gFSC STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) FACE-TO-FACE MEETING

Minutes of Meeting

The second SAG Face-to-Face meeting of 2017 was held on 7 June 2017 at 09:00 hours. The following SAG members attended the meeting.

a) Daniele Donati – FAO
b) Carine Malardeau – IFRC
c) Andre Krummacher - ACTED
d) Baerbel Mosebach – Welthungerhilfe
e) Cyril Lekiefs – ACF
f) Cyril Ferrand – global coordinator gFSC

Samantha Chattaraj (CC-Whole of Syria) was on her way to Rome from Amman and Olivia Hantz had to travel to Nigeria. They thus could not join the meeting.

The meeting was facilitated by Rajendra Aryal, gFSC Secretariat.

Proceedings:

1. Welcome to the new SAG members

SAG members officially welcomed Carine Malardeau, IFRC and Baerbel Mosebach, Welthungerhilfe on board.

2. Review of SAG Annual Work Plan 2017 – Activities to Action

The draft SAG Annual Work Plan 2017 – Activities to Action was reviewed by SAG members. It was noted that the regular activities proposed in the work plan were carried out in general except few specific activities. Some of the activities that need to be still looked at during the next semester (till the end of 2017) are as follows:

- Feedback on the summary of the CCPM from the countries (Action – SAG members)
- Feedback on the gFSC Performance Monitoring (Action – SAG members)
- Stock-taking of existing partnership/ collaboration arrangements in line with the gFSC Strategic Plan 2017-19 with current and potential partners (Action – SAG Secretariat with support from SAG members)
- Review and advise on areas of collaboration with universities and private sector (Action – SAG members with support of SAG Secretariat and based on the outcome of Session 9 in the gFSC global partners’ meeting)
- Guidance on clearer alignment of the works of technical Working Groups to country cluster needs and the gFSC Strategic Plan 2017-19 (Action – SAG members)
- Update to SAG members on key policy development processes from GCCG and IASC (Action – gFSC Coordinator)

3. Preparation for SAG Session 8 during the gFSC global partners’ meeting

A board/flip chart was suggested to be placed in the meeting room on 8 June in the morning requesting participants to put up any questions for SAG till the end of the day. SAG members will then briefly meet after the closing of the day to review the questions and agree on a presentation for Session 8 on 9 June. SAG members will also appoint someone within the SAG team to make the
presentation, which will mainly focus on the achievements made by SAG during the past six months and the works to be carried out during the following six months till the end of 2017.

Action – Rajendra to put a flip chart/board in the morning on 8 June and make necessary announcement to the partners.

4. Preparation for Session 9 during the gFSC global partners’ meeting

gFSC global partners’ meeting agenda had Session 9 that was planned to be conducted in form of group works along the gFSC Strategic Plan 2017-19 Result 4 by dividing the participants as follows:

Group A - Focus area 2: Developing strategic partnerships with universities and academia
Group B - Focus area 3: Exploring strategic partnerships with business actors and non-traditional partners

The sessions were planned to be facilitated by SAG members, who would be supported by Alexander Hiedemann from Bocconi University and Marina Skuric-Prodanovic from Connecting Business Initiatives (CBI) team, OCHA Geneva for Groups A and B respectively.

SAG members suggested to focus the discussions on gFSC engagement with academia and private sector mainly on what gFSC can achieve out of this collaboration, what could be the win-win scenario for all parties, and what are the associated risks. It was however highlighted that gFSC would not repeat/overlap the works the Cluster co-lead agencies are already doing with academia and private sector. Finally, it was agreed that the facilitators will lead the group works to define some quick wins at the end of the meeting clarifying the field of cooperation.

Action – Carine Malardeau and Cyril Lekiefs to lead Session 9 as lead facilitators for the Groups A and B respectively.

5. AoB

The next Skype conference call will be organized in July 2017.