



Network:RED

Global National Society Development Event

December 6 – 8, 2021

Online

Introduction

Strategy 2030 sets a clear transformative agenda for National Societies and the IFRC to be able to face the emerging challenges of the decade and increase our collective footprint on resilient, cohesive, and empowered local communities. The IFRC supports our 192 Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies around the world to fulfil their full potential as effective and impactful local humanitarian actors. We are committed to supporting their transformational long-term development and programmes; and we tailor our support to each National Society's contexts, needs and priorities.

To gather best practices, share knowledge and lessons learnt, the IFRC is organizing **Network:RED**, a global National Society Development Event, during the following days: Dec 6 –8, 2021.

Network:RED will bring together NS leaders, Branch leaders and National Society Development (NSD) practitioners from National Societies and the IFRC from all around the world, around a global platform to debate the most important issues regarding NSD. It will offer space for participants to:

- Be inspired by speakers with years of proven experience and knowledge, driving NSD initiatives in different parts of the world both from inside and outside the movement.
- Share knowledge and best practices to tackle the most pressing issues for NSD.
- Discuss solutions with other NSD experts and practitioners from around the world.
- Share innovative projects taking place in their own National Society.
- Meet people from all around the globe in virtual open spaces and engage in interactive activities.
- Access to different initiatives, frameworks, and tools facilitated by IFRC to support National Societies and their branches for their development.

Network:RED 2021 is about connecting, learning together, and building one another with new ideas and initiatives to enhance the transformational journey of each National Society.

Objective

To **surface experiences and practices on transformational NSD**, offering a unique space for NSs to discuss NSD topics relevant for National Societies, **share new trends and ideas, and lead to enhanced collaboration and peer to peer support among NSs on NSD.**

The event will also be an opportunity to take stock on where we stand in implementing the seven transformations of S2030.

Date

December 6-8, 2021 (3 days)

Participants

Primary audience are:

- NS leaders (presidents, SGs, Board members) from NHQ level
- NS leaders from Branch levels
- NSD practitioners (both Staff and Volunteers)

Network:RED will be accompanied by;

- External experts in the areas of the three plenaries (e.g., as panelists)
- Technical experts on NSD

Architecture of Network:RED

Network:RED will have two main avenues:

- 3 Main themes articulated in Plenary and parallel sessions, where all participants are invited.
- Interactive workshops self-organized by NSs or groups of NSs, on topics of relevance to gather ideas and seek good practices and solutions.

The interactive workshops are expected to be organized as events running in parallel along the 3 main Plenary themes. Should there be a very high number of applicants for sessions, a full additional day might be added for additional interactive workshops.

Main themes of Network:RED

Three plenaries and related interactive workshops:

- Day 1 (6 December): **Trusted partner of choice in local action** (the 'why' of NSD)
- Day 2 (7 December): **A sustainable global network** (the 'what' of NSD)
- Day 3 (8 December): **Transformational leadership** (the 'how' of NSD)

| | Day 1 – 6 December | Day 2 - 7 December | Day 3 - 8 December |
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| AM | NS-led interactive workshops (parallel events) | NS-led interactive workshops (parallel events) | NS-led interactive workshops (parallel events) |
| 12:00 - 12:30 | Opening | | |
| 12:30 - 14:30 | Plenary- Trusted partner of choice in local action | Plenary – A sustainable global network | Plenary - Transformational leadership |
| 14:30 - 15:00 | NS-led interactive workshops (parallel events) | NS-led interactive workshops (parallel events) | Closure and launch of the V-Community |
| PM | NS-led interactive workshops (parallel events) | NS-led interactive workshops (parallel events) | NS-led interactive workshops (parallel events) |

Fig. 1 – timetable and architecture of **Network:RED**

Opening

The Event will officially open with an Opening Ceremony.

Plenaries

The three plenaries will focus on key aspects of NSD:

- The first plenary will link NSD to trust in local action, representing a good segue way from the day 3 of the Planet:Red event.
- The second plenary will unpack NS sustainability in a changing environment, with a special focus on Financial Sustainability.

- The third plenary will focus on transformational leadership as the enabling factor for renewed relevance.

NS-led interactive workshops

National Societies from around the world will have the possibility to submit their proposals and organize interactive workshops (parallel sessions) to be part of this major event. To inspire National Societies, a suggested menu of potential NSD thematic areas is made available to all National Societies (details in annex 1). The event will feature over 50 such sessions.

The sessions may address *co-creation* (developing new ideas and approaches or discussing about common issues), *lessons learned* to present good practice and learning (both successful and unsuccessful practices), as well as showcase tools and training materials.

Each session shall capture an outline of its discussion and outcome along with a recording or transcription of the session, and later become available to participants.

Closure

At the end of the event, a Closing ceremony will be organized to wrap up the event. The collaboration among NSs and peer-learning is expected to continue beyond this event, and any commitment for networking, peer-supporting, will count on the support of dedicated Communities of Practice.