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# ROME HUMANITARIAN CONGRESS

## Contested Spaces: Engagement, Legitimacy and Access in Turbulent Times

The political, security and bureaucratic barriers that humanitarian actors face in crisis contexts

**OCTOBER 15TH, 2026**  
**ARA PACIS MUSEUM, ROME**

**9:30 - 10:00**

### **Institutional Greetings**

**Konstantinos Moschochoritis**, Director General INTERSOS

**10:00 - 11:30**

### **PANEL 1: Engagement and Legitimacy: an Analysis of the Global Crisis in Humanitarian Access**

- **Marta Collu**, Humanitarian Aid and Fragility Coordinator, AICS
- **Sandra Krähenmann**, Head of Policy, Research and Legal Unit, Geneva Call
- **Sameera Noori**, Country Director, Citizens Organization for Advocacy and Resilience
- Moderator: **Miro Modrusan**, Senior Localisation Manager, VOICE

**11:30 - 11:45**

### **COFFEE BREAK**

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11:45 - 13:15

## PANEL 2: Humanitarian Access and Strategic Engagement in the Sahel

- **Alda Cappelletti**, Deputy Director General, INTERSOS
- **Andrea Palamidessi**, Head of the West and Central Africa Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy
- **Bakary Sambe**, Executive Director, Timbuktu Institute Dakar
- Moderator: **Vincenzo Giardina**, Head of Foreign Affairs Editorial Board, DIRE

13:15 - 14:45

## LUNCH BREAK

14:45 - 16:15

## PANEL 3: Global Health Crises and the Evolution of Humanitarian Operational Paradigms

- **Emanuele Bruni**, Programme Manager, Alert and Response Operations, Division of Health Security WHO Europe
- **Francesco Moschetta**, Manager Implementation and Challenging Operating Environments Team, The Global Fund
- **Rita Rhayem**, Head Country Health Systems, GAVI The Vaccine Alliance
- Moderator: **Nickie Monga**, Head of Programmes and Policy, Stichting Vluchteling

16:15 - 16:45

## Closing Remarks

**Lucio Melandri**, Board Member INTERSOS

The event may be attended either in person or online.  
Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Italian.