



Invitation

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2019

Zurich, 26 June 2019, 17:15

Global Conflicts and Humanitarian Challenges - Which Role can Business play?

Keynote speaker: Yves Daccord, Director General, International Committee of the Red Cross.

Venue: Swiss Reinsurance Company Ltd, Mythenquai 50-60, 8022 Zurich

Dear members,

On behalf of our Chairman Thomas Wellauer, I am pleased to invite you to our **Annual Assembly 2019**. We take the Centenary Celebrations of the International Chamber of Commerce as an opportunity to discuss the contributions business can bring to humanitarian challenges in conflicts and disasters. In fact, the International Chamber of Commerce has been created at the end of the First World War with the objective „Peace and Prosperity through Trade and Investment“. What does this objective mean today?

The International Committee of the Red Cross ICRC is the only humanitarian organization expressly mandated by the community of States to assist and protect all those affected by conflict and to promote compliance with international humanitarian law. Since the late 1990ies, ICRC expanded its network by engaging with the private sector in fields such as the exchange of expertise and know-how or the diversification of funding sources. This is why the ICRC has established the Corporate Support Group.

Our guest of honour, **Mr Yves Daccord**, will focus on this cooperation and give us his view on the latest developments. The following discussion with the audience will further explore the business dilemmas and possible contributions in such challenging situations.

Once again kindly hosted by Swiss Re, the Annual Assembly will take place on **26 June 2019, 17:15**. It will be an occasion to get an overview on the activities of ICC in general, and to look ahead. We look forward to seeing you in June. Our assembly is open to representatives of members of ICC Switzerland and delegates in general. Please feel free to forward this invitation to colleagues. Non-members are also welcome to participate. Registration is compulsory.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Pletscher
Secretary General

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PROGRAMME

17:15

Welcome Coffee

17:30

Introduction

Report ICC Switzerland and Outlook

Thomas Wellauer, Chairman ICC Switzerland,
Group Chief Operating Officer, Swiss Re

Thomas Pletscher, Secretary General, ICC Switzerland

18:00

Keynote Address

Global Conflicts and Humanitarian Challenges – Which Role can Business play?
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Questions and answers

19:00

Cocktail riche, kindly offered by Swiss Re

20:30

End

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SPEAKER

Yves Daccord

Yves Daccord was born in Zürich, Switzerland. He attended the Collège Saint-Michel in Fribourg before pursuing his studies at the University of Geneva, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in political science and international relations in 1986. He subsequently pursued postgraduate training as a broadcast journalist and began working at Radio Télévision Suisse in Geneva in 1987.

Yves Daccord joined the ICRC in 1992, running humanitarian operations in various challenging contexts of armed conflict including Israel and the Occupied Territories, Sudan, Yemen, Chechnya and Georgia. He held a number of progressively senior positions within the organisation, including Head of Communication Division (1998-2002) and Director of Communications (2002-2010) before his appointment as Director-General in 2010.

As Director-General, Daccord has overseen a period of transformative change within the ICRC in response to ever-increasing humanitarian needs in armed conflicts and other situations of violence around the world. As the organisation has seen significant growth in its operations in recent years, employing some 16,000 people in more than 80 countries (as of 2017), Yves Daccord has spearheaded significant institutional reforms in areas such as human resources and people management; partnerships and stakeholder management; and innovation and technology. He has spoken and published widely on key issues such as violence against health care; the risks and opportunities of new technologies in the humanitarian sector; global humanitarian affairs; and the future of humanitarian action.

In 2014, Yves Daccord was appointed to the chair of the Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response(SCHR), a voluntary alliance of nine of the world's leading humanitarian organisations. In 2015, World Health Organization(WHO) Director-General Margaret Chan appointed Yves Daccord as a member of the Advisory Group on Reform of WHO's Work in Outbreaks and Emergencies with Health and Humanitarian Consequences. In 2016, he was appointed as a member of the board of the Overseas Development Institute(ODI) in London. He also continues to serve as Vice-Chair of the advisory board of The Performance Theatre, a position he has held since June 2015. In May 2017, he was awarded an Honorary Doctor's degree in Social Sciences by the University of St. Gallen, in recognition of his "outstanding services to the fortunes of the ICRC."

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