

## European Humanitarian Roundtables 2016 – West

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### Participants & Speakers Bios

#### **Jane Backhurst**

*Senior Adviser, Humanitarian Policy and Advocacy, Christian Aid*

Ms Backhurst was a VOICE Board member for two terms. While working in Brussels she set up a number of VOICE and NGO groups, e.g. to influence the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid, ECHO protection guidelines and policies, European Council IHL Guidelines etc. She also worked with the European Commission. Recently she has been working intensively on the WHS, with a focus on the current WHS streams on the norms that protect humanity (with Red Cross), ending needs, local actors and resilience (with Christian Aid and Red Cross), and humanitarian financing (Grand Bargain, Charter for Change).

#### **Judith Barna**

*Policy Officer, Unit for Strategy, Co-ordination and Inter-Institutional Relations, European Commission, Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection*

Ms Barna has been the focal point for the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid in the Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO) since January 2015. She also supports the ECHO focal point on the WHS. Her background is in humanities from which she moved on to complete an MBA and study international development and international child studies. Prior to joining ECHO, she worked on development cooperation policy at the Policy Department of the Directorate-General for External Policies of the European Parliament.

#### **Sophie Borel (facilitator)**

*NOHA General Manager*

Ms Borel has worked 15 years in the field in the human rights and humanitarian action sectors, managing a wide range of projects and programmes. From DRC, to Lebanon, Yemen, Cambodia and Jordan, Ms Borel has worked with a number of governmental and non-governmental organisations, of which the United Nations, Save the Children and the European Commission. More recently, she managed The Carter Center's operations in DRC. She specialises the development of training programmes in the human rights and humanitarian sectors, with a focus on local civil society strengthening. She has designed, coordinated and implemented a wide range of training and capacity building programmes based on state of the art adult learning methodologies for humanitarian and human rights actors. Ms Borel is currently the General Manager of the Network on Humanitarian Action (NOHA).

#### **Inge Brees**

*EU Advocacy Officer, Care International*

Ms Brees has over 10 years of experience in the humanitarian and development sector and is currently leading the advocacy work for CARE International at EU level, with a focus on gender equality and women's empowerment. She has previously worked as Advocacy Officer for the VOICE network, uniting humanitarian NGOs across Europe. She holds a PhD in Political Science, which was focused on livelihoods, integration and transnational activities in protracted refugee situations, with Burmese refugees in Thailand as a case study. She started her career with UNODC in Myanmar

**Brian Casey**

*Project Manager, Irish Consultative Process to the WHS*

Mr Casey is an independent humanitarian consultant and the Project Manager for the Irish Consultative Process to the World Humanitarian Summit. Brian has over 16 years' experience designing, managing and monitoring emergency programmes and has worked in over 20 disaster affected countries across a broad spectrum of natural and human made crises. He was formally the Head of Humanitarian Programmes with GOAL where he worked for 11 years and had overall responsibility for the organisation's emergency operations. As part of the Centre for Humanitarian Action in UCD, Brian is managing Ireland's contribution to the World Humanitarian Summit. Separately, Brian advises INGO's on how to establish humanitarian programmes efficiently and effectively; provides outsourced business development advice and lectures and trains nationally and internationally on the management and implementation of aid programmes in complex environments. Brian holds a first class Master's degree in Humanitarian Action from UCD and is qualified management accountant.

**Cristina Churucca Muguruza**

*NOHA Director, University of Deusto*

Ms Churucca is lecturer and researcher at the Human Rights Institute of the Faculty of Social and Human Sciences, at the University of Deusto, where she teaches international relations, humanitarian action and peace building. She is the Director of the NOHA Joint Master's Programme in International Humanitarian Action. Her current areas of research are human security, protection and peace building. She has combined her teaching and research work with the promotion of joint curriculum development and quality assurance in humanitarian action and participation in joint recognition and accreditation initiatives supported by the European Commission, national accreditation agencies and the European Consortium for Accreditation.

**Silvia Croes**

*Directorate of Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belgium*

**Dominic Crowley**

*Head of Emergency Unit, Concern Ireland*

Mr Crowley has worked in the aid sector for more than twenty years. He currently works for Concern Worldwide in Dublin, Ireland and has been the Head of Concern's Emergency Unit for the last ten years. Prior to taking up this position, he worked for Save the Children UK in Somalia, Liberia, south Sudan, and the Rwandan refugee program in Tanzania. In his current role, Dominic is responsible for establishing and ensuring the maintenance of effective security management processes in all of Concern's countries of operation through the development of policy, the articulation of good practice, the development and delivery of a variety of security-related training courses, and conducting field security audits and assessments to ensure that country program security management practice is commensurate with and adaptable to changing levels of threat.

**Rafael De Prado**

*Head of Emergency Department, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)*

**Lisa Doherty**

*Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ireland*

Ms Doherty is Deputy Director of the Humanitarian Unit at Irish Aid, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Irish Government. Lisa has worked for 13 years in the humanitarian sector with non-governmental, UN and donor organisations and in a wide range of crisis contexts. Prior to joining Irish Aid, she worked with UNICEF for over eight years including as a programme manager in Somalia, as a Cluster Coordinator in Haiti and as a regional advisor with UNICEF's Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office for a number of years. Lisa currently manages Irish Aid's humanitarian funding to NGOs and leads on Ireland's humanitarian policy engagement including in relation to the World Humanitarian Summit consultation processes and Good Humanitarian Donorship. She holds a Masters degree in International Relations from Dublin City University.

**Antonio Donini**

*Research Associate at the Global Migration Centre, the Graduate Institute Geneva*

From 2004 to 2013 Mr Donini was a Senior Researcher at the Feinstein International Center. From 2002 to 2004 he was a Visiting Senior Fellow at the Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University. He has worked for 26 years in the United Nations in research, evaluation, and humanitarian capacities. His last post was as Director of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance to Afghanistan (1999-2002). Before going to Afghanistan he was chief of the Lessons Learned Unit at OCHA, where he managed a program of independent studies on the effectiveness of relief efforts in complex emergencies. He has published widely on evaluation, humanitarian, and UN reform issues. He coordinated the Humanitarian Agenda 2015 research project which analyzed local perceptions of humanitarian action in 13 crisis countries and authored the final HA 2015 report, *The State of the Humanitarian Enterprise*.

**Rory Downham**

*Director of Operations and Development, Institut Bioforce*

Mr Downham has been committed to capacity building in the humanitarian sector for over 20 years. Rory holds a Masters degree in Adult Learning and has specialised in developing learning and development programmes specific to the needs of the sector. He is currently the Director of Operations and Development at the Bioforce Institute, a French NGO specialised in capacity building for the humanitarian aid and development sectors. The Institute, founded over 30 years ago and a reference in the sector, offers a wide range of competency based learning programs including diploma courses, bespoke training, certification and coaching. He has had a strong involvement in the mainstream quality and professionalisation initiatives in the humanitarian sector, namely, Sphere, CHS, the Quality and Accountability group, HHR (Humanitarian Human Resources forum and seminar), ELRHA and the Humanitarian Passport Initiative.

**Siobhán Foran**

*Senior Officer for Gender and Diversity, IFRC*

Ms Foran is the Senior Officer, Gender & Diversity with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in Geneva. Siobhán has 15 years' humanitarian experience and holds a Master's Degree in Equality Studies from University College Dublin where her final thesis was 'When Sexism Kills: Conflict-Related Gender-Based Violence'. She has worked for a number of NGOs at HQ and field levels, including in Kenya, Afghanistan, Eritrea, Sierra Leone, South Darfur and Iraq. Between 2007 and 2012, Siobhán worked as an interagency adviser with the IASC GenCap project in C.A.R., Iraq, Geneva (with the Global Clusters), Pakistan, Somalia, Afghanistan and South Sudan. Between 2012 and 2013, Siobhán was the head of UN Women's Humanitarian Unit in New York before joining the IFRC where she holds the gender, diversity and gender-based violence prevention and response files. As GenCap Adviser with the Global Clusters, Siobhán was the gender focal point on the revision of Sphere Handbook and the Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies' Minimum Standards for Education.

**Patrick Gibbons**

*Director, Centre for Humanitarian Action, University College Dublin*

Pat Gibbons PhD is Director of UCD's Centre for Humanitarian Action (CHA). He is a member of the World Humanitarian Summit Team on Humanitarian Effectiveness and Chairperson of the Irish Humanitarian Summit Steering Committee. Pat worked for more than a decade on both humanitarian and development programmes, in Africa and Ireland, before returning to UCD in 1997 to manage the Master's Programme in Humanitarian Action under the auspices of the Network on Humanitarian Action (NOHA). He served as President of NOHA between 2007 and 2013, and then became founder member of UCD's CHA. His experiences in a range of aid sectors including public, private, NGO and academia have provided the determination to develop improved modus operandi for collective responses in aid programming from Ireland. His research interests include: humanitarian principles, urban vulnerabilities and risk; impact assessment; and the interface between humanitarian action and reconciliation.

**François Grunewald**

*Executive Director, Groupe URD*

Mr Grunewald is an engineer in agriculture science and specialised in rural economy, François Grunewald spent 35 years in development, emergency and post disaster rehabilitation projects in Africa, Asia, Central Europe, and Central/Latin America, as well as at HQ levels. He worked with NGO, UN and ICRC. In 1997, he became chairman of Groupe URD (Urgence-Rehabilitation-Developpement). He wrote several books and articles on complex emergency and the management of socio-natural disasters. François Grunewald has been, among others, team leader for the of the Post Mitch inter NGO evaluation from 1999 to 2001; of the DFID UNICEF evaluation of the response to the Darfur Crisis, of the evaluation of the French response to the Tsunami, of the IASC evaluation of the International response to the crisis in the Horn of Africa and of many evaluations after the Haiti earthquake and more recently in Sahel and Mali. He carried out several pieces of work on Ebola in 2014, 2015 and 2016. F. Grunewald is currently team leader of the evaluation of the European response to the Syrian crisis. He wrote numerous articles and contributed books and specialized publication on aid, including “War in cities, cities at war” and a series of articles on humanitarian aid in urban settings.

**Joost Herman (speaker)**

*NOHA President, NOHA Groningen Director*

Joost Herman is professor of Globalisation studies and humanitarian action. He studied History and International Law in Leiden and conducted PhD research at the Institute for Human Rights at the University of Utrecht into the protection of minority groups in Central and Eastern Europe. He joined the University of Groningen in 1995, became University Reader in International Relations and International Organization in 2003, and professor in 2012. Mr Herman is Director of the Institute for Globalisation Studies Groningen (GSG).

**Thea Hilhorst**

*Professor in Humanitarian Aid and Reconstruction, WUR/Partners for Resilience; President of the International Humanitarian Studies Association*

**Frances Hill**

*Effective Partnerships Manager, ELRHA*

Ms Hill is the Effective Partnerships Manager at ELRHA and is a Level 2 Accredited Partnership Broker with The Partnering Initiative. She has a strong background in research and development, and a long history of working on development programmes with international NGOs, policy makers and academics. For 11 years, Frances was the Executive Director of the Development Studies Association (DSA) which is the largest national platform for people studying, teaching and researching development issues. She has been responsible for developing effective partnerships between the producers and the users of research and has organised regular research seminars, workshops and large scale conferences. Through her role with the DSA Frances has developed excellent networks with the key funding bodies and individuals in the UK research arena. She has also worked as a consultant with DFID, the ODI and other international NGOs. Frances holds an MSc in Development Studies, from Bath University, BA (Hons) in Archaeology from Durham and is currently studying for a PhD in Global Health Sciences at the University of York.

**Michiel Hofman**

*Senior Humanitarian Specialist, MSF*

Mr Hofman has worked for MSF in field missions between 1993 and 1998 as Emergency Co-ordinator and Head of Mission for MSF in Liberia, DRC, Bosnia, Burundi, Sri Lanka, Brazil, South Sudan and Kosovo, returning to his former career as freelance journalist in between missions. Between 1999 and 2001, Michiel co-founded The Antares Foundation, a Dutch non-profit organisation which supports local NGOs in providing psycho-social support for staff working in high-stress environments. Michiel returned to MSF in 2001 working as Country Director in Russia and Operations Director in Amsterdam and Country Director for Afghanistan. Since 2011

Michiel works as senior humanitarian specialist for MSF based out of Belfast, concentrating on research, training and operational support as well as publications in the humanitarian field.

### **Bram J. Jansen**

*Assistant Professor, Wageningen University*

Dr Jansen is assistant professor with the department of Sociology of Development and Change at Wageningen University in the Netherlands. He was trained as a cultural anthropologist and lectures and publishes on humanitarian, conflict and refugee issues. In the past ten years he conducted ethnographic fieldwork in East and the Horn of Africa, mostly in Kenya, Uganda and South Sudan. He has done extensive ethnographic fieldwork on the social organisation and governance of protracted refugee situations in Kenya and humanitarian governance and decision-making processes in relation to insecurity in South Sudan.

### **Artur Malantowicz (facilitator)**

*NOHA Operations Manager*

Mr Malantowicz is a geographer and political scientist, with his interests focused on the Middle East and its socio-political crises. He has worked in academic, governmental and NGO settings and since 2012 is professionally involved in humanitarian sector, primarily engaged in projects aiming at its professionalization (e.g. EUPRHA – European Universities on Professionalization on Humanitarian Action, EUHAP – European Humanitarian Action Partnership). Currently works as Operations Manager of the Network on Humanitarian Action (NOHA) and serves as Middle East Expert at the Warsaw-based think tank Centre for International Initiatives.

### **Salome Mbugua**

*Founder and Head of Mission, Wezesha*

Ms Mbugua is a native of Kenya and has lived in Ireland since 1994. She has over 20 years' experience of working with underrepresented groups in particular women, children, and the youth, in Kenya, Uganda, DR. Congo and Ireland. Her background is in Social Work, International Development and Philosophy. Salome is the founder, former CEO and currently the president of AkiDwA - the migrant Women's network in Ireland. She is the co-founder and head of mission of Wezesha - an African Diaspora led development organisation in Ireland working with African women and children that are affected or are likely to be affected by violence, war, conflict and poverty. Salome holds a Master's degree in Equality studies from University College Dublin (UCD) and she is currently a PhD student undertaking a Doctorate research on participation of women in peace building and reconciliation and focusing on Congolese women at the University of Dublin, Trinity College.

### **Martin McCann**

*Director, RedR UK*

Mr McCann has been Chief Executive of RedR UK since 2007. He is also presently the Chair of the Sphere Project. He has been involved in international development and humanitarian work for over 30 years, ranging from a two-year volunteer posting in West Africa to seven years as Program Director of one of world's largest NGOs. Martin also worked at Practical Action and was the founding Chair of the pan-agency Hope for African Children Initiative. Martin also serves as an Independent Member of the Governing Council of the University of Sussex, and has served as a member of the Steering Group of Enhancing Learning and Research for Humanitarian Assistance, a trustee of WarChild and of Engineers Without Borders and as a member of the Executive Committee of the International Council on Social Welfare. He holds an MA in Rural Development from the University of East Anglia.

### **Reiseal Ni Cheilleachair**

*Trocaire*

**Alja Otavnik**

*Advocacy Manager, UNICEF Slovenia*

**Francisco Rey**

*Co-director, Researcher, and Consultant, IECAH*

Mr Rey is co-director, researcher and consultant at the Institute of Studies on Conflicts and Humanitarian Action (IECAH) in Madrid from 2000. He is a founder and member of the Board and is in charge of Humanitarian and Disaster Risk Reduction activities at IECAH: research, training courses at different Universities, co-operation with humanitarian NGO's, consultancy for different institutions in the field of policy, humanitarian action, post-conflict rehabilitation, DRR, evaluation and training in this areas. He is also a member of the Board of INSPIRE Consortium working with DG ECHO on policy issues and training. He previously worked with the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, where he has developed different responsibilities from 1986 to 2001. He also conducts research and teaching activities in some Spanish and European Universities and has taught in universities in Colombia. He has published extensively in the fields of humanitarian action, DRR and evaluation issues. In the last years, he has focused some of his research and consultancy on Colombia, through the cooperation with OCHA and the IEH, on issues related to the humanitarian aspects in the peace process. He is a Member of ALNAP, the Centre of Studies of International Humanitarian Law of Spanish Red Cross, the Board of the Humanitarian Studies Institute in Colombia. Mr Rey has a Diploma on Sciences with a specialisation on Public Health and a Master Degree on International Relations.

**Dualta Roughneen**

*Plan International*

Mr Roughneen is the Head of Programmes with Plan International Ireland. Having worked in Afghanistan, North Korea, Sudan, and Liberia, he joined Plan International Ireland in 2009 as head of emergencies and has since managed emergency response in the Sahel, Ethiopia, Philippines, Cameroon, Sierra Leone (Ebola), and Nepal. Mr Roughneen has recently started in the role of Head of Programmes.

**Hilde Sagon**

*Legal Adviser to the EU, NATO, and Kingdom of Brussels, ICRC*

Ms Sagon is Legal Adviser with the Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to the EU, NATO and the Kingdom of Belgium in Brussels, working on European Justice and Home Affairs issues, such as terrorism, migration and asylum or data protection. Previously, she worked as ICRC Restoring Family Links Delegate in Nepal in the aftermath of the April 2015 earthquake and as Teaching Assistant in International Law at the KULeuven. She has also worked as ICRC Detention Delegate in the Democratic Republic of Congo (2013-2014), and as Legal Adviser for the ICRC Brussels delegation (2009-2013). Ms Sagon holds a law degree (KULeuven) that included an exchange to the Stellenbosch University in South Africa, and a Masters (LL.M.) of Advanced Studies in International Humanitarian Law (ADH, Geneva).

**Faddy Sahloul**

*Chairman, Hand in Hand with Syria*

A British-born Syrian, the founder of Hand in Hand for Syria, currently its chairman and a trustee. He oversees the delivery of projects in Syria and liaises with aid organisations and donors at a strategic level.

**María Salvador**

*Gender Advisor, Alianza por la Solidaridad*

Ms Salvador is the gender advisor of the Humanitarian Program in Alianza por la Solidaridad. She has been working in several positions in international cooperation and humanitarian action, both in the field and in the headquarters over the last 12 years. During this time, she has led the design, planning and implementation of organizational strategies and national and international proposals with an integral approach. For these jobs she coordinated teams of local and international organizations and gave technical support; training, organized

regional meetings, publications and thematic support as a gender expert with special attention to gender based violence and sexual and reproductive health and rights. She has broad experience in Latin America (Nicaragua, Bolivia, Honduras) and Africa (Mozambique). Thanks to these experiences, she knew different contexts and cultures and developed capacities to build relationships with people from different cultures. Over the last 2 years she has been working as gender advisor for the humanitarian action program so as to integrate gender approach into humanitarian interventions and to reinforce prevention of GBV and protection of SGBV survivors in conflict related contexts where our organization is working (Middle East, Colombia).

### **Manuel Sanchez Montero**

*Advocacy and Institutional Relations Director, Acción Contra el Hambre*

Mr Sanchez Montero has worked in International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Action since 1993. His experience started that year as Head of Mission of Doctors of the World Spain in Bosnia and Herzegovina where he worked until 1994; then contributed to the foundation of Action Against Hunger in Spain (1995) where he managed the Logistics department up to 1997 before to work as Head of Mission for Action Contre la Faim France in Chad (1998) and again for Action Against Hunger Spain as Regional Coordinator in the Southern Caucasus (1999). Afterwards he worked as Director of Operations for this organisation in Madrid (2000-2007) and then joined FRIDE (a European think tank based in Madrid and Brussels) as Research Director of the Humanitarian Action and Development area (2007-2010). He is author of the book “The Rips of the New World Order” (2005, CIDEAL) and contributed to the yearly reports “Geopolitics of Hunger” 1999 and 2001 (Ed Icaria). He has also collaborated as professor in several Master Degrees on International Development Cooperation, Conflict Management and Humanitarian Aid at different institutions such as the Universidad Carlos III of Madrid, Universitat Jaume I of Castellón, Università di Pavia or the Instituto Universitario Ortega y Gasset of Madrid. He is currently director of Incidence and Institutional Relations at Acción contra el Hambre and has worked as the Humanitarian Action Office of the Spanish Agency for International development Cooperation. (AECID) from June 2012 – October 2015.

### **Kathrin Schick**

*Director, VOICE*

Ms Schick has an educational background in Social Anthropology and Business Administration from Oslo University. She worked in Norwegian organizations such as the Norwegian Red Cross and Norwegian People’s Aid, as well as for the Directorate for Immigration of Norway, focusing on refugee issues and programs in South America. She subsequently gained field experience in Guatemala as Protection Officer for the UNHCR and consultant for CARE International. As Deputy Secretary General of the SOLIDAR network, Kathrin Schick worked for seven years mainly on EU development policies and education campaigns. In 2001, Kathrin became VOICE Director, her current position.

### **Tim Seal**

*Learning Design Manager, Humanitarian Leadership Academy*

Mr Seal is Learning Design Manager at the Humanitarian Leadership Academy and Technical Director for the TESS-India project at the Open University's International Development Office. He provides strategic leadership, knowledge and advice in a technical context, with an emphasis on learning design, usability, technical requirements, implementation and open educational resources and practice. He regularly presents at both national and international conferences on Open Educational Resources and the use of digital technologies in education for development. Tim draws upon 15 years of expertise in open learning, interactive media, design and theory in both the private and public sectors with a focus on development and Humanitarian settings. Since joining The Open University in 2008, Tim has worked alongside a variety of internal & external partners to produce award winning teaching materials. As Assistant Director of SCORE, funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England, Tim helped lead the three-year project that aimed to assist the Higher Education sector in realising the benefits of Open Educational Resources with a drive to reach those in underserved settings.

**Robert Smith (speaker)**

*Head of the World Humanitarian Summit Secretariat's Geneva Office*

Robert Smith is the Head of the World Humanitarian Summit secretariat's Geneva office, leading the WHS Global Consultation and other European-based parts of the process. Previously he was chief of OCHA's Common Humanitarian Action Planning Section, which coordinated strategic humanitarian response plans and monitoring for the major humanitarian crises. Before joining OCHA, he worked with Oxfam, CARE, IRC, WaterAid and other NGOs in emergencies and development for 10 years, mostly in Africa (DR Congo, Mali, Mozambique, Zambia, Congo-Brazzaville and Angola, plus Brazil). Robert completed a Ph.D. in Development Studies at the University of London, researching land tenure issues, and has published three peer-reviewed articles in top social-science journals. He comes originally from Boston, USA.

**Claus Sørensen (speaker)**

*Senior Adviser for Resilience, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response, European Political Strategy Centre*

For the past four years Mr Sørensen has been the Director General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO). Before that he held the post of Director General of Communication in the European Commission. Mr Sørensen is a career diplomat in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark. His first posting from 1981 was in Paris, at the Danish Delegation to the OECD. Between 1988 and 1989 he was trade and finance councillor at the Danish Permanent Representation in Brussels. The following year he joined the Cabinet of Vice-president Henning Christophersen working on the EURO, relations with Eastern Europe, the Enlargement with Sweden, Austria and Finland as well as the European Social dimension and Environmental issues. As Sweden acceded to the EU in 1995 he became a member of their first Cabinet dealing notably with the fight against transnational organised crime, social and labour market issues and the further enlargement of the EU to the East. Between 1999 and 2011, Mr Sørensen had management positions within the European Commission, most notably Director for International Environmental issues, Head of Cabinet for the Commissioner for Agriculture and later Head of Cabinet for the Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian assistance. Mr Sørensen has a Master of Economic Science and is regularly lecturing at the University of Lund, York and Copenhagen.

**Sandrine Vanhamme**

*Directorate of Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belgium*

**Jan Weuts**

*Emergency Aid Coordinator, Caritas International*

Mr Weuts is Caritas International Belgium Emergency Aid Coordinator since 2006, overseeing worldwide disaster response of the Caritas network. He is a member of the Humanitarian Commission of Caritas Internationalis (coordinating body of the Caritas Federation), and represents Caritas Internationalis in the Sphere Project Board. He lectures on humanitarian management at the Catholic University of Louvain. Before joining Caritas, he worked for Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Belgium for fifteen years, where he started in logistics on the field (RDC, Iran, Iraq, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan) worked in headquarters in logistics, then operations department (Liberia, Sierra Leone, Afghanistan, Guinée) and finally coordinated the "Emergency Pool" of MSFB. Jan is still a member of MSF Belgium's Board, and of MSF Supply.

**Will Wright (facilitator)**

*NOHA Project Officer*

Mr Wright is a current Project Officer at the General Secretariat of the Network on Humanitarian Action. In 2015, he completed the NOHA Masters course at the Ruhr-University Bochum and University College Dublin, focusing his thesis and research on the political legitimacy of non-state armed groups and their compliance with IHL. He is a graduate of the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. with a degree in International Affairs. He has experience working with international and national NGOs in the United States focusing on civic and political engagement and capacity building.