Meeting Minutes, 22 January 2021
Global Strategic Advisory Group

LOCATION: Teleconference

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ACTION POINTS:

• The Global Logistics Cluster Support Team (GLC ST) will propose dates for the Logistics Cluster Global Meetings (GLM) in April and October 2021.
• The GLC ST will share the list of proposed topics for the April GLM with the Global Strategic Advisory Group (GSAG) and partners for input.
• The GLC ST will share a draft conceptual framework and roadmap for the development of the new Logistics Cluster Strategy with the GSAG in February.
• The GLC ST will share a concept note on partnerships and participation with the GSAG.
• The GLC ST will propose dates for re-scheduling the GSAG in-depth discussion on the Logistics Cluster Mandate.

AGENDA:

1. A brief update from the GLC ST
2. Review of the Strategy Implementation Plan
3. Logistics Cluster Global Meetings 2021 - 2022
4. Roadmap for the new Logistics Cluster Strategy for 2022 and beyond
5. Global Logistics Cluster Participation and Partnership
6. The Logistics Cluster Mandate in Practice

1. A brief update from the Global Logistics Cluster Support Team

• The GLC ST is focusing on analysing the lessons learned from 2020 and developing the 2021 workplan, taking into account the impact of adjustments to working modalities and 13 concurrently active IASC Clusters as of January 2021.

2. Review of the Strategy Implementation Plan

• The review of progress with the SIP during 2020 is currently ongoing. The KPI for top-level outcomes were already included in the SIP but connecting them to activity level indicators has presented a challenge due to the impact of the Covid-19 response.

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- A retrospective assessment of all SIP activities is being completed to allow for further analysis and reporting. Progress with the SIP activities is being evaluated using a pragmatic scale of Full, Partially or Not At All achieved.
- On the qualitative side discussions are ongoing as to the most appropriate format for narrative feedback. Options include using the Annual Review and upcoming Logistics Cluster Global Meeting as opportunities for updating on progress with the SIP.
- Initial findings suggest that more work than originally envisaged was done on the operational support side in 2020 due to additional Logistics Cluster activations and the global Covid-19 response. Some activities such as working groups and the more conceptual exercises were de-prioritised to enable the operational response and weren’t followed up on as pro-actively as initially planned.
- Going forward the focus is on identifying lessons from the SIP in 2020 and drawing a clear line connecting specific activities with high level outcomes and strategic goals for 2021.

3. Logistics Cluster Global Meetings 2021 - 2022

- The first GLM in 2021 is planned to be held online in the second half of April. The GSAG is in favour of a mixed approach catering to both broader and more restricted audiences combining general information sessions with topic-based meetings and governance discussions in smaller groups.
- The GSAG proposed seven topics for the April GLM: 1) the new Logistics Cluster Strategy; 2) an update on the SIP; 3) an update on the status of trainings past and present, with a particular focus on those that have transitioned to a virtual format; 4) a session on GSAG composition and the election of new members; 5) an update on the progress of Logistics Cluster Working Groups; 6) an update on field operations (either as a deep dive featuring a specific operation or a more general overview) and 7) a session on the Waste monitoring and management, Reve WREC (subject to funding and traction).
- The GLC ST will reach out to partners for input on topics and ideas for the upcoming GLM. Options for reaching out include the February Logistics Cluster Newsletter, online surveys or email.
- The second 2021 GLM is planned to take place in the first half of October. The GSAG will continue monitoring the Covid-19 situation and take decision by March on whether to plan to hold the meeting online or in person.
- The Logistics Emergency Team (LET) is meeting in Dubai in February 2022 and suggested proposing the venue to be used for the GLM in addition to the scheduled LET annual meeting and other potential events relevant to private sector partnership with the humanitarian community.

4. Roadmap for the new Logistics Cluster Strategy 2022 and beyond

- The options discussed for the strategy roadmap ranged from rolling-over the existing strategy by three to twelve months or aim for a new strategy by November.
- The GSAG is in favour of pursuing an evolutionary approach based on an analysis of the current strategy and SIP aiming for a new Logistics Cluster Strategy by November.
- To prepare for potential changes to the Cluster mandate, the new strategy will incorporate an activity focussed on examination of the operational relevance of the current mandate.

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• The conceptual framework and development of the new strategy will be shared with the GSAG in February with a roadmap to be presented at the GLM in April for partner input.

5. Global Logistics Cluster Participation and Partnership

• The Global Logistics Cluster will share a concept note on Participation and Partnership in different fora with the GSAG.
• Virtual meetings are fostering much larger participation in the meetings, however this larger engagement poses challenges to the existing governing structures of the Global Logistics Cluster. The GSAG discussed whether the partnership modalities and participation criteria can or should be adapted to allow an inclusive but feasible engagement on governance.

6. The Logistics Cluster Mandate in Practice

• The GLC ST will reach out to the GSAG to share ideas and solicit input for an in-depth meeting on the Logistics Cluster Mandate.

The next GSAG meeting will be scheduled on 12 February 2021 at 13:00 CET.

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