



PRESS INVITATION

Professionalisation of humanitarian safety and security through cooperation

The new initiative, ***Danish Interagency Safety Network (DISN)*** addressing safety and security challenges among Danish Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and institutions will be launched on November 3rd.

Around the world, humanitarian aid workers and civil society representatives have been attacked and harassed, also kidnapped and killed regularly. Alone in 2016, 58 major attacks against aid operations occurred, in which 101 aid workers were killed, 98 wounded and 89 kidnapped. The number of attacks and victims have increased over the last decade and affects tens of thousands of aid workers, human rights defenders and journalists on a daily basis.

The independent safety and security network DISN, supported by *Global Focus*, strives to strengthen safety and security risk management within the humanitarian sector particularly through networking, knowledge sharing and training and assist in developing the institutional safety policies in field level platforms among the 32 member organisations and institutions. DISN is aiming to strengthen the standard features of the humanitarian response in volatile contexts and support the implementation of the CSO's activities by addressing safety and security solutions.

KICK-OFF meeting of DISN will take place on November 3rd at 13:00 - 14:30 PM at *Global Focus*, Rysensteengade 3, 1564 Copenhagen V.

PROGRAM:

- Introduction to the Danish Interagency Safety Network (DISN)
- Purpose of DISN
- Guest Speakers: Lisa Rielly, European Interagency Security Forum (EISF), Rina Lauritzen Trautner, Global Fokus and René Dinesen, Head of Centre for Citizen Service and Communication
- Release of DISN activity plan
- Networking session

WELCOME to join the event and learn more about the ***Danish Interagency Safety Network (DISN)*** - for more information visit the webpage <http://disn.dk/>

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