

# SAG Update

Global Partners Meeting – November 2023

## What is the role of the SAG?





The Global Food Security Cluster (gFSC) Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) main objective is:

- to provide strategic guidance to the gFSC
- facilitate accountability to its partners
- oversee the implementation of the work plan
- support gFSC functions as appropriate.

gFSC Cluster Coordinators regularly update the Cluster Lead Agencies (CLAs) on the work of the SAG and the strategic advice provided.

gFSC SAG was formed in 2016 upon request of Global Members

# Who are the SAG members?



SAG membership is determined through electoral process, normally held during the global partners' meeting.

SAG members serve for a two-year term

### Composition:

- 4 NGO partners elected (with full members status)
- 2 Global Cluster Coordinators
- 2 Lead agencies (FAO & WFP)

Name	Agency
Peter Muhangi	Plan International - outgoing
Regine Kopplow	Concern Worldwide - outgoing
Julie Mayans	Solidarités International
Matthias Amling	Welthungerhilfe (WHH)
Maxwell Sibhensana	FAO
Leslie Elliott	WFP
Marie Helene Kyprianou	gFSC Coordinator (WFP)
Abdul Majid	gFSC Coordinator (FAO)

## **New SAG Members**



#### Nominations for the SAG 2024:

- Regine Kopplow, Senior Advisor Food & Nutrition Security | Strategy, Advocacy & Learning (SAL)
   Department, Concern Worldwide
- Olivia Falkowitz, Food Security and Livelihoods Assessment Specialist, REACH, Impact Initiatives

#### **Introduction of current NGO-SAG Members:**

- Julie Mayans, Food Security and Livelihoods Advisor & Climate/Environment focal point, Solidarités International
- Matthias Amling, Team Lead Anticipatory Humanitarian Action and Networking Welthungerhilfe (WHH)



Activities	Progress Update
SAG meetings	Online monthly meetings (+ ad hoc meetings) and face-to-face once a year (week of the gFSC GPM).  • 10 meetings in 2023
Main topics discussed and actions taken in 2023	<ul> <li>Support to the development of the new gFSC Strategy</li> <li>SAG Work-plan in line with gFSC strategy for 2023</li> <li>Main/new crisis overview and field missions</li> <li>Organisation of online meeting (July 2023) =&gt; Advocacy</li> <li>Organisation of the Global Partners Meeting (November 2023)</li> <li>Strategic support to the gFSC, intersectorial collaboration</li> <li>Technical support to Working Groups (Anticipatory Action, Agriculture, Cash &amp; Markets)</li> </ul>

2022 SAG main achievements

Activities	Progress Update
gFSC membership	<ul> <li>Membership application process – final revision/endorsement done by the SAG</li> <li>Final list posted on the website – Logos - with status (full/associate/observer)</li> <li>Currently XXXX partners of the gFSC (full members / associates / observers)</li> </ul>
Transparency & partner involvement	<ul> <li>SAG minutes &amp; PPTs published online</li> <li>SAG ToR online</li> <li>Rotational membership</li> </ul>

## Way Forward 2024

WHAT	ACTIVITIES
Work-plan 2024	In line with the new strategy, the SAG will elaborate the new work-plan for 2024
Global policies support and advocacy	<ul> <li>SAG to be pro-active by involving NGOs, stakeholders that can be supportive of the gFSC and partners (e.g. foundations, academia, etc)</li> <li>SAG to support global policy initiatives and advocacy</li> </ul>
Technical Working Groups	<ul> <li>SAG will continue to monitor the WGs and provide guidance where required</li> <li>SAG to engage with WGs chairpersons/focal points to assess group dynamic, relevance, and suggest options to include new topics in existing groups/propose the creation of new groups where needed</li> <li>SAG engaging in strengthening ties with country clusters coordinators and between the gFSC WGs and linkages to the country level WGs</li> </ul>
gFSC membership	SAG will continue to review new applications and advocate for humanitarian organisations to join the cluster



- SAG role and strategic advise
- SAG expectations from Global Members
- Ad hoc requests to SAG members