Meeting Minutes, 20 May 2022
Global Strategic Advisory Group (SAG)

LOCATION
Online

DATE
20 May 2022

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ACTION POINTS
- GLM agenda to be finalised
- SAG meeting minutes to be completed and uploaded to website
- GFFO proposal to be shared with THW

AGENDA
1. Global Logistics Cluster Meeting (GLM) Update
2. Working Group (WG) Updates
3. Resource Mobilisation
4. Any Other Business (AOB)

1. Global Logistics Cluster Meeting (GLM) Update

- The GLM takes place from 14 to 16 June 2022 in Copenhagen. The first day will be dedicated to partners and stakeholders while day two and three will be focused on operational humanitarian logistics and its actors.
- The selection of keynote speakers is currently ongoing, and Mary is liaising with the UNICEF focal point. Different sessions are taking shape according to plan. A marketplace session and a session on safeguarding for logistics will most likely be included in the meeting agenda.
- Requests for SAG seat nominations were sent with the GLM invitation link, but no nominations were received to date. A reminder for submissions of nominations might be required soon. The first day of the GLM is expected to start off with quick SAG updates, presentation of SAG seat candidates, quick overview of SAG seat voting procedure, and voting during the break.
- To date, 28 participants representing 26 organisations signed up to the meeting invitation link, with some traditional attendees still missing.
- The GLM will be country operations-focused and the Madagascar operation will be introduced as main discussion platform for lessons identified, in particular when it comes to enabling and supporting localised responses which have not been formally activated by Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC). UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) and Technisches Hilfswerk (THW) colleagues to be involved in this regard.
- Bilateral follow-up on pending sessions will be undertaken in the days to come.
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- Dinner and aperitif plans with and among participants are still be sorted out, based on current funding possibilities.

2. Working Group (WG) Updates

- The Partnerships WG and the Training WG have a scheduled introductory sessions on their ToR in the week of 23-27 May 2022. The Procurement WG already went through such an introductory session and will be deep-diving in activity definition in the week of 23-27 May 2022: the Procurement WG update at the GLM will focus on steps ahead in this regard.
- Service provision WG: due to the Ukraine crisis, little work was done over the last months by the service provision WG but a brief introductory session for both old and new WG members will be organised in the week of 30 May – 3 June 2022 where an update is provided on the work delivered so far.

3. Resource Mobilisation

- DG ECHO contributed with 0.9 m EUR to the “Waste Management and Measuring, Reverse Logistics, Environmentally Sustainable Procurement and Transport, and Circular Economy” (WREC) project. This allows for sustainable and focussed progress with “green” activities in logistics over the years to come.
- The field-based preparedness project proposal for the period mid-2022 to mid-2024 for a total contract value of 2.4 m USD will be funded by USAID’s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA). Nevertheless, the Logistics Cluster highlights the importance of securing longer term funding for preparedness purposes, as well as ensuring multilateral funding to cover multiple geographical areas at the same time.
- WFP donated 0.5m EUR to the Logistics Cluster for the provision of immediate network outreach, partnerships, budget, finance, ICT, training delivery and GLM organisation support activities.
- The Logistics Cluster is looking to submit a project proposal to the German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO) for funding of its capacity strengthening and training activities, preparedness activities, and partner engagement activities (i.e. partner involvement in gaps and needs assessments (GNAs), partner involvement in the IMPACCT WG, etc.). Once the proposal has been sent out, THW would like to have access to it in order to support advocating for funding by GFFO.

4. Any Other Business (AOB)

- The in-person Logistics Response Team (LRT) training in Ecuador took place from 25 to 30 April 2022. Strong engagement was provided by the Ecuadorian government, as well the UN Resident Coordinator, representation from other sectors including Maersk and Airlin, the Brazilian Fire and Rescue Service, the Paraguayan National Disaster Management Office, as well as humanitarian logisticians from across the region.
Resource mobilisation for training activities is the Logistics Cluster’s main Achilles’ heel. The only confirmed in-person training scheduled for 2022 at present is the gear.UP training taking place from 17 to 24 September 2022.

- Catch-up of SAG meeting minutes is currently ongoing.

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