

## Program HOCM Mini-conference 2024

8:30 AM	6:00 PM	Mini-conference check-in
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch ( <i>in the conference venue; room TBA</i> )
1:00 PM	1:05 PM	Welcome and Introduction Felipe Aros-Vera, President, HOCM College Harwin de Vries, Lea Ruesch, VPs of Meetings, HOCM College
1:05 PM	2:30 PM	<b>Session 1: Humanitarian Operations in the Coming 25 Years: Trends, Challenges, Visions, and Solutions</b> <i>By Deepti Tanuku (IMC), Sarah Penniman-Morin (IRC), Martin Keitsch (LogCluster), Florent Chane (ESUPS), Claire Barnhoorn (Solvoz)</i>
2:30 PM	2:55 PM	Coffee Break
2:55 PM	4:25 PM	<b>Session 2: The Outlook for Localization, Local Procurement, and Partnerships</b> <i>Keynote: Is Supply Chain the Key to Achieving the Grand Bargain's Commitment to Localization? One INGO's Journey to Operationalizing Localization</i> <i>By Sarah Penniman-Morin, Chief Global Supply Chain Officer, International Rescue Committee</i>  <i>Keynote: Building New Partnership Models for Humanitarian Collaboration</i> <i>By Deepti Tanuku - Head of Partnerships at International Medical Corps</i>
4:25 PM	4:50 PM	Coffee Break
4:50 PM	5:15 PM	<b>Interactive session: Research on Humanitarian Operations &amp; Crisis Management: What's Next?</b> <i>By Lea Ruesch and Harwin de Vries</i>
5:15 PM	5:55 PM	<b>Session 3: The Future of Data Analytics for Humanitarian Operations</b> <i>Keynote: Harnessing Academic Research for Humanitarian Data Solutions</i> <i>By Martin Keitsch, Head of Preparedness and ICT Community Solutions, LogCluster</i>
5:55 PM	6:00 PM	Closing Remarks Felipe Aros-Vera, President, HOCM College Harwin de Vries, Lea Ruesch, VPs of Meetings, HOCM College
6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Reception

See the next page for the abstracts of the keynote talks!

## Abstracts Keynote Talks

**Keynote 1:** Is Supply Chain the Key to Achieving the Grand Bargain's Commitment to Localization? One INGO's Journey to Operationalizing Localization

**Speaker:** Sarah Penniman-Morin, Chief Global Supply Chain Officer, International Rescue Committee

**Abstract:** In 2016, the humanitarian community, including donors and aid organizations, signed the Grand Bargain, committing to “get more means into the hands of people in need and to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the humanitarian action<sup>1</sup>.” Included in this document was the commitment to make a strategic change toward more localization, which “commonly refers to the empowerment of national and local actors in humanitarian assistance”<sup>2</sup>. Other contemporary research has shown that supply chain represents 60-80% of all humanitarian spending, with procurement around 75% of that.<sup>3</sup> Given the systemic push for localization, and the significant role that supply chain plays in the execution and cost of aid, this talk explores the ways that supply chain teams can contribute to sustainable localization. Specifically, it looks at how the International Rescue Committee (IRC) has incorporated the call for localization into its supply chain strategy, as well as the successes and obstacles it faces in achieving the *strategic* localization of supply chain.

**Keynote 2:** Building New Partnership Models for Humanitarian Collaboration

**Speaker:** Deepti Tanuku - Head of Partnerships at International Medical Corps

**Abstract:** The dual challenge of frequent and intersecting crises unraveling in resource constrained environments makes one thing clear: innovation is critical. In order to build effective humanitarian operations, we need to test and develop new modes of collaboration. What are the possibilities? How do we choose the right path?

**Keynote 3:** Harnessing Academic Research for Humanitarian Data Solutions

**Speaker:** Martin Keitsch, Head of Preparedness and ICT Community Solutions, LogCluster

**Abstract:** Unlocking the Synergy: Where Academia Meets Data Analytics in Humanitarian Operations. This session delves into the future of humanitarian emergency logistics, highlighting the challenges and opportunities in data management, user engagement, and systemic considerations of the response community towards operational improvement. This session discusses experiences, challenges, ideas, and future opportunities for collaborative approaches between academia and the humanitarian responder community.

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<sup>1</sup> The Grand Bargain. Inter-Agency Standing Committee. <https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/grand-bargain>.

<sup>2</sup> Localisation of logistics preparedness in international humanitarian organisations. Frennesson, Lina et al. Journal of Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chain Management. February, 2021.

<sup>3</sup> Humanitarian Logistics Policy. Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), 2022