# Shelter Meeting 14 Breakout Sector Response Options

## Group 4 Capacity and Training

**Shelter Meetings**

*The Shelter Meeting is a global biannual conference for the humanitarian shelter sector, with participation in-person and online from around the world from governments, donors, IASC clusters, UN bodies, IOs, the Red Cross Movement, NGOs, independent humanitarian shelter specialists and academic research bodies.*

*Objectives of the Shelter Meeting include; engaging and supporting all stakeholders in the global shelter sector; linking all coordination that is supporting the shelter sector including IASC clusters; engage, linking and supporting other events and initiatives in the shelter sector; engaging in, linking and supporting the events and initiatives of other humanitarian sectors and cross-cutting issues; supporting consensus on policy, standards, specifications & operating procedures; sharing programmatic and technical good practice on on-going field operations; sharing information on project activities valuable for the global shelter sector; agreeing on and prioritising further project activities valuable for the global shelter sector; forming external working groups to support project activities; and reviewing project activities.*

**Shelter Meeting 14, 10th October 2014**

On 10th of October 2014, the Shelter Meeting welcomed participation in-person and online from over 25 countries by representatives from 44 different agencies. Hosted by the IASC Global Shelter Cluster, the meeting breakout groups covered the areas of 'Response Options' and 'Technical Sector Priorities'

Presentations from Shelter Meeting can be viewed [here](http://www.sheltercentre.org/shelter-meeting-14).

As a part of each Shelter Meeting, there are breakout groups, which are meant to begin a greater exploration of the topics relevant and important to current Shelter sector concerns. In Shelter Meeting 14 the breakout session for Technical Sector Priorities was meant to examine technical priorities within the shelter sector to come to a better understanding of those priorities and ways forward.

**Next steps**

The conclusions of these breakout groups, including suggestions, will be first circulated in draft to the session chairpersons and team members for their comments. The final notes will inform broader and more formal discussions of these topics within the shelter sector, including through: comments made to the notes posted online on the Shelter Meeting 14 webpage; subsequent Shelter Meetings; related fora, such as the UK Shelter Forum; technical and innovation working group meetings of the IASC global shelter cluster and other IASC global clusters, such as the CCCM, Early Recovery and WASH clusters; as well as other national, regional and global fora, research and academic agencies.

**Notes summarising breakout group 4 ‘Capacity and training’**

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*The group discussed capacity building and training, including current challenges with both and improvements that can be made. The discussion resulted in the identification of resources that could be beneficial potentially building capacity and concerns and opportunities surrounding trainings. These notes, along with the notes from the other groups in the breakout sessions from Shelter Meeting 14, will be taken forward through various fora, including the Technical and Innovation Working Group (TiWG) of the IASC Global Shelter Cluster.*

**2.1 Capacity building**

**2.1.1** Training levels should differentiate between the requirements of the stakeholder groups that were targeted.

**2.1.2** Proposed training levels could span: managerial, technical staff (field workers, etc.), new staff (students / interns / volunteers, etc.) and communities.

**2.1.3** Currently there is repetition and duplication in the trainings that have been developed.

**2.1.4**  There are a lot of existing tools, created by the different organisations, but there is a lack of harmonisation and sharing between them. This leads to the question of how do we give accessibility to these existing tools, which are disseminated?

**2.1.5** These existing training resources should be/can be shared.

**2.1.6** Training is one of the main pillars for building capacity, but not the only one.

**2.1.7** The group discussed how building capacity consists of more than just training people, for example creating institutional knowledge.

**2.2** **Identified resource types for capacity building and training**

**2.2.1** Listed below are some of the knowledge resources, which the group identified might be beneficial in being shared.

* staff – talk of humanitarian stakeholder organisations to gain info on their person
* processes – decision making paths, assessments and evaluations
* tools / protocols – sphere or technical guidance case studies, joint funding initiatives
* financial / hardware – financial mgmt. instruments, NFI kits
* partnerships/networks – as a part of cap build training, participants should be introduced to forums, such as the Shelter Meeting and UK Shelter Forum