

SAG Minutes of Meeting

A. Meeting Information

Date: 11 October 2018

Location: telephone call

Opening Time: 02:00pm

Closing Time: 15.20 pm

Called By: SAG Group

Chaired by: Bruno Minjauw

B. Attendees

- Bruno Minjauw (Bruno.Minjauw@fao.org);
- Sheila GRUDEM (sheila.grudem@wfp.org);
- Carine MALARDEAU (Carine.MALARDEAU@ifrc.org) from 2:30pm;
- Andre Krummacher (andre.krummacher@acted.org);
- Baerbel Mosebach (Baerbel.Mosebach@welthungerhilfe.de) until 3pm;
- Angela Hinrichs (Angela.Hinrichs@fao.org)
- Michele Kiermeier (michele.kiermeier@wfp.org)
- Riccardo Suppo (riccardo.suppo@wfp.org)

C. Agenda

1. Partners membership application;
2. Next SAG member election;
3. Mid-term review;
4. Agenda for the next global Food Security Cluster Partners' Meeting;
5. Additional points.

D. Points discussed and decision taken

1. Partners membership application

NEW APPLICATIONS: 31 applications have been received. Among them, some national NGOs have applied for being members of gFSC. The SAG has agreed that these applications will be handled applying the following procedure: (1) a background check will be done through the Cluster Coordinator in the Country where the NGO is based; (2) if the feedback is positive, the national NGO will be accepted as observer partner; (3) after one year monitoring, if the NGO has been engaged and showed capacity, it will become a regular member.

MISSING APPLICATIONS OF CURRENT PARTNERS: Some important NGOs, which are currently partner of the gFSC, haven't applied to renew their applications (31 in total). The SAG agreed that the gFSC will bilaterally follow up and invite them to re-apply for their membership.

No applications have been received from the private sector.

No questions were raised by the SAG regarding the received applications.

If current partners haven't been engaged and have shown no active participation, their membership will be reconsidered by the SAG.

Action Point: gFSC to outreach current active members that did not apply to gFSC to verify their intentions.

gFSC to organize background check on local NGOs that applied by contacting National FSC-C and Co-Coordinators.

2. Next SAG member election

Out of the current four NGO/RCRC SAG members, two should terminate their term, while 2 new members must be elected. After an internal consultation, Acted, IFRC, WHH and ACF will notify the gFSC who is resigning. The SAG TORs need to be revised based on the agreements made related to the membership rotation during the past global partner meeting.

The Election of the two new members will be launched at the next partner meeting in November. Before this, an invitation should be sent to current members to give them the time to show their interest to become nominees and be eventually elected.

Membership at the SAG will be renewed as well regarding the Cluster coordinator. The gFSC will send an invitation to all coordinator and co-coordinator to A) ask who is interested to be member of the SAG (need approval of their supervisor) and B) once we have the list of candidates to vote for their favourite candidate.

Action Point: gFSC to manage the process of election.

3. Mid-term review

The gFSC proposed the following process related to the mid-term review for the next Partners Meeting:

- a. Presentation of implementation status of activities planned in the workplan;
- b. Presentation of cross-check between strategic plan indicators and related budget;
- c. Presentation of qualitative global performance survey results (cluster coordinator and global partner survey).

This package will be prepared and shared with the SAG before the partners meeting. A guided discussion will be scheduled during the Partners Meeting in November. The SAG agreed on the above procedure as it is in line with the terms of reference already shared.

A final mid-term review report will not be presented during the partners meeting, instead this will be an opportunity to gather additional data and feedback to be added to the draft version of the mid-term review.

Agreement: No MTR final product will be presented but the Partners meeting consultation will jointly agree on some recommendations.

4. Agenda of the next global food security cluster partners meeting

A general description of the agenda has been given by the gFSC and a copy provided to the SAG ahead of the conference call.

Due to the unavailability of one SAG Member after lunch on 16 November 2018, it has been kindly requested to proceed with the election of the new members before this time.

Sheila Grudem proposed that the reports from the field should come before the analysis of the global achievements. Bruno proposed to link the two points.

The selection criteria of the three countries that will be presented at the Partners Meeting is still under review. Proposal received on: Sahel region, the El Nino affected countries or selection of “innovative” countries and real emergency countries. The SAG agreed that the gFSC will investigate different options and report on the proposed countries.

The Cluster Coordinators and Information Management Officers retreat results will be presented during a MTR presentation. The SAG agreed on this point.

The SAG agreed that the first half day of the Partners meeting should be dedicated to the Mid-term Review.

Carine has suggested to add early warning/early action discussion(?). As WFP/FAO have early action, the gFSC will ask to the lead agencies to prepare a shared presentation on this subject and included in the agenda. .

Include EU-Global Network Against Food Crises Partnership Programme presentation in the achievement presentation. All partners should be informed on this.

Parallel sessions of working the groups are not ideal. Check carrousel set up instead. gFSC will let the SAG know.

Action Point: A second version of the agenda will be shared before the Partners’ Meeting.

5. ADDITIONAL POINTS

- Riccardo Suppo has been introduced to the SAG. He is in charge of the SAG secretariat ad interim.
- The next SAG face-to-face meeting is scheduled on 14 November 2018 from 2pm to 5pm. A detailed invitation will be sent soon. Bruno is asking to all members to share few points to be included on the agenda. The agenda already includes review of the TORs and define a workplan for the SAG.
- SAG is asking for the definition of the SAG working plan before the Partners’ Meeting. It has been agreed that this will be drafted and review before the election of the new SAG members during the face to face meeting and presented during the partners meeting.
- The next SAG Group conference call is scheduled on 29 October 2018 from 10am to 12pm.