Side Event: Health and Well-being in Emergencies

Date: Wednesday 20 May 2015
Time: 18:00 to 19:30
Venue: Palais des Nations, Room VII

New Zealand, Netherlands, Haiti, Iraq, Liberia, Lebanon, Mozambique, Norway, Sierra Leone, UAE, US, ILO, UNFPA, UNHCR, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition and the World Health Organization

invite you to

The event will include a testimonial from a Red Cross Red Crescent Health Volunteer about their experiences in the field, a high level panel discussion and a general discussion.

WHO has a specific mandate, enshrined in its constitution, to strive for the highest attainable level of health for all, even in difficult circumstances. This side event on health and wellbeing in emergencies will focus on three important aspects: (i) safety and health of health care workers, (ii) reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health, and (iii) mental health and psychosocial support in humanitarian emergencies. All three topics have health, social, and economic consequences, and the ‘cost of inaction’ can have a considerable impact on reconstruction and development.

High level Speakers include:

• H.R.H. Princess Sarah Zeid
• H.E. Dr Guillaume, Minister of Health, Haiti
• H.E. Dr Adeelah Hammood, Minister of Health, Iraq
• H.E. Ambassador Stevens, Sierra Leone
• Director-General Reina Buijs, Netherlands
• WHO Director-General Dr Margaret Chan (TBC)
• Dr Bruce Aylward, Special Representative of the Director-General for the Ebola Response, and Assistant Director-General, WHO
• Dr Maha Taysir Barakat, UAE
• Dr Rabih El-Chammay, Lebanon
• Dr Leonard Rubenstein, Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition
• IFRC representative: Mr Conrad Sauvé, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Red Cross