



Making humanitarian response more flexible

Exploring new models and approaches

Logistical information

5 - 6 September
London, UK



Background

ALNAP is organising a closed workshop to explore what flexible humanitarian action looks like and how to support it, drawing on original research and recent work by ALNAP Members and colleagues in the development sector.

Aims of the workshop

- To share learning on what has enabled flexible and adaptive humanitarian action across different contexts.
- To discuss new models for humanitarian action that enable greater flexibility and how these can be taken forward, encompassing four key organisational functions: programming (including monitoring), logistics and supply chain management, human resources management and funding/fundraising.

Taking place over two days, this workshop will be discussion-oriented and feature peer-sharing sessions where participants will have the opportunity to:

- exchange their experiences around changing what, where and how humanitarian action is delivered
- discuss enablers that allow for these changes to happen in an appropriate time frame.

The discussion sessions throughout the workshop will examine lessons from case studies and participants will explore practical approaches to developing flexibility across organisational functions, including funding agreements, programming, and supply chain systems.



What do I need to do before the meeting?

Finalise your registration

Please finalise your registration by completing the [pre-workshop questionnaire](#).

Event documents

You will receive a background paper and detailed agenda by mid-August.

Travel and visa requirements:


It is the responsibility of each conference attendee to secure their own flights, accommodation, travel insurance and a British entry visa before departure. Please make sure your passport is valid before travelling.

In order to obtain a visa from the local British embassy, you will need a signed visa invitation letter from ALNAP. To receive your invitation letter in time, please contact events@alnap.org as soon as possible with the following details:

- Passport number, expiry date, full name
- Your official title/position within your own organisation
- The full and official name of your organisation
- The organisation, if different from above, that will cover the costs of your travel to the UK
- The dates of your intended flights, including the dates of entry and exit of the UK

Please do not forget to bring the required documents and adequate hard currency upon landing in the UK

ALNAP will not be held responsible for any financial losses for any cancelled flight tickets, or any costs related to attendance of the conference.





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Where is the workshop?

The workshop will be hosted at ALNAP's offices, based at the Overseas Development Institute in London:

[203 Blackfriars Road, London, SE1 8NJ](#)

How do I get to the workshop?

You can choose from a range of transport options to reach the venue:

- The venue is adjacent to **Southwark** tube station on the **Jubilee** line.
- **Blackfriars** station provides access to and from mainline railway services, including Thameslink for Eurostar services from St Pancras International, South East Trains, and the District and Circle lines for City Airport via Bank.
- **Waterloo** and **London Bridge** stations are each a 10-15 minutes walk away.

For more travel information, use [Transport for London](#) or [National Rail Enquiries](#).

Transport to and from London airports:

- London Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports have dedicated express train services into central London.
- London Heathrow and London City airports are directly connected to the Tube network.
- National Express, Easybus and Greenline coach transfers run 24 hours a day.
- Taxis are available at every airport, but we recommend booking in advance to avoid high costs.
- Car hire is also available at every airport should you prefer to drive.

Where can I stay?

All participants are responsible for booking their own accommodation for the conference. Please find a list of nearby hotels below.

[Hotel ibis London Blackfriars](#)

49 Blackfriars Rd, London SE1 8NZ

[Mondrian London](#)

20 Upper Ground, London SE1 9PD

[Hilton London Bankside](#)

2-8 Great Suffolk St, London SE1 0UG

[Hotel Novotel London Blackfriars](#)

46 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8NZ

[Hotel Mercure London Bridge](#)

71-79 Southwark St, London SE1 0JA

[CitizenM Hotel London Bankside](#)

20 Lavington St, London, United Kingdom SE1 0NZ



What else do I need to know?

Traffic in London

Traffic in London can be heavy at all hours of the day, but particularly at rush hour. To avoid high costs in taxis, we recommend you use public transport (check Transport for London before travelling for live updates).

Weather

In September, London's average temperature is a high of 20°C / and a low of 13°C

Currency and Money Exchange

The basic monetary unit in the U.K. is the GBP British Pound. You can exchange currencies at the airport and at banks.

Miscellaneous

Local time is British Summer Time: BST



If you have any questions in relation to logistics for this event please contact: events@alnap.org

