33rd International Conference

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## 2019 Council of Delegates

**Outcomes & Next Steps** 

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# 33rd International Conference

### Overall, a success!



- Multiple events (plenaries, spotlight sessions, side events, Red Talk, Humanitarian Village): overall HIGH QUALITY and very HIGH ENGAGEMENT.
- TOPICS resonated with the audience
- An INCLUSIVE and ACCESSIBLE Conference
- All RESOLUTIONS adopted and efforts made to reach consensus
- Stronger ENGAGEMENT between National Societies and their governments
- Standing Commission: 5 new members elected

# Facts & Figures (I)



#### **2393 Participants**

Representatives of 187 National Societies, 170 States and 77 observer organizations attended the 33rd IC

#### **8 Adopted Resolutions**

Including on IHL, mental health and psychosocial support, disaster law, epidemics & pandemics, RFL & data protection, and women's leadership in humanitarian action

in humanitarian action





Were delivered during the plenary session 'For the Record: Voices from the Conference', representing the variety of participants' views on the Conference themes

# Facts & Figures (II)



110 specific pledges & 41 open pledges have been submitted

#### 36 Side Events

Took place alongside the official
proceedings of the Conference, covering
topics related to the different themes and
offering an informal space for
discussion and exchange among
participants

#### **Over 40 Exhibitions**

Showcased various initiatives including through virtual reality and immersive experiences, and provided an interactive space for networking and learning

#### **14 Spotlight Sessions**

Explored topics such as urban warfare, IHL and new technologies, migration & internal displacement, the climate crisis, mental health,

urbanization, integrity, community engagement & accountability, among others

#### 21 Red Talks

Provided a new and engaging format, which gave participants the opportunity to share their experiences, showcase their projects and have a conversation with the audience within the framework of the Conference themes

#### What did we do differently?

- Took on board feedback to "do things differently": focused and coherent conference around three thematic pillars
- Increased consultation: PM briefings, Group of Ambassadors, webinars, regional briefings, bilaterals etc.
- Preparatory Meeting: a big success!
- External communication and promotion: (Place de Nations, Humanitarian Trail, RCRC Museum etc.)
- Fewer and shorter **resolutions**
- A truly inclusive and accessible event



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#### **Key outcomes from IC33 Survey**

- **250** participants responded to survey: 45% from NS, 16% from Governments, and the rest from ICRC, IFRC, and Observers.
- Overall positive appraisal, topics considered relevant and aligned with global trends.
- 83% of responders rated the IC as 'good or excellent'.
- 66% said that they had an opportunity to contribute to the development of the IC Agenda.
- **78%** affirmed that the consultations were engaging and participatory.
- **72%** found the new format more engaging than in the past.
- 81% found the topics of sessions relevant and the outcomes actionable and impactful.
- **54%** said Side Events were the most appreciated activity outside the formal proceedings.

# What else have we heard?

- Strengthen communication about resolutions between the Prep Meeting and the IC
- Resolutions to be clear and concise
- Perceptions about NS involvement in the drafting committee
- States require more clarity throughout the process on purpose of IC, their role etc.
- Review connection with other fora, processes and partners
- More clarity on types of pledges and pledging process

#### Headlines on key thematics & next steps



#### On IHL

- Guidance being developed to implement the resolution
- Will include examples of good practice and how NS and States can work together
- Role of ICRC and IFRC and how we can support

#### **On MHPSS**

- Roadmap for MHPSS policy implementation being developed
- Efforts to scale up and improve activities on the ground
- Encourage application of resolution in response efforts by States, together with Movement components

#### Headlines on key thematics & next steps



#### **On RFL and Data Protection**

- RFL Strategy: dissemination and implementation
- Developing a monitoring framework for implementation
- Reinforce promotion and awareness of RFL strategy, and Code of Conduct on data protection
- Continue conversation with States on RFL and data protection
- Developing Training and Certification Course for Data Protection Officers in Humanitarian Action.

# On Women and Leadership in humanitarian action

- Looking at key areas of focus, what we are doing internally
- Feb 2020: IFRC and Swedish RC roundtable in New York on women and leadership

#### Headlines on key thematics & next steps



#### **On epidemics and pandemics**

- Providing support to communities affected by COVID-19
- Support required from states to facilitate the essential movement of RCRC staff and goods
- 81 National Societies are engaged in health and psychosocial support, risk communication and community engagement and institutional readiness

#### On disaster law

- Utilize recommendations from *IDRL Guidelines* and the Checklist on law and disaster preparedness
- Operational plan developed, includes IFRC's support to 45 countries in the next 3 years
- Training courses, guidance tools and dissemination materials
- New research on 'Developing Climate-Smart/Disaster Risk Management Laws that Protect People in Vulnerable Situations'

#### Headlines on key thematics & next steps



#### On trust in humanitarian action

- The most critical currency for the future of humanitarian action
- Seeking to systematically engage with and be accountable to the communities we serve
- Joint approach to implementing the Movement Statement on Integrity
- Continuous dialogue between States and the Movement to preserve principled humanitarian action

#### Moving forward... our vision

- An international conference that continues to break **new thematic grounds**
- Emphasize the cyclical nature: **momentum and continuum**
- Reinforce the specific **relationship with States**
- We must be **ambitious**, yet pragmatic
- Relevance and quality of resolutions
- Outcomes which have tangible impact for people



Moving forward... parameters to consider as we develop the strategic objectives for the next IC

Participatory and engaging **vs.** formal and static One theme vs. multiple themes

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High level (political) **vs.** working level (technical, non-political)

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Movement and States **vs.** larger humanitarian conference



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#### Main outcomes



- All CoD Resolutions were adopted in two plenary sessions
- Positive dynamics and groundbreaking outcomes on many topics:
  - CEA: adoption of the Movement wide commitments on community engagement and accountability
  - RFL: adoption of the RFL Strategy 2020-2025
  - MHPSS: adoption of the first Movement-wide policy on mental health and psychosocial support
  - Integrity: adoption of Movement Statement on Integrity
  - Strengthening NS statutory and constitutional base: adoption of the new guidance document and volunteer charter

# Main outcomes (cont.)



- **IDPs**: resolution focused on strengthening implementation of existing IDP policy and on issues of urban displacement and durable solutions
- **Migration**: Statement on Migrants and our Common Humanity adopted, and brought to the attention of States at the 33IC
- Movement Cooperation and Coordination:
  - Adoption of the SMCC 2.0 resolution calling for creation of SMCC reference group and operational cell
  - Seville Agreement and Supplementary Measures: joint and inclusive process to follow
- MoU MDA/PRCS: calls for strengthened commitment and implementation of the MOU, and ongoing independent monitoring of the situation
- **Standing Commission**: adoption of the new guidelines for SC election, aiming to promote gender balance and inclusivity



# Reminder: the deadline for submitting specific pledges is **31 May** and for joining open pledges is **31 December**

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