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# Meeting Minutes, 3 July 2024

Global Strategic Advisory Group (SAG)



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<b>LOCATION</b>	Online
<b>DATE</b>	3 July 2024
<b>CHAIR</b>	Mailin Fauchon (Global Logistics Cluster (GLC) Coordinator)
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	Fabrice Perrot (Solidarites International), Mary Jelliti (GLC), Sarah Penniman-Moran (International Rescue Committee (IRC)), Matthew Dee (World Food Programme (WFP)), Nadia Griffin (USAID/Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA)), Richard Kneller (DG ECHO) Sue Hodgson (Save the Children).
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide financial updates 2024-2025</li><li>• Overview of the work done so far in digitalization for humanitarian logistics and advocacy</li><li>• Update on MedLog Working Group meetings and Advocacy Working Group ToR</li><li>• GLC to share the notes for the record (NFR) of the latest GLM</li><li>• GLC to share the GLM October/November 2024 slides with the SAG</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. General updates</li><li>2. Operational updates</li><li>3. Working Group updates</li><li>4. Global Logistics Meeting (GLM) updates</li><li>5. Any Other Business (AOB)</li></ol>

## 1. General updates

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- Presentation of Sarah Penniman-Moran as new SAG member: Sarah serves as Chief Global Supply Chain Officer for the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and will serve as SAG member for the next two years.
- Funding and resource mobilization: due to an overall reduction in funding envelopes, the Logistics Cluster operations are currently being shrunk and refocused according to a prioritization exercise aiming to give precedence to those activities that are part of the Logistics Cluster's core mandate. There is a need to expand the donor base and aim to fundraise differently for the years to come.
- A panel on transboundary regulations for hazardous waste was coordinated by the Logistics Cluster WREC project at Aidex Africa in Nairobi on 12 and 13 June 2024.
- Discussions are ongoing with WFP on further diversifying the Logistics Cluster operations' donor base.
- The next Regional Preparedness Network Meeting will be held in Dubai on 30 September 2024 and will most likely be preceded by a regional Importation and Customs Clearance Together (IMPACCT) Working Group meeting.
- Discussions are ongoing with OCHA on how to further structure the work carried out by IMPACCT.

## 2. Operational updates

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- Gaza:
  - The main difficulty lies in ensuring predictable and sustainable cargo shipment cross-border operations.
  - The organizational set-up in Zikim is functioning for the time being.
  - A plan for a possible redeployment of the Cyprus-based set-up to Ashdod is currently under discussion.
  - In Kerem Shalom, efforts are ongoing to stabilize logistics support capacity, ensure there is sufficient cargo clearance capacity, and the necessary security procedures are in place to clear the existing cargo backlog.
  - Storage capacity assessments have been completed to assess which partners may support other partners in the provision of temporary storage space.
- Sudan:
  - Discussions are ongoing for the set up of a United Nations Monitoring Mechanism (UNMM) for the regional tracking of humanitarian cargo. Nevertheless, further assessments are to be made on whether the UNMM would be backed by a United Nations Security Council resolution (UNSCR) or not. A concept note was brought forward by OCHA and discussions are ongoing on how to simplify the first draft of OCHA's concept note.
  - The GLC Community Solutions Team is working with the information management officer in Sudan and with Lancaster University for the introduction of innovative mapping features inside LogIE related to Wadi locations on the Chad-Sudan border, as well as flooding levels during rainy seasons.

## 3. Working Group updates

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- The Procurement Working Group and the Partnerships Working Group are closed. The Preparedness Working Group has transitioned to a Preparedness Network. New Working Groups are the Medical Logistics Working Group and the Advocacy Working Group.
- Working Groups SAG Leads:
  - Fabrice Perrot: Service Provision Working Group
  - Nadia Griffin and Mary Jelliti: Medical Logistics Working Group
  - Sue Hodgson: Preparedness Network
  - Richard Kneller and Sarah Penniman-Moran: Advocacy Working Group (topics related to advocacy for digital solutions and artificial intelligence in humanitarian logistics will be integrated into the work of the Advocacy Working Group, along with advocacy efforts around security and access)
- The Service Provision Working Group (SPWG) is actively addressing very technical topics and is moving away from its initial mandate of defining who are traditional service providers and who can become a service provider. A discussion is to be held on how to further frame the scope of the SPWG, given that

at present the different challenges that may arise in working with third-party service providers in the field of humanitarian logistics are not being explicitly addressed.

#### 4. Global Logistics Meeting (GLM) updates

- The key takeaways of the latest GLM in WFP headquarters between 21 and 23 May were integrated in the [GLC April-June 2024 newsletter](#).
- The notes for the record (NFR) of the latest GLM will be shared with the partners in due course.
- The next GLM is scheduled to take place between October and November 2024 and will be structured as a hybrid GLM in which in-country, in-person meetings will be scheduled between 30 September and 18 October for improved localization of the work advanced by Logistics Cluster operations. The GLM will be wrapped up through a 4-hour online global sharing session to take place on 6 November.

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