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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: Meeting of the members of the Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (Directors)

Date: 18 March 2026

Time: 10:30, 14:30

Venue: COUNCIL

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Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

18 March 2026 (10:30-13:00, 14:30-17:30)

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Humanitarian situation in South Sudan** (*incl. informal exchange with the United Nations*)*
3. **Humanitarian situation in Sudan** (*incl. informal exchange with the United Nations*)*

4. **Regional humanitarian impact of escalation in the Middle East**
5. **Humanitarian reset** (*incl. informal exchange with UN OCHA*)
6. **Innovative humanitarian financing tools that facilitate earlier action** (*incl. informal exchange with IRC¹ and Start Network²*)
7. **AOB**
 - a) Report from Commissioner Lahbib's mission to the Great Lakes region (16-20 February 2026)

* *Delegates from the **Africa Working Party** are invited to participate in this item.*

NB: Delegation format is 1+2. Delegations are reminded to register their presence in the Delegates Portal.

NB: Delegations are invited to take part in an informal breakfast with humanitarian INGOs represented in Brussels, which will take place in the morning of the meeting. Details have been provided by email.

NB: Please send a list of your delegates to this meeting, who do not have a Council badge, as soon as possible to the email address access.general@consilium.europa.eu.

NB: Council documents are available on Delegates Portal.

¹ International Rescue Committee Inc, identification number in the EU Transparency Register: 336765244362-96.

² Start Network, identification number in the EU Transparency Register: 024000049346-23.