement may face in the near future.

To gain as broad a perspective as possible on these issues, a range of participants – mainly within the Movement – will take part: National Society leaders, operational staff, volunteers and youth. The sessions are not, however, designed to produce representative results, but rather to get a snapshot of the challenges that National Societies may need to address.

#### Beyond the Forum – towards the 33rd International Conference

The results of the Forum are expected to be discussed at the opening ceremony of the Council of Delegates. Participants will select the emerging issues that have been identified throughout the process that they will like to discuss further and see reflected on the International Conference's agenda.

The outcome of the Forum will be further explored in the lead-up to the International Conference in 2019. These discussions will involve external partners of the Movement, communities and governments and will focus on how the Movement, in collaboration with governments and the communities it serves, can adapt to address emerging issues.

## How can I contribute to the Forum?

- take part in National Society engagement sessions: come with your ideas and enrich the conversation;
- host an engagement session and encourage fellow National Societies to participate;
- propose a trend or issue that is emerging in your country/region and that you would like to discuss at the Forum: write us an email with your proposal;
- co-facilitate a discussion on a trend/emerging issue in a creative and interactive format;
- present an innovative project at the speaker's corner: tell us about it and sign up.

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