

# Developing a Climate and Environment Charter for humanitarian organizations



# Agenda

- Introductions
- Background, objectives and process
- Proposed commitments
- Discussion

# Background – why now?

- Crisis of such scale that that we need to take the climate and environment crises into account in all we do and come together as a whole humanitarian community
- Technical guidance exists but not institutional commitment to change
- Pledge at the 33<sup>rd</sup> RCRC International conference, and other initiatives showing need and good examples: InterAction Climate Compact, Réseau Environnement Humanitaire's Statement of Commitment on Climate, MSF's Environmental Pact

# Ambitions for the Climate and Environment Charter

Promote a **transformational change** across the humanitarian sector to improve our practice

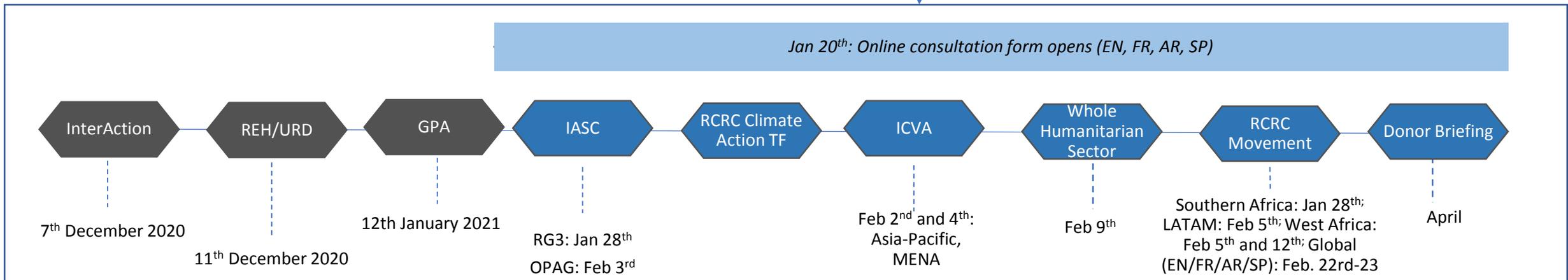
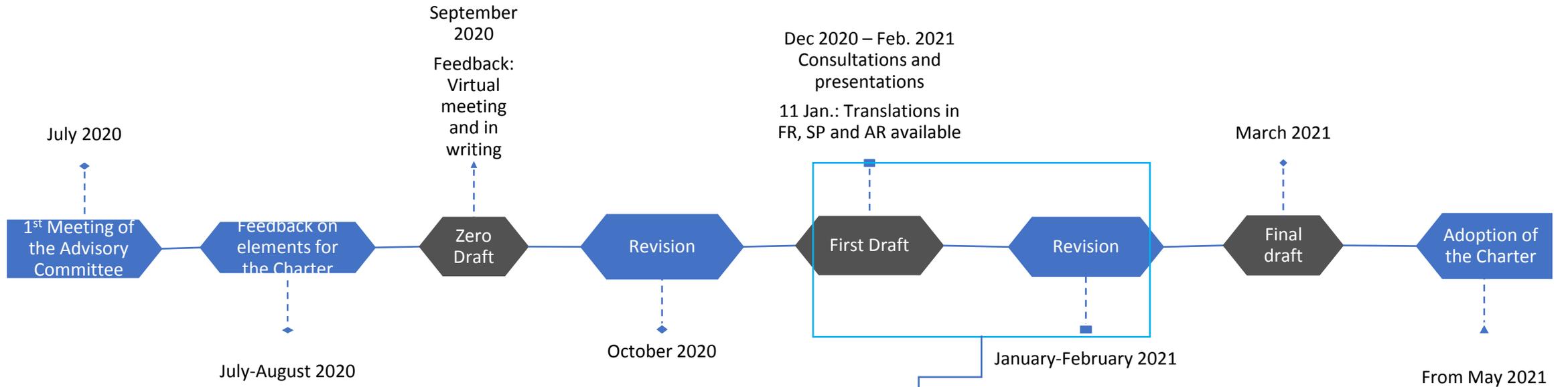
A **simple, accessible and aspirational** document

To be **made available to the wider humanitarian sector** for adoption in the spirit of the Code of Conduct of 1994

Developed with the guidance of an **Advisory Committee** – National RCRC Societies, humanitarian Networks, UN agencies (EHAN, IASC, ICVA, SCHR, Sphere, Interaction, A4EP, PIANGO) and climate and environment experts (e.g. WWF)

# Climate and Environment Charter

## *Updated Timeline*



# Proposed commitments

**1. Adapt and scale up our support to communities to cope with and be better prepared for the consequences of the climate and environmental crises**

- Risk reduction, preparedness, anticipatory action, response and recovery
- Risk analyses, informed by climate information, evolving risks and local and indigenous knowledge
- Attention to people's specific capacities and vulnerabilities, and situation

**2. Maximize the climate and environmental sustainability of our programmes and operations**

- Adopt and implement environmental policies, that avoid, minimize and manage the damage we cause to the environment and the climate
- Measure and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve net zero emissions by 2050
- Responsibly use of water and natural resources, and reduce and properly manage waste

**How...**

- Working closely with local communities in taking climate and environmental action
- Working collaboratively across the humanitarian, development and environmental sectors and beyond to strengthen climate action
- Increasing our capacity to understand climate and environmental risks and develop evidence-based solutions
- Serving as agents of change to mobilize stronger climate action and environmental protection
- Developing and improving targets and standards as we implement our commitments

# Questions for discussion

- Would you / your organization find this Charter useful?
- Would your organization be comfortable to adopt these commitments?
- Are we missing important elements? Which ones?
- Are the ambitions set are the right level?
- On which elements are targets necessary?
- Is the tone and language right?

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