

SAG Minutes of Meeting

A. Meeting Information

Date: 22 May 2019

Location: Rome

Opening Time: 11am

Closing Time: 1pm

Called By: SAG Group

Chaired by: Bruno Minjauw

B. Attendees

- Bruno Minjauw, gFSC
- Cyril Lekiefs, ACF
- Angela Hinrichs, FAO
- Carine Malardeau, IFRC
- Philippa Young, Oxfam
- Katie Rickard, REACH
- Elisa Persico, WFP
- Riccardo Suppo, GFSC

C. Agenda

1. General SAG and global team updates
2. SAG achievements and presentation for gFSC Partner meeting

D. Points discussed and decisions taken

General updates:

- Partners: we have 63 members and 18 new membership requests are to be reviewed by SAG. **Action point:** We should list partners on website and their specific status (Full member, Associate or Observer) – decision taken last January. Letter will be sent by gFSC Cluster Coordinator to partners which applications have not been successful or if the status chosen was inadequate.
The SAG will review and validate new applications When new strategy is inaugurated, partners will need to review membership (partners need to reapply every 3 years).
- Support team – letter of exchange/MoU with agreement between FAO and WFP on how the unit was created has not been signed. There will be a discussion next Tuesday on this to hopefully come to some agreement over a shared project/budget etc. If this goes ahead, the advantage is that Bruno will be responsible and will have much more control over coordinator recruitment and management. **Action point:** Cyril to share dual management in ACF structure with Bruno to help with global/country level mgmt. of coordinators. Carine to cross-check with Shelter cluster.
Bruno currently has no authority over recruitment. One option is that the gFSC support team does global fundraising rather than try to channel country money to global unit. Advantages are coordinators' accountability would shift from country offices to the Global support team. Bruno could have overall management but at local level the lead agency would remain the direct supervisors.

- NGO reps in global unit: only applicant was ACF but the caveat was that the cluster would need to pay for secondment. In many clusters NGOs are able to second staff due to funding arrangements – OFDA, for example, pays for a team of WASH cluster people. **Action point:** we could write a project for the GFSC similar to the WASH example. **Action point:** Cyril will attend the meeting on 4/5/6 June at ACF to see how WASH does it with field support team. Nutrition cluster does the same – not sure where funding comes from.
- In November, we will have 2 new SAG members as Carine and Cyril will leave. **Action point:** Bruno to ensure that Coordinator elect their representatives ASAP as the work on the Strategic Plan is starting.
- Clusters in general: there is a lot of pushback on the number of clusters. UNICEF is getting closer to WFP and FAO and the enabling environment getting better. Nutrition – in some countries they are thinking about combining FS and Nutrition clusters at provincial level. There is a need for better integration in general.

SAG updates:

- Livestock Working Group – decision not to move forward as there is no clear request coming from the country level via the survey.
- Mid-term review: presentation done by Riccardo at the last meeting in 2018.
- Cluster coordinator survey is out but **Action point:** need to develop SAG recommendations on this by the end of June and send back to coordinators.
- Strategy:
 - **Action points:**
 - Global support unit can work on a first draft to submit to SAG. First draft outline by end of June.
 - Webinar to comment in early July and with partners.
 - First draft will be completed by end of September with one month for partners to comment.
 - Next face to face SAG in Geneva 29/30th August.
 - Next partners meeting is 26/27/28th November at WFP. Partner meeting: 3 groups:
- Global Network Against Food Crises – **Action point:** SAG needs to engage with FAO and WFP on how NGOs can engage. Some partners have written to FAO to ask about engagement but have not received a reply.
- FAM – need to work out ways to engage with this. The cluster should have more direct representation with the FAM. Agencies are finding it an opaque process. **Action point:** let's improve communication on this.
- CCPM – we cannot move forward on this as the report has not been received (quota of 50% not met).
- Private sector engagement: Bruno participated in a conference about this and can share his back to office report on this. In Ukraine big PS cement company is sitting in HCT. They created a foundation and come to FSC meetings. Various conversations around engagement with Silicon Valley and food companies though no progress on this subject due to legal issues and branding etc.
- SAG presentation updated for tomorrow.