

GSC Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) Meeting Notes – 30/05/2024

Date: 30 May 2024;

Participants: Impact Initiatives (Giulia Montisci), Australian Red Cross (Leeanne Marshall), CARE International (Step Haiselden), CRS (Jamie Richardson), Habitat for Humanity International (Mario Flores), InterAction (Mohamed Hilmi), IOM (Carolina Cordero-Scales), NRC (Amelia Rule), UNHCR (Francesca Coloni), IFRC (Ela Serdaroglu), GSC (Seki Hirano, Pablo Medina, Stephanie Loose),

Excused or Absent: Danish Refugee Council (Chiara Jasna Vaccaro),

Agenda:

Time	#	Agenda item
13:00 – 13:10	1	Heat & Humidity WG: Activity Proposal
13:10 – 13:25	2	GSC Annual Meeting: How to make WG and CoP announcements at GSC meeting; SAG schedule for the week
13:30 – 13:40	3	Donor engagement meeting agenda and ToR
13:40 – 13:50	4	Update on GSC strategy timeline and new GSC Logo
13:50 – 13:55	5	Updates from operational responses in Brazil / Papua New Guinea
13:55 – 14:00	6	AOB

Summary of action points:

Action Point	Who	Deadline
SAG to share comments on Heat and Humidity WG	SAG members	Monday, 3 June 2024
SAG to share comments on Donor Consultation Group ToR	SAG members	Wednesday, 5 June 2024

1. Heat and Humidity WG

Before the meeting, Pablo shared the activity proposal for a [WG on Heat and Humidity](#) (shared after the meeting as a “share-drive”- document). SAG members will be asked to share any comments. The WG will be led by WWF and Oxford Brookes (both not SAG members). IFRC flagged interest to contribute but not lead; other SAG members are encouraged to join. UNHCR highlighted that it will be important to confirm that there is an expressed need from country clusters for this guidance. After the deadline for comments, the proposal is assumed to be endorsed by the SAG and GSC Coordinators will confirm to the team (WWF/Oxford Brookes).

2. WG and CoPs at the GSC Annual Meeting

The decision was taken that the GSC will reach out to WGs/CoPs to check if there are any updates/news. Those will be collected in an online document and a QR code created (which will be included in the slides on GSC Achievements). If WGs/CoPs have new publications, the coordinators will share those additionally during the presentation. Those WGs/CoPs that have submitted a proposal for a 3 min announcement can still do that.

3. SAG schedule during GSC Annual Meeting

Seki introduce the agenda for the SAG for the GSC Annual Meeting, highlighting opportunities to network (Tuesday evening) and underlining that this year’s GSC Annual Meeting will take place at the Palexpo (from Wednesday morning onwards). IFRC flagged that it might be good to invite other cluster coordinators based in Geneva; NRC proposed to invite NCR colleagues based in Geneva as well; the time slot for welcome drinks on Wednesday evening is the opportunity for inviting/including more people.

4. Donor Consultation Group ToR

The [ToR](#) was shared with SAG members for comments. The SAG members will have the opportunity to meet the Donors in a specific session during the GSC Annual Meeting (Thursday, 18-19h). BHA; FCDO; SDC and PRM have confirmed their participation; ECHO will not be able to join.

5. GSC strategy and GSC Logo

The GSC strategy will be introduced during the GSC Annual Meeting (soft launch) and Seki thanked SAG members for their contributions to the texts; the graphic and wording of the strategic priorities was shared with the SAG before today's meeting for information. The GSC also shared the new logo with SAG (and will share a GU on the logo on Thursday). First comments, inc. from CCCM have already been received. The new logo will be used during the GSC Annual Meeting.

6. Operational updates:

Floods in Brazil: While agencies are responding, there will probably not be a formal activation of clusters; R4V is well established and has coordinated the response;

Papua New Guinea: IOM is leading a working group (Shelter & CCCM); there has not been a request for official activation, as the WG is seen as coordination body from the government. Pablo offered support of GSC team if needed.

7. Other updates/AoB:

GSC Annual Meeting: Question on set up and equipment in Break-out rooms: HDI PC connect is needed to connect to the screen (existing in the room); all rooms are different in size; if there are any special requests for room set ups, please reach out to Coordinators; otherwise rooms will be set up "theatre-style" (to fit maximum number of people but reducing the flexibility to move chairs around); Remote presentations can be made for the break-out rooms (best internet will be in the plenary);

**The next SAG meeting will be held on 27 June 2024
at 13:00 Geneva time, 12:00 London time, 07:00 Washington, 22:00 Melbourne**