

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

Minutes of Meeting

The third virtual SAG meeting of 2017 was held on 23 August 2017 at 16:30 hours. The following SAG members attended the meeting.

- a) Carine Malardeau – IFRC
- b) Cyril Lekiefs - ACF
- c) Baerbel Mosebach – Welthungerhilfe
- d) Rajendra Aryal – Officer-in-Charge, gFSC

Samantha Chattaraj (CC-Whole of Syria), Andre Krummacher (ACTED) and Daniele Donati (FAO) could not join due to their other engagements. After the departure of Olivia Hantz from OSE/WFP, Rajendra discussed it with Sheila Grudum, Deputy Director of Emergencies in WFP and she confirmed that she will be representing WFP in SAG. SAG mailing list will be updated accordingly.

Jerry Bailey from gFSC attended the meeting as observer.

The meeting was facilitated by Rajendra Aryal, gFSC Secretariat.

Proceedings:

1. Second gFSC global partners' meeting

The next gFSC global partners meeting will be held from 11 to 13 December 2017. The first day will be mainly for the technical working group meetings as well as SAG Face-to-Face meeting whereas the following two days will be for discussing other matters. gFSC Secretariat thanked the SAG members for confirming their attendance to the meeting.

Cyril Lekiefs mentioned that there could be a joint Inter Cluster Food Security and Nutrition Working Group (ICNWG) mission to South Sudan in December, however the date is not yet confirmed. If it overlaps with the global partners meeting days, it might be difficult for few partners to attend.

Action – Rajendra to develop draft agenda for the meeting and share with SAG in due course.

2. Membership Criteria for the global partners

In order to ensure meaningful and active participation of global partners, a query was often raised as regards the membership criteria. The same issue was again raised during the June 2017 global partners meeting by a couple of partners. Along this line gFSC developed a template with membership criteria and shared with SAG for feedback. SAG members provided the feedback and another version was developed with the comments received and few open questions. Discussion was held on the revised version with few suggestions.

Action – Rajendra to revise the document based on the feedback received during the meeting and circulate to SAG. The final version will be presented during the next global partners meeting in December 2017.

3. Partnerships with private sector and academia

During the June 2017 global partners meeting, discussions were held in group works on partnership with academia and private sector during Session 7 and following recommendations were made:

a) With the academia:

The way forward for gFSC suggested was:

- Before reinventing the wheel gFSC should
 - Frame what has been done already, review comprehensively the different types of partnership that gFSC partners have established and map successful and not so successful partnership
 - Map other existing platforms with whom we could partner
- Need to further analyse the needs and gaps (in particular for the cluster coordinators)
- Set up a small task team to move ahead

Discussion was held on how to move further on this specific task.

Action - Rajendra to pursue the matter to lead this work together with SAG (Carine). Email will be sent to the partners that attended the group work with a request to submit their expression of interest to be in the small task team as recommended. This task team will pursue this matter further.

b) With the private sector:

The way forward for gFSC was suggested was:

- Since successful partnerships are already in place with few other clusters, partners might find it relevant for the work of gFSC, and could be a useful starting point. Mapping them, as well as private sector coordination initiatives, is therefore a key action point. gFSC should identify specific needs and seek to address them through the partnership.

Action – Cyril to share some links he has explored on the humanitarian works with the private sector. gFSC to identify a focal point to pursue it further.

4. SAG work plan for the remaining period of 2017

SAG work plan was reviewed during the last Face-to-Face meeting on 7 June and the progress was presented on 9 June to the global partners. Few activities were proposed to be conducted during the second half of the year and it is the time to review them.

During the discussion SAG members realized that further progress has been made on these activities.

Action – Since there will be another SAG conference call before the December Face-to-Face meeting to discuss the progress on the work plan, no action is needed at the moment.

5. AoB

1. gFSC-Wel hungerhilfe videos are disseminated in every possible way. gFSC is trying to also have the videos played during the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) 44 Information Market Place during 9-13 October 2017 in FAO Headquarters in Rome.
2. gFSC is actively engaged in cash work stream. Rajendra and Marina participated in the GB Cash Work Stream global partners workshop on 31 May and 1 June in WFP. The workshop

identified 6 action points and gFSC has offered its contribution to Action 4: Clarification with IASC on cash coordination. The offer has been acknowledged by DFID.

3. Recruitment of gFSC Global Coordinator is in the process and the new coordinator is expected to be on board in September 2017.
4. Next SAG conference call will be held around mid-October 2017.