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# Meeting Minutes, 29 February 2024

Global Strategic Advisory Group (SAG)



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| <b>LOCATION</b>      | Online  |
| <b>DATE</b>          | 29 February 2024  |
| <b>CHAIR</b>         | Mailin Fauchon (Global Logistics Cluster (GLC) Coordinator)   |
| <b>PARTICIPANTS</b>  | Fabrice Perrot (Solidarités International), Mary Jelliti (GLC), Nadia Griffin (USAID/Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (BHA)), Théophane Neyme (International Medical Corps)  |
| <b>ACTION POINTS</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GLC to provide additional operational updates via e-mail to the SAG members, as well as the upcoming GLC newsletter once finalized</li><li>• GLC to share the latest WFP organizational chart with the SAG members</li><li>• Bilateral conversations are to be held between GLC and IMC on the possible need for upscaling the availability of temperature-controlled storage space as part of the Sudan response</li><li>• Working Group representatives to share Working Group meeting minutes with the SAG as soon as finalized</li><li>• SAG members to revert to GLC on the Medical Logistics Working Group ToR by mid-March 2024.</li><li>• GLC to provide additional information on the next Global Logistics Meeting (GLM) dates and location, and to organize a lessons learned session following the delivery of the latest hybrid GLM.</li></ul> |
| <b>AGENDA</b>        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. General updates</li><li>2. Update on the Gaza response</li><li>3. SAG members' updates</li></ol> <p>Medical Logistics Working Group ToR<br/>Upcoming events<br/>Any other business</p>   |

## 1. General updates

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### Trainings:

- A Logistics Cluster Induction (LCI) training was delivered in Ukraine in February.
- A Logistics Cluster Training of Trainers (ToT) is currently being delivered in Hungary.
- A global LCI is scheduled to take place in Germany in April

### ECHO Stockpile Mapping Project:

- As part of the ECHO Stockpile Mapping Project's partner outreach and engagement initiative, an academic roundtable was organized on 26 February.

### WREC – Environmental Logistics:

- The WREC team will be attending the upcoming IFRC Global Supply Chain conference and an UNDP procurement training in March.
- UNHCR has expressed an interest in joining the partners' coalition of the WREC project.

### Annual retreat – Global Clusters Coordination Group (GCCG) – February 2024:

The funding environment looks very poor for all Clusters.

- There is an ongoing IASC review and the current IASC structures remain in place until June. As a consequence of this IASC review, some restructuring of the UN architecture can be expected.
- One of the key themes of the recent GCCG retreat was the discussions on the nexus. It was noted that humanitarians have expanded along the continuum into the middle space, but that development actors have not moved to meet in the middle. The idea is to better bridge the gap between preparedness and capacity strengthening support and long-term technical assistance.

## 2. Update on the Gaza response

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Discussions are ongoing in terms of the provision of support to the Senior Humanitarian and Reconstruction Coordinator for Gaza when it comes to cargo verification, reconstruction, and supporting initiatives to assist additional aid entering Gaza.

- To bring in additional aid from Jordan, the Logistics Cluster teams are assessing to which extent a relocation of activities is required.

## 3. SAG members' updates

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### Service Provision Working Group

The Letter of Intent (LoI) was signed by Atlas Logistique.

- Discussions are ongoing on how to ease the understanding process of the Concept of Operations (ConOps) and the Gaps and Needs Assessment (GNA) for third-party service providers.

## 4. Medical Logistics Working Group ToR

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- The Medical Logistics Working Group ToR was shared with the SAG for feedback.

The Medical Logistics Working Group is expected to be finite in time and is to be convened in response to the increase in requests for the Logistics Cluster to handle and consider the requirements of the health supply chain, and will focus on defining the scope of Logistics Cluster interventions in health supply chain.

## 5. Upcoming events

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### IFRC Global Supply Chain Conference

The IFRC Global Supply Chain Conference will be held from 4 to 7 March 2024.

The event provides an opportunity to start to build working relationships with the National Societies and to further coordinate in the field of environmental logistics.

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## European Humanitarian Forum (EHF)

The EHF takes place in Brussels from 18 to 19 March 2024 and Mailin Fauchon will attend as panelist.

## Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks (HNPW)

The Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks (HNPW) will be held from 29 April to 10 May 2024.

This year, the Logistics Cluster will organize one broader information session on its mandate, along with some specific sessions on environmental logistics, preparedness, and the IMPortation and Customs Clearance Together (IMPACCT) Working Group. Finally, in collaboration with other partners, it is involved in a session on the call for action for environmental sustainability in humanitarian logistics.

## Global Logistics Meeting (GLM)

The next GLM is expected to take place between the end of May and the beginning of June, and discussions are ongoing on the next location.

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