**SAG Meeting Notes**

**Date and time:** Thursday, 22 September 2016. 14h00-15h00 Geneva time **Participants:** ACTED, CARE International, IFRC, InterAction, IOM, NRC, , Save the Children**, UN-Habitat**, UNHCR, World Vision International.

**Excused**: Habitat for Humanity International.

1. ***Welcome, revision of the agenda and action points from previous meeting.***

**Decisions and Actions:**

* Agenda is approved with no further changes.
* Minutes of the previous meeting will be automatically approved by 29 Sept if no objections are raised.
* SAG co-chairs will prepare a table with all the action points from previous meetings and their status. This table will be shared with SAG members.
1. ***Update on the preparations for the GSC events***
* As agreed in the previous meeting a small group of SAG members was created to develop the agenda of the GSC meeting. This group included the 2 SAG co-chairs, ACTED, and IOM. A meeting was held with the external facilitator and this small group to discuss the agenda and prepare the meeting.
* One of the SAG members raised the issue on whether a dedicated session would be needed to discuss about the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS). It was agreed that there is no need for a dedicated session on this topic but that the WHS will be acknowledged during the presentation of the changes since last meeting and during the session on GSC new ways of working.
* Session on GSC new ways of working: this session will have two parts:
	+ There will be a short update on the new Working Groups and Communities of Practice in order to remind GSC partners how these work given last year’s changes.
	+ There will be a working session to consult with partners and advance the idea of Global Collaborative Tools to implement certain areas of the cluster that need more work. As previously discussed, the idea would be to identify areas of work in implementing shelter responses that need to be improved and where it may be an advantage that one organisation does it on behalf of the cluster. A number of cluster partners could take on the responsibility to address these issues in a similar way as it was done with REACH for assessments. The GSC would work with these organisations to help them mobilize resource to address these areas of work. These Global Collaborative Tools could also be part of the next ECHO proposal 2017-2018.
* Communities of Practice (CoPs): There was a proposition to allocate time for the CoPs to have in-depth discussions in a similar way as the Working Groups will have. The CoPs will have sessions during the Coordination Workshop given the fact that they bring together practitioners rather than cluster partners. The CoPs will also be offered a stand in the market place of the GSC meeting.

**Decisions and Actions:**

1. The small group will continue working with the agenda. Next call on Tuesday 27. Any additional SAG member who would like to participate will be welcome and should contact Pablo or Miguel. Additional comments to the agenda are also welcome.
2. A concept note on the Global Collaborative Tools will be prepared and circulated ahead of the GSC meeting.
3. Support Team to offer to the CoPs to have a booth at the market place
4. ***HLP Area of Responsibility of the Protection Cluster and possible engagement of the Global Shelter Cluster:***
* The Housing, Land and Property Area of Responsibility (HLP AoR) is currently under the Protection Cluster. In the last HLP AoR meeting, it was proposed by the Global Protection Cluster Coordinator that the AoR would be better served by proposing an alternative arrangement. He suggested that the working group be moved to operate between the Shelter and Protection Clusters, with the idea that better operational outcomes would be achieved including technically relevant approaches and support at cluster operational level. This proposition has been taken to the SAG for discussion, working through positives and negatives, and recommending next steps.
* There is a general support among SAG members with the idea of linking the HLP AoR with shelter. There is a need to ensure that the natural disaster component is not dropped if IFRC is no longer co-chairing the working group. NRC is doing a good job as co-chair but NRC has a focus on conflict.
* There are concerns about a potential reduction of accountability and responsibility resulting from an inter-cluster or bi-cluster working group, for instance, it is not clear which cluster would decide on the deployment of HLP capacity, which cluster would create, retain, and deploy this capacity; and where this capacity would fit once deployed to the filed.
* The GSC has limited resources to properly take on this additional responsibility. It would be good to understand what resources are available.

**Decisions and Actions:**

1. In general there are no objections to this HLP AoR becoming a joint Shelter and Protection Working Group provided that some conditions are met including clear accountabilities and responsibilities and that the resources that the GSC is required to mobilize will not exceed those currently available.
2. The ST will write to the HLP AoR agreeing to a WG managed by the two clusters with additional conditions that will be defined in the coming days.
3. ***Regional Focal Point for the Americas: continuity***
* The Regional FP has been very appreciated not only because of coordinating the regional cluster but also for the added value it brought to country operations such as the Cuban crisis and the Ecuador earthquake. Her contract is finishing at the end of the year and funds are not currently available to continue with this role beyond Dec 2016. There is a need for at least funds for 6 months in 2017 until a new ECHO grant is received.
* IFRC and UNHABITAT will prepare a document explaining what it entails using the collaborative resourcing template which will be shared with cluster partners.

**Decisions and Actions:**

* IFRC and UNHABITAT will prepare a document explaining what resources are needed to maintain this position using the collaborative resourcing template. This document will be shared with cluster partners to see whether this can become a collaboratively-resourced activity.
1. ***Update on Nigeria and other country-level clusters***
* Given the needs on the ground, there was a request from the Nigeria HC/RC to activate a number of clusters including a merged Shelter/CCCM Cluster. Although there was an agreement for the activation of this cluster along other clusters the Nigeria Government subsequently disagreed with the activation of clusters.
* The Global Cluster Coordinators Group decided that the disagreement of the government to the activation of the clusters and the declaration of a system-wide L3 emergency would only have implications in the official recognition of these facts. Nigeria clusters will be considered “cluster-like” which means that they will be staffed and treated as if they were clusters but they will be called sectors. This is similar to what is happening in Syria and Sudan.
* The Shelter/CCCM merged sector has a troika leadership: NEMA, IOM, UNHCR and a co-chair NRC. A joint mission has been deployed to support the coordination of this sector.
* There is a need for additional technical capacity and partners present already in Nigeria are encouraged to scale up their shelter capacity.
1. ***AOB***
* As per the SAG ToR, the SAG membership will be renewed during the GSC meeting. An expression of interest to become a SAG member was sent out to all the GSC partners. SAG members wishing to continue in 2017 should register their interest [here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EoLs2016).
* SAG members are encouraged to fill in and share the GSC 2016 satisfaction survey [here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GSC2016Satisfaction). SAG members participating in the GSC meeting should register [here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GSCmeeting2016).
* There will be a SAG dinner on Tuesday 4 October in Café du Soleil, Petit-Saconnex, Geneva at 7pm. All SAG members are invited to participate.

**Next SAG meeting will be held in 27 October at 2 pm**