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The purpose of the NOHA Intensive Program (IP) is to introduce the 2004/2005 students to the Network on Humanitarian Action and to familiarize them with the contemporary issues in the field of humanitarian action as well as with the main actors involved. Since the University of Luxembourg (as a gesture for its pending incorporation into the NOHA network as associate member) is hosting this year's IP, the choice of topic is centred on the future research ambitions of the university. Acting rector Jean-Paul Lehnens will invite a committee preparing an Interdisciplinary Centre to deal with issues of integration, migration and cultural diversity. NOHA IP focuses on humanitarian action and cultural diversity, thus supporting the project of the university and underlining its interdisciplinary and multilingual characteristics of the University of Luxembourg and its international role by joining this European network.

At the end of the 10-days NOHA-IP it is envisaged that students will be familiar with:

- The NOHA Program that they are about to embark upon; the common core elements of the first semester as well as the optional second semester programs in each of the partner universities;
- The key principles and underlying concepts shaping past and present day humanitarian action and humanitarian interference;
- The main actors in the field of humanitarian action, governmental as well as non-governmental organizations, their policies and their strategies;
- Challenges ahead, especially in creating donor- *and* recipient-awareness of the accompanying cultural characteristics of emergency situation and the consequential demands on the shape of humanitarian action.

SCHEDULE

Wednesday 8 September

'Luxembourg Day', official opening 11th NOHA programme at Abbaye Neumünster

- 09.15 *All NOHA participants take their seats*
- 09.20 *Arrival Grand Duke of Luxembourg*
- 09.30 – 09.45 Welcome speech by the Acting Rector of the University of Luxembourg, Prof. Jean-Paul Lehnens
- 09.45 – 10.00 Welcome speech Prof. Dr. H. Fischer (President of NOHA)
- 10.00 – 10.45 *Humanitarian Action and Cultural Diversity: the Luxembourg government point of view*
Speakers Mr. J.L. Schiltz (Minister of Humanitarian Affairs Luxembourg)
- 14.00 – 15.30 '*Trends and Challenges in Humanitarian Assistance*', Keynote address.
Chair Prof. Dr. H. Fischer (President of NOHA)
Speaker Mme Constanza Adinolfi, (Director Humanitarian Aid Office ECHO).
- 16.00 – 17.00 *Forum Cultural Challenges in Humanitarian Action – Luxembourg point of view*
Chair Philippe Poirier (University of Luxembourg)
Speakers Jacques Hansen (Director Red Cross Luxembourg)
 François Jacobs (Caritas Luxembourg)
 Simone Beck (Director Institut Pierre Werner)
 Prof. Dr. Jean-Paul Lehnens (University of Luxembourg)
 Jean Feyder (Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Defense)

Thursday 9 September

European Education and Introduction NOHA Programme

- 09.00 – 10.30 *European Education and the Luxembourg point of view*
Chair Philippe Poirier (University of Luxembourg)
Speakers Mr. G. Dondelinger (Ministry of Culture, Higher Education and Research)

 NOHA Master in Humanitarian Action: An overview
Speakers Prof. Julia Gonzalez (Secretary General NOHA)
 Prof. Brigitte Piquard
- 11.00 – 12.30 NOHA future: Research and Enlargement
Speakers Prof. Julia Gonzalez (Secretary General NOHA)
 Prof. Brigitte Piquard
- 14.00 – 15.00 '*Learning as a Tool for Professionalism in Humanitarian Action*'.
Speakers Prof. Julia Gonzalez (Secretary General NOHA)
 Prof. Brigitte Piquard
- 15.00 – 16.00 The Alumni Association and the NOHA website
Speakers Goossen Hoenders (NOHA alumnus)

Friday 10 September

Cultural challenges and Sensitivities in Aid – IGO presentations and forum

- 09.30 – 11.00 *International actors – UN contribution*
Chair NOHA Representative
Speakers Omar Bakhet (Director UNDP Brussels)
 Kasumi Ozawa (UNICEF – Mongolia)
 Anthony Land (UNHCR)
- 11.30 – 13.00 *International actors – EU contribution*
ECHO Presentation followed by question time
Chair NOHA Representative
Speakers P. Billing (Head of Sector ECHO)
 I. Peeters (Training Manager and NOHA Desk ECHO)
- 14.00 – 15.30 *Forum: Present Challenges in Humanitarian Action*
Chair NOHA Representative
Speakers P. Billing (ECHO)
 Jean-Paul Marthoz
 Jean Feyder (Director of Humanitarian Affairs, Ministry of
 Humanitarian Affairs and Defense)
- 17.00 – 19.00 NOHA second semester options by academics

Saturday 11 September

Cultural challenges and sensitivities in Aid – NGO presentations

- 09.00 – 10.30 Chair NOHA Representative
Speakers Marc DuBois (Médecins sans Frontières)
 François Grünewald (Urgence, Réhabilitation et Développement
 – URD)
- 11.00 – 12.00 ChairNOHA Representative
Speakers Micha Hollestelle (Pax Christi Netherlands)
 Kirsten Hund (NISA)
- 13.30 – 15.00 *Cultural Ethics and coordination in Humanitarian Action*
Chair NOHA Representative
Speakers Erny Gillen (President Caritas Luxembourg)
 Ed Schenkenberg (ICVA)
 Kathrin Schick (VOICE)
- 15.30 – 17.00 Sudan in Focus (NOHA Faculty)
- Panel One*
Sudan in Focus: Geopolitical impacts for the region
Chair Dr. Cristina Churruca (Bochum)
Speakers Prof. Kjell-Åke Norqvist (Uppsala)

Prof. Gerry O'Reilly (*Dublin*)
Discussants Prof. Christine Chaigne (*Aix*)
Prof. Joost Herman (*Groningen*)

Panel two

Sudan in Focus: A Clash of Civilisation

Chair Prof. Odina Benoist (*Aix*)

Speakers Prof. Julia Gonzalez (*Duesto*)
Prof. Brigitte Piquard (*UCL*)

Discussants Prof. Rafael Wittek (*Groningen*)
Prof. Kay Svensson (*Uppsala*)

Panel three

War in Sudan: Humanitarian logics of intervention and post-war reconstruction

Chair Prof. Isabelle Callens (*UCL*)

Speakers Prof. Dennis Dijkzeul (*Bochum*)
Prof. Pat Gibbons (*UCD*)

Discussants Prof. Dirk Swagerman (*Groningen*)
Prof. Heike Spieker (*Bochum*)

Panel four

Legality of the War in Sudan: The International Humanitarian Point of view

Chair Bastiaan Aardema (*Groningen*)

Speakers Prof. Marie-José Domestici-Met (*Aix*)
Raphaël van Steenberghe (*UCL*)

Discussants Prof. Horst Fischer (*Bochum*)
Prof. Eduardo J. Ruiz Vieyetz (*Duesto*)

Sunday 12 September

Cultural Diversity and Humanitarian Action: Practitioners telling on disparate contexts

- 09.00 – 10.30 *Cultural Diversity and Humanitarian Action - NOHA associates point of view*
Chair NOHA Representative
Speakers Prof. Gianni Vaggi (Pavia, Italy)
Prof. Dr. Jean-Paul Lehnens (University of Luxembourg)
- 11.00 – 12.30 *NOHA graduates making a difference: A panel of NOHA graduates*
Chair NOHA Representative
Speakers Rian Busstra (NOHA alumnus – internship in Mozambique)
Pam McHugh (Christian Children's Fund of Ireland)
Anne-Marie de Beaufort (CARE Netherlands)
- 13.30 – 15.00 *NOHA graduates making a difference: A panel of NOHA graduates*
Chair NOHA Representative
Speakers Bénédicte Voos
Bert Bosch
Rebecca Welfare
- 15.30 – 17.00 *Practitioners telling on disparate contexts*
Chair NOHA Representative
Speakers Steven Loyst (ICRC- Bam, Iran)
Peter Firmenich (MSF Luxembourg - i.e. Burundi and Sierra Leone)

Monday 13 September

Workshops/scenario building: raising cultural awareness

- 09.30 – 10.30 *Bridging Cultures: The heart of the matter, a matter of the heart.*
 ChairNOHA Representative
Speakers Ivo Baurichter (Entrepreneur and Inspirator)
 Rense Posthuma (Ministry of Finance, Netherlands)
- 11.00 **Transfer to Campus Limpertsberg**
- 11.30 – 13.00 Workshop and exercise run by workshop leaders

Tuesday 14 September

'Culture and Diversity in Luxembourg'

An excursion through the country of Luxembourg to i.e. Clervaux (exhibition 'Family of Man'), lunch and City Walk in Echternach, and a reception/wine tasting at 'Chateau de Schengen' in Schengen.

Wednesday 15 September

Closing session/preparing communiqué 2004

Campus Limpertsberg:

- 09.00 – 10.30 Workshop and exercise run by workshop leaders
- 11.00 – 12.30 Workshop and exercise run by workshop leaders

Campus Kirchberg

- 14.30 – 16.00 Workshops: preparing communiqué
- 16.30 – 18.00 Plenary session: Presenting the results

Thursday 16 September

Debriefing

- 09.30 – 10.30 Plenary session: debriefing workshops
Speaker NOHA representative
- 11.00 – 11.30 Closing address
Speakers NOHA representative
 Prof. Dr. Jean-Paul Lehnens (University of Luxembourg)

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