
Meeting Minutes, 18 February 2022

Global Strategic Advisory Group



LOCATION	Online
DATE	18 February 2022
CHAIR	Athalie Mayo
PARTICIPANTS	Fabrice PERROT, Pierre TRIPON , Stephen CAHILL, Susan HODGSON, Theo LINGENS Observer: Mary JELLITI Presenter: John MYRAUNET
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Voting on the open position in SAG will wait until a face-to-face meeting can be held in June.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Housekeeping2. Introduce DGLCC3. Strategy Implementation Plan (SIP) Feedback and Next Steps4. GLM June5. Partner and Stakeholder Definitions6. IMPACCT Working Group7. AOB

1. Housekeeping

- Minutes will be released the week after the SAG meeting for everyone to review and make comments prior to the next scheduled meeting.
- No comments were received on the meeting minutes from January and so they will be published.

2. Introduce DGLCC

- Athalie introduced the new Deputy Global Logistics Cluster Coordinator, Mary Jelliti, who started her new role with the Logistics Cluster last week.
- The SAG members confirmed that they supported a postponement of the election for the SAG seat vacated by Mary until the June GLM

3. Strategy Implementation Plan (SIP) Feedback and Next Steps

- Organisations responded to the sign-up request for the working groups per the below lists. There has been great interest for the Preparedness Working Group with 17 organisations signing up. Current signups are listed below:
 - Preparedness – 17 Organisations
 - CARE
 - Georgia Tech
 - HELP Logistics
 - International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
 - International Medical Corps
 - Maersk
 - Medair
 - Robert Koch-Institute
 - Save the Children WCA Regional Office
 - Save the Children MEEE Regional Office
 - Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
 - SDC
 - UNFPA
 - UNHCR
 - UNICEF Supply Division/ECU
 - World Vision
 - World Vision International
 - Training – 13 Organisations
 - Bioforce
 - CARE
 - Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
 - Georgia Tech
 - HELP Logistics
 - International Medical Corps
 - Johanniter
 - Medair
 - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 - Save the Children MEEE Regional Office
 - UNFPA
 - UNHCR
 - UNICEF Supply Division/ECU
 - Partnership Development – 8 Organisations
 - Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
 - Deutsche Welthungerhilfe e.V. (NGO)

- Georgia Tech
- International Medical Corps
- International Rescue Committee
- Maersk
- Save the Children MEEE Regional Office
- WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business)
- Service Provision – 6 Organisations
 - International Rescue Committee
 - IOM
 - Maersk
 - Premiere Urgence Internationale (PUI)
 - UNFPA
 - World Vision International
- Procurement – 6 Organisations
 - CARE
 - Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
 - Deutsche Welthungerhilfe e.V. (NGO)
 - International Medical Corps
 - International Rescue Committee
 - Maersk
 - Save the Children MEEE Regional Office
 - UNFPA
 - UNICEF Supply Division/ECU
 - World Vision
- In addition to the groups that have already expressed an interest in each of the working groups, any partners that participated in the past but have not yet signed up for a particular working group will be invited to join in case they unintentionally missed the expression of interest survey.
- The next step of planning for the working groups will be to establish the TORs for each group with the SAG and discuss with all the partners what type of commitment they can make to each group to strategize the efforts for each group.

4. GLM June

- As discussed with the SAG in previous meetings, the next GLM will be held in June at a European venue in order to mitigate the risks of postponement due to COVID-19. Opportunities for hybrid sessions will be identified to enable participation by those unable to travel. UNICEF has offered to support the hosting of the GLM in Copenhagen. A show of hands in the meeting determined that the SAG found Copenhagen to be an acceptable venue.
- The last GLM had a strong focus on engagement with the academic sector, so it may be valuable to contrast it in the next GLM by building a more operational focus for the meeting.

- Potential GLM format:
 - For the first day and a half, the plan is to have sessions where humanitarian logisticians can talk to other humanitarian logisticians as part of the operational focus.
 - On the third day, other stakeholders would join to build larger conversations
 - It may be valuable to have a donor session with a discussion on innovative approaches or digitization.
- Proposed GLM session topics:
 - Links between military operations and humanitarian logistics or deconfliction could be a valuable topic to discuss during the GLM.
 - When does “being green” cross over the humanitarian prerogative? How should green considerations impact operational activities? Does sustainability take precedent over operational efficiency?
- Since this will be the first in person GLM since 2020, face to face interactions should be prioritized with long coffee breaks and other socialization sessions.

5. Partner and Stakeholder Definition

- The reasons to define partners is to clarify items related to governance, coordination, and common services. These items determine who is eligible to contribute to decision making, who has access to operational databases, and who can utilize common services.
- The goal of defining what makes an organisation a partner is to ensure that all parties involved feel situations are handled fairly and appropriately, while ensuring the Cluster’s neutrality, status, and mandate is not compromised. The risk with defining the role is setting the qualifications too low and making the definition insignificant or setting the qualifications too high and creating frustration amongst organisations that wish to be partners.
- A number of options were presented to the SAG, based on research from other technical Clusters. The SAG accepted the presentation and requested that the Global Logistics Cluster Support Team (GLCST) continue to explore the options and come to a draft recommendation to the SAG in the coming months.
- Current definitions per the strategy document:
 - Partner – Humanitarian organisations/entities actively working to deliver assistance in accordance with the humanitarian principles, and engaged in any way, shape, or form, at global and/or regional and/or country-level in activities related to the Logistics Cluster. It may include NNGOs, INGOs, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, governmental entities dedicated to humanitarian responses, and UN agencies.
 - Stakeholder – Non-humanitarian entities that may contribute to the Logistics Cluster providing resources, furnishing services, or sharing knowledge. Examples may include the private sector, academic institutions, and military forces. Whilst they may be of crucial help in advancing the Logistics Cluster agenda, they are not entitled to voting rights in its fora nor can benefit from its common services.

- Other definitions are contained in the presentation to the SAG.
- The Partnership Working Group could potentially contribute to the planned activities related to defining and managing the roles and obligations of partnership, including encouraging more participation from national actors.

6. IMPACCT Working Group

- On 17th February, the GLCC participated in a discussion on the future of the IMPACCT WG. IHC has been supporting the coordination of the WG to date but there is a requirement to establish a sustainable structure for this key component. The IMPACCT WG has welcomed closer collaboration with the Global Logistics Cluster and the potential for greater alignment on the coordination and information management components of the WG's ToR. The SAG concurred that this development is beneficial to the partner community as the information on importation of relief items is key for many.

7. Any Other Business

- Katherine has been working with the legal department on completing a formal and defined framework for NGO secondees to the cluster. This framework will also be useful for other contexts such as in country co-facilitation. This will be valuable in encouraging partner participation at an in-country level. An update on this framework should be available soon.

The next SAG Meeting will take place on the 18 March 2022 at 11:00 AM via Zoom

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