
Meeting Minutes, 13 December 2024

Global Strategic Advisory Group (SAG)



LOCATION	Online
DATE	13 December 2024
CHAIR	Mailin Fauchon, Global Logistics Cluster (GLC) Coordinator
PARTICIPANTS	Fabrice Perrot, Mary Jelliti, Richard Kneller, Sarah Penniman-Morin, Susan Hodgson.
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAG members to book travel and accommodation for the upcoming GLM as early as possible due to the Jubilee event in Rome.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. General updates2. Operational updates3. Activities for 2025

1. General updates

- The Logistics Emergency Team (LET) annual consultation took place in Geneva last week at the World Economic Forum (WEF) premises. Presentations from the WEF humanitarian section as well as the Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation (GATF) were given. Collaborations on emergency preparedness initiatives are being sought between the different organizations.
- At the beginning of December, a meeting of the humanitarian group on supply chain was held at the premises of the European Union Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid (ECHO) in Brussels. Challenges to the different nuances of the humanitarian supply chain were addressed and the forum allowed participating organizations to brainstorm on cost-effectiveness, procurement, preparedness, localization, environmental sustainability, and digitalization.

2. Operational updates

Syria

- The Syria Logistics Cluster is active and to date, the support provided to the humanitarian community consists mainly of coordination and information management support out of Damascus, with a coordination cell in support of cross-border operations between Türkiye and North-West Syria.
- Following the fall of the Assad regime, and using the ECHO Crisis Modifier budget, additional resources are being deployed to Amman and Damascus to support the possible upscaling of humanitarian operations in

Syria. This falls under the broader intent of leveraging the Logistics Cluster presence and services in Lebanon, Jordan, and Türkiye.

- Cargo consolidation facilities are available regionally in both Beirut and Amman provided pro bono by the private sector. This is particularly relevant given that there may be a requirement to move under the form of coordinated convoys.

Palestine

- 900 trucks are stuck at the border crossing of Kerem Shalom. Most trucks in the latest convoy that entered Gaza were looted and 11 persons lost their lives.
- The effort of augmenting cargo consolidation facilities to transit higher volumes of cargo remains challenging. Some trucks do not arrive before the night, leaving them unattended is impossible, and insufficient time is available to offload them.

Lebanon

- The Lebanon Logistics Cluster team focuses on last-mile delivery to hard-to-reach areas. The deconfliction system works well, but there are limited capacities. The team is gearing up for possible convoys traveling from Lebanon to Syria.

Sudan

- The WFP scale-up has a strong focus on leading inter-agency coordinated delivery efforts which allows for more trucks entering conflict-affected areas and the commercial sector to function better in support of the humanitarian community.
- Following an Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Emergency Directors Group (EDG) review of WFP's support services, a point was made about the Logistics Cluster currently not providing logistics services in Chad. The Global Logistics Cluster cell will get back to the IASC reiterating that the Logistics Cluster is not activated in Chad and that for cross-border support into Sudan, only coordination support is being provided as there are no perceived market gaps, storage gaps, or transport gaps.

3. Activities for 2025

- Global Logistics Meeting (GLM): the next GLM will take place in Rome between 16 and 18 June 2025.
- Private sector collaboration: in 2025, additional efforts will be made to foster collaboration on disaster preparedness response initiatives with other organizations, and to boost environmental sustainability initiatives across Logistics Cluster operations and in coordination with other partners and donors.
- The Logistics Cluster mobile application was launched in November 2024 but further development efforts for a 2.0 version are ongoing to enhance partner experience and inputs.
- Temporary monitoring and evaluation support is being provided for the impact measurement study in coordination with Kühne Logistics University (KLU) and the definition of 3W data collection methodology. It is expected that a full-time resource will be recruited in 2025.
- The Logistics Cluster Coordinators (LCCs) roster was created but will need to be updated at the beginning of the year due to immediate and significant usage. An LCC-focused Logistics Cluster Induction (LCI) training is currently being designed. An LCC handbook is to be developed.

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- Following the meeting held at ECHO at the beginning of December, participation and active engagement at future ECHO workshops are expected to increase in 2025.
- Further initiatives around localization and physical supply chain preparedness are expected to take place.
- Further [Logistics Capacity Assessments \(LCAs\)](#) updates are expected to take place, along with further development of the [Logistics Operational Guide \(LOG\)](#).
- The [Logistics Cluster Strategy 2022-2026](#) is expiring at the end of 2025, therefore next year preparations for the development of the new strategy are to be launched.
- The 20-year campaign of the Cluster approach is being worked on and a communication campaign will be launched in 2025.

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