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09:00	Registration, refreshments & networking		
09:30	Chairs' welcome Rose Caldwell , executive director, Concern Worldwide UK and Leigh Daynes , executive director, Doctors of the World		 
09:40	Opening plenary: The role of UK civil society and the challenges of our era To set the scene, we will consider the global role of British civil society in light of the many global challenges facing both individuals and institutions. Kevin Watkins will highlight what he considers the most significant prospects and challenges of globalisation and the future of international development in a rapidly changing world. Kevin Watkins , chief executive, Save the Children and former executive director, Overseas Development Institute		
10:15	Plenary: Wellbeing and mental health - building a more resilient workforce Staff working in humanitarian and development organisations are exposed to higher levels of stress than employees in other fields of work, and therefore more vulnerable to experiencing mental health issues. This interactive session will explore the increasing need for a proactive approach to stress management in humanitarian organisations to support staff, volunteers and partners in building mental resilience when dealing with crisis and trauma. Dr Sarah Davidson will describe why wellbeing should be a priority and will explain the practical and replicable approach being taken at the British Red Cross to improve the quality of their work through enhanced advice, training and support for staff, before opening it up to the floor - bring your questions for Sarah who will provide you with practical solutions to take back to your own organisation. Dr Sarah Davidson , head of psychosocial, British Red Cross		
10:55	Networking & refreshment break		
11:25	1A. The future of funding - surviving and thriving in a changing landscape In light of recent changes to the funding landscape and mounting challenges to obtaining funding, the session will consider how such changes might impact international development organisations. Attend to gain greater understanding of funders' requirements and expectations, and how best to position your charity to make the most of the opportunities which arise. Benedict Latto , head of civil society & Louisa Brewin, deputy head of civil society, DFID	1B. Rethinking risk and compliance  Creating a strong risk-management and compliance framework is a necessity for any INGO operating or funding overseas activities, and the tone set by senior leadership is critical for driving positive behaviours. This session will identify the key areas of risk INGOs should monitor and mitigate against and the approach of key regulators such as HMRC and the Charity Commission in relation to charities operating internationally. The session will consider the impact of counter-terrorism and bribery laws on INGOs and how to put practical measures in place to comply with legal obligations and to identify and manage risk appropriately. Stephanie Biden , partner and Augustus Della-Porta , senior associate, Bates Wells Braithwaite	1C. Technical briefing - FX cost savings - advantages of treasury centralisation (Hosted by INTL FC Stone)  The goal of an efficient treasury function of an INGO must be to help ensure that the full value is realised for the funding they receive. This session will look to explore the benefits that a centralised treasury function can bring to an INGO and will highlight the potential efficiencies available. Patrick Barker , head of finance and Apostolos Michalas , grants accountant, Christian Aid
12:10	Transit time		

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12:15	<p>2A. Technical briefing - Financial compliance for INGOs</p> <p>haysmacintyre chartered accountants & tax advisers</p> <p>As financial management and regulatory requirements for international organisations are becoming increasingly complex, this session will offer a practical response to the most common accounting and tax issues affecting INGOs. From grant audits and donor reporting through to controls in field offices and the role of internal audit, attend this session to focus on best practice and gain practical advice on a variety of financial challenges.</p> <p>Murtaza Jessa, head of charities and Steve Harper, senior audit manager, haysmacintyre</p>	<p>2B. Workshop: Governance challenges for international organisations</p> <p>Change lives. For good. actionaid</p> <p>Never before has the spotlight shone so brightly on charity governance and leadership, and this session will consider some of the recommendations laid out in the new Charity Governance Code, and specifically their application for international organisations. Join this interactive session to debate what exemplary governance in recommended areas such as increasing board diversity, openness & accountability, decision-making, risk and control, really looks like in practice.</p> <p>Andrew Purkis, trustee, ActionAid International</p>	<p>2C. Back on track - tackling travel in international development</p> <p>diversity travel In safe hands</p> <p>Travel is a fundamental necessity for most development organisations, but it's a crucial area that is often overlooked. Join this insightful session to understand the importance of grasping the nettle with your travel programme and the key methods of ensuring budget control, encouraging policy compliance, and fulfilling duty of care obligations to your people.</p> <p>Christopher Airey, managing director, Diversity Travel</p>
13:00	Lunch		
14:00	<p>Panel: Tech and disruption in international development</p> <p>Our panel will consider emerging innovation and tech trends which could fundamentally change the face of international development. From the emergence of 'transparency-tech' such as blockchain, to responsive websites and social media, should traditional charities be embracing potential disruption in order to remain relevant and effective, and if so how can they harness innovation within their own organisations?</p> <p>Chair: Ben Jackson, global director of innovation and partnerships, United Purpose</p> <p>Panellists: Eleanor Harrison, chief executive, GlobalGiving UK, Ben Joakim, founder, Disberse and Dan Lewis, innovation manager, WaterAid</p>		
14:45	<p>Pump aid case study: delivering aid without dependency</p> <p>This session will describe the self-supply model developed by Pump Aid to provide safe water and sanitation to some of the poorest and hardest to reach communities in the world. Through adopting commercial principles and treating people as customers, not beneficiaries, they have been able to generate sustainable change. Michael Chuter will advocate a new, more effective approach to aid which is the antithesis of dependency, and outline how he believes this model could be replicated by other organisations and sectors to enhance impact.</p> <p>Michael Chuter, chief executive, Pump Aid</p>		
15:15	Networking & refreshment break		
15:40	<p>Oxfam case study: A new strategy for new times</p> <p>This session will outline Oxfam's evolving strategic objectives as the charity undergoes a major restructuring of its international services. In response to a changing world, mounting challenges and shifting priorities, the charity has taken practical steps towards increasing efficiency and impact, as well as devolving more power to the south. Practical steps taken include relocating Oxfam International's HQ from Oxford to Nairobi and streamlining country operations. Alison Hopkinson will share her account of the journey so far as well as some of the difficulties, benefits and learnings for other organisations.</p> <p>Alison Hopkinson, director of finance and information services, Oxfam GB</p>		
16:10	<p>Closing panel discussion: Stating the case for aid in light of changing public perceptions</p> <p>It is undeniable that recent years have seen a profound shift in the public perception of aid, and a heightening of anti-aid rhetoric in the media. Against a backdrop of growing political and economic uncertainty in the UK, as well as concerns over the ongoing relevance of the traditional aid model to address global poverty and inequality, is now the time to face these challenges head on? Our panel consider the relevance and potential impact of this shift, including the heightened importance of accountability and transparency, and their own roles in shaping the future of international development.</p> <p>Chair: Rose Caldwell, executive director, Concern Worldwide UK</p> <p>Panellists include: Jehangir Malik, chief executive, Muslim Aid UK and Simon Starling, head of advocacy, Concern Worldwide UK, Tim Singleton, director of communications, Department for International Development & Dr Jason Hicckel, lecturer, Goldsmiths, University of London</p>		
16:55	Chairs' closing observations		
17:00	Festive drinks and networking reception		

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