Meeting Minutes, 13 January 2023
Global Strategic Advisory Group (SAG)

**LOCATION**
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**ACTION POINTS**
- Circulate a reminder to partners to complete the GLM 2022 survey
- SAG ToR to be circulated among SAG members
- Feedback on the role of IMPACCT in Logistics Cluster operations is to be provided at the next SAG meeting.

**AGENDA**
1. GLM 2022, retreats and other meetings in 2023
2. Updates on operations
3. Other operational matters
4. LCC field feedback
5. Partnerships
6. SAG: review of TORs and minutes dissemination.
7. Any other business

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1. **GLM 2022, retreats and other meetings in 2023**

**Past events**
- **GLM 2022:**
  - A follow-up survey with action points including notes for the record (NFRs) were shared with partners.
  - Very limited responses to the survey were received and a reminder will be circulated.
- **Logistics Cluster Coordinators (LCCs) Retreat (12-14 December 2022) in Rome, Italy:**
  - SAG representation at the LCCs retreat was useful to raise awareness about the SAG itself and how it can be approached in case of problems/queries/requests for clarifications.
  - Formally introduction of Operational Advisory Groups (OAGs) at regional or local level in order to replicate similar functionalities to the SAG at ground level was discussed.
  - LCCs aim to use the OAG to widen the outreach to partner organisations and partners’ knowledge base at field level. As SAG LCC representative, Blessing will start interacting with other Cluster worldwide to give presentations and disseminate information about the SAG’s function and mandate and to leverage its use.
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- Global Cluster Coordinators Group (GCCG) Meeting (December 2022):
  - Under the overall GCCG workplan, the Logistics Cluster has taken the co-lead in the area of preparedness. This refers to the mapping out of preparedness activities, and the definition of preparedness across other Clusters.

Upcoming events
- Global Preparedness Workshop from 24 to 26 January 2023 in Rome, Italy.
- Global Logistics Cluster Support Team retreat from 31 January to 3 February 2023 in Umbria, Italy.
- Concurrently with the Dubai International Humanitarian Aid and Development (DIHAD), taking place from 14 to 16 March 2023, GLC is currently liaising with Réseau Logistique Humanitaire (RLH), United Nations Humanitarian Resources Depot (UNHRD), International Humanitarian City (IHC), and the Inter-Agency Procurement Group (IAPG) to organise a workshop on 16 and 17 March 2023 to discuss targeted issues of common interest.
- The tentative dates for the next Global Logistics Cluster Meeting (GLM) are 12 to 16 June 2023.
- For the fall GLM, offers for organising the next workshop were received from both AidEx in Geneva, Switzerland and Airbus Foundation in Toulouse, France. A third opportunity could be to organise the next GLM at MSF’s supply chain facility in Brussels, Belgium.

2. Operational updates

- South Sudan
  - The Gaps and Needs Analysis (GNA) preparation is ongoing.
  - The GNA proposes a strategic realignment of the services based on the principle of “provider of last resort”. The Logistics Cluster team in country is looking at lightning its footprint and introducing a localisation strategy which supports national NGOs.

- Burkina Faso
  - There is a willingness to scale up to ensure people in need are reached, which however may be difficult due to the volatile operating context. Nonetheless, the Logistics Cluster support team in Burkina Faso is looking at introducing a model similar to the one applied in South Sudan, which focuses on cost recovery for international partners, and free-to-user services for local NGOs. Mailin Fauchon will most likely travel to Ouagadougou in the next weeks.

- Syria
  - The UN Security Council Resolution renewed the mandate of the cross-border humanitarian aid delivery mechanism to Syria for an additional six months.
  - Current focus is on importation and customs-related matters.

- Central African Republic (CAR)
The GNA has been drafted and is almost finalised. The partners’ contribution was unfortunately not substantial, but the document will be circulated back to partners in order to obtain their feedback.

- Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
  - Following feedback from the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), GLC is looking to send a representative to DRC for the next three months to engage in inter-agency awareness-raising and to disseminate understanding of what the GNA and the strategy stipulate in terms of activities in country.

- Ethiopia
  - The Logistics Cluster’s mandate expires at the end of January and the team in country is looking at possibly developing the rationale for further extension or not.

- Bangladesh
  - The Logistics Cluster’s activities have been deactivated at the end of December 2022 and the team is currently looking at transitioning the response. WFP is leading the transition process through the coordination working group.

3. Other operational matters

- CCPM (Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring) exercise:
  - The 2022 CCPM exercise was launched in December 2022. The CCPM follows the indications provided by the Inter-Agency Steering Committee (IASC) on how to best measure Cluster activity performance. For 2022, the Logistics Cluster is engaging in a softer form of CCPM to set a benchmark for future monitoring exercises.
  - Throughout the year, GLC will lead on induction trainings on CCPM processes locally. Towards the end of 2023, the idea is to ensure each operation is ready to implement CCPM fully for the years after. The objective is to make the CCPM preparation process as practical as possible.

- Global WFP Ukraine lessons learned exercise:
  - This exercise shall be launched in Q1 2023 by WFP and GLC will provide inputs.

- ECHO/Logistics Cluster lessons learned exercise on Somalia:
  - This exercise aims to be an operational discussion on best practices, challenges and opportunities on the HAB in Somalia. GLC, the Somalia Logistics Cluster team, colleagues from DG ECHO, and colleagues from WFP Aviation will be attending this meeting. SAG members were invited to attend if of interest.

- Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCAs):
  - LCAs are being updated for Madagascar and Guatemala. Additional LCA support is to provided to Southern Africa and Latin America. WFP is working on a strategy in this regard, to ensure GLC owns the LCA platform and can update it as required.

- Trainings:
  - Applicants screening for the e-LRT is ongoing.
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- A tabletop training exercise on the preparedness strategy is taking place this week in coordination with the Government of Madagascar.
- The 2023 GLC training calendar was shred with focal points at the end of 2022.

4. LCC field feedback

- Further efforts on disseminating knowledge of the SAG at field level is a priority for the months to come.
- There is a concern about the capacity or lack of trainings on basic entry level logistics by organisations working with the Logistics Cluster field teams, as well as the level of representation of these organisations at the Logistics Cluster meetings. The objective is to ensure the SAG works on boosting partner organisations’ sense of commitment at country level.

5. Partnerships

- Bilateral consultations between GLC and ECHO are ongoing to discuss the working relationship, ECHO’s Logistics Policy and the EHRC in depth, along with the HIP proposal for 2023.
- Airbus Foundation Steering Committee meeting took place on 5 December 2022.
- The LET Annual Report was finalised and the Steering Committee meeting takes place this week. In 2023, the aim is to reshape the partnership to make the LET available to the humanitarian community in the best possible way.
- WFP is working with Israel National Emergency Management Authority (NEMA) and Palestine Civil Defense and GLC is liaising with these entities to explore support though a tailored simulation emergency response training, based on available resources.
- Cash Learning Partnership (CALP) reached out to GLC to learn more about what the Logistics Cluster’s role should be in the provision of cash transfers. The setting up of a community of practice (CoP) approach was discussed.
- WREC - Environmental Sustainability in Humanitarian Logistics project recruitment efforts have been completed and a staff retreat will be planned for Q1 2023.

6. SAG: review of TORs and minutes dissemination

- Review of SAG ToR takes place every two years. The last time the ToR were reviewed were January 2020, hence the need for a new review now. These ToR will be shared among SAG members to collect feedback.
- The main changes expected refer to:
  - The introduction of an operation liaison role for the SAG when providing advisory support to field operations.
  - Corresponding communication mechanisms of SAG representatives at field level.
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- Increased SAG representation at GLMs and overall a broader involvement of SAG members in Logistics Cluster-managed activities.

7. Any other business

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