



**SAFE Humanitarian Working Group Monthly Conference Call
Meeting Minutes: January 13, 2016**

SAFE Working Group Updates

Introduction of new participants

- Meghan Sattler, representing the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC). (Note: WFP chairs the ETC)
 - Energy is a large part of ETC's work with affected communities, such as those in the Nepal earthquake, especially where it involves charging mobile and communication devices. ETC is interested in learning what is going on in this area and see if SAFE and ETC can support each other.
- Michael Kelly, representing the World LPG Association (WLPGA)
 - WLPGA sees joining SAFE as an opportunity to provide benefits to communities that need clean energy and learn more about the humanitarian space.
- Joan Sang, representing World Vision (WV) Kenya
 - World Vision is doing a number of humanitarian energy projects, including introducing biogas into Kakuma refugee camp. They will be meeting with stakeholders soon to see what else is possible, but World Vision is interested in promoting all sorts of alternative energy sources for lighting and cooking.

Status as an [Inter-Agency Standing Committee \(IASC\)](#) Reference Group

- IASC has postponed the final decision on the SAFE WG's status until later this month, after their annual work plan is finalized, but there has been a very positive response to our application, and there is a very good chance we will be approved.
- If approved, the SAFE WG will be a part of the formal UN system, which is good for advocacy purposes.
- In the meantime, IASC wants to move forward with highlighting humanitarian energy access in their next newsletter; Megan at WRC sent them some text to use.
- IASC will host an event on February 18th in New York City to introduce the SAFE WG to the rest of the cluster system, emphasizing the importance of energy access in humanitarian contexts. Everyone who can attend is encouraged to do so. There will also be a room reserved at the IASC office in Geneva for those that want to participate in person and network. For those outside NYC or Geneva, there will also be a dial-in option. Please reach out to Katherine or Megan for further details.



Election of new Co-Chairs

- Postponed until we get an update from IASC on Reference Group approval/denial.
- From what we've learned, becoming a Reference Group will not change the roles of the co-chairs much. The only deliverables they require is an annual work plan and progress update.
- Several organizations have mentioned their potential interest in co-chairing. For those who have not, please discuss internally with your organization, and let Katherine, Megan, or Corinne know if you might be interested.

Updates to the [SAFE website](#)

- Member organizations can now directly upload resources (e.g. fact sheets, training materials, project reports, guides) to the SAFE website with this link: <http://www.safefuelandenergy.org/resources/upload.cfm> Submissions will be reviewed and approved by the Co-Chairs. We encourage you to submit anything that might be helpful to stakeholders working to improve energy access in the humanitarian space. ~~Please do not share the upload link outside the Working Group.~~
- Organizations wishing to join the SAFE Working Group can now [apply online](#). Please feel free to share this link with any potential partners. Details of membership roles and responsibilities are on the [SAFE Working Group page](#).

New Working Group Members

- Formal welcome to [WLPGA](#) as a new Associate member.
- We added 10 new partners in 2015!
- Katherine sent around an updated membership list on 1/12.

SAFE Expert Roster

- A registry of humanitarian and energy experts that can be deployed to assist with energy solutions in emergencies. It would include both generalists (those who can assess what solutions are needed or might work), and specialized experts in various fuel and energy technologies who can assist with installation.
- The Alliance, WRC, and UNHCR all previously worked together on developing this, and are reviving it now. The Alliance is researching similar rosters, such as the [ProCap](#), [GenCap](#), [JEU](#), and OCHA's [Surge Capacity Section](#).
- We hope to release the TOR for roster experts in a few months, after review by the SAFE WG.



ICRC Red Innovation Platform

Note: Jacobo Quintanilla at ICRC could not be on the call as planned

- As mentioned in previous email communications by Jaco to the SAFE WG, ICRC was in the process of brainstorming and developing an online “Amazon.com” type platform for humanitarian actors to compare and purchase off grid energy products in bulk.
 - The SAFE WG co-chairs and others connected them with Stephanie Cox, one of the co-founders of the Level Market, a platform for e-commerce whose “mission is to provide a one-stop-shop for aid and development products”, and Toshi Nakamura, CEO and co-founder of Kopernik.
 - In consultation with a number of partners, ICRC felt, after hearing directly from Stephanie and Toshi, that it didn’t really make sense to create a ‘new platform’. ICRC thought, however, that there was/is an important opportunity to more strategically engage and assist Stephanie and Toshi to fine tune and further develop their platforms and some of its functionality to better serve the potential needs of our own organisations when thinking about and/or delivering ‘energy-and-connectivity-as-aid’ in a more regional/local-relevant way.
 - ICRC wants to continue to engage with the SAFE WG community on energy issues for humanitarian settings.

Events

World Humanitarian Summit (WHS), May 23-24, Istanbul

- WHS is being somewhat opaque about who will be invited and how, but the secretariat has asked the UN Foundation to help out, so the Alliance may be able to help facilitate attendance. Let Katherine know if you are interested in participating.
 - Applications for a limited number of individuals to participate will also open online on the WHS website in mid-February
- There are no speaking slots available.
- There is no indication yet that energy will be included in the proceedings, but both the Alliance and the Moving Energy Initiative submitted recommendations to this end in 2015.
- The Secretary-General’s report for the Summit is to be released February 9.
 - The Alliance is trying to make sure that the report includes at least some mention of energy. We advocated to SE4All (which is housed in the SG’s office) to have this included, but there is no guarantee.
 - Any advocacy from other SAFE WG members would be helpful.
- Side events:
 - On January 25, applications for side events, exhibition fair and innovation marketplace at the World Humanitarian Summit will open on www.whsummit.org



- The Alliance will be hosting a high-level breakfast meeting; not sure which day yet. We encourage anyone who is interested to attend.

AIDF [Africa Summit 2016](#) February 2-3, United Nations Centre in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

- Can anyone send a representative from their country office to attend on behalf of the SAFE Working Group?
 - Meghan (ETC) will be there doing a panel; we can brainstorm ways to incorporate SAFE.
 - World Vision, WLPGA, COOPI, and GIZ might be interested.

[Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week](#), Feb 1-4, Geneva

- ETC will be participating

Nigeria Clean Cooking Forum, March 13-16, Abuja

- The Nigerian Alliance for Clean Cooking is hosting this event with a focus on IDPs, especially those in the north affected by Boko Haram, and they have received support from the emergency management branch of the government.
- The Alliance will be organizing a training on energy more broadly on Day 2 of this forum. Please let Katherine know if you want to attend, or if you have any Nigerian partners you'd like to be invited.

ETHOS Conference, January 29-31, Kirkland, WA, sponsored by Winrock and Aprovecho

- ILF will be presenting on innovative distribution models they've implemented in Haiti and Uganda
- Several Alliance staff will be attending, including Ranyee Chiang, Seema Patel, and Neeraja Penumetcha from the Fuels team.
- GIZ usually participates, but Anja is uncertain about this year.

If your organization is planning to participate in any of the following 2016 events, please follow up with the group.

- March 8th, International Women's day



- March 14-24, 2016: 60th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW60) in New York City.
 - Did anyone end up putting in a panel application as discussed on the last call?
- May 16-19, 2016: Women Deliver's 4th Global Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark
- June 20, 2016: World Refugee Day
- August 19, 2016: World Humanitarian Day

Organizational Updates

COOPI (Marco)

- Sustainable Energy Technologies for Food Utilisation ([SET4Food](#)) Project – funded by ECHO.
 - Concluded at the end of 2015. COOPI is collecting data on projects and training that we carried out in different countries, as well as training activities.
 - We are developing Phase II. We want to increase support to all the actors who have increased work in the energy sector for humanitarian action, including NGOs and research institutions.
 - We would like to involve other SAFE members in more training activities & learning courses.
 - Developing position papers and Reference documents
 - We want to support the SAFE Working Group activities with this project, and involve as many other actors as possible.
 - COOPI will submit the phase II project proposal to ECHO the end of the month, and requests that requests SAFE to provide a letter of support for the project.

WRC (Megan Gerrard)

- Project on access to cooking fuel in Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya (mentioned in previous calls).
 - WRC is partnering with WFP and a local NGO called RRDO. Current research is feeding into a pilot WFP project to teach camp members to make briquettes out of persopis, an invasive plant species.
 - Thanks to those who have connected us to your colleagues in Kenya already; if anyone else knows technical experts who have worked on firewood alternatives in Kenya and/or Dadaab, please let Megan know.
- WRC is working with IASC to coordinate the SAFE event in New York (see Working Group Updates above).



World Vision Kenya (Joan)

- WV will soon with UNHCR, WFP and FAO on the establishment of a new refugee camp in Kenya. We are attempting to address energy issues prior to the camp being set up.
 - The Alliance has a regional representative in Nairobi who may be interested in helping.

WLPGA (Michael)

- Through the [Cooking for Life Initiative](#) – the platform that allows WLPGA to interact with all other projects on cooking – we want to put together a technical guideline for sourcing, storing, and deploying LPG in humanitarian settings.
 - Hope to pilot LPG in a humanitarian setting in 2017.
 - The technical guidelines will be presented in our Forum in Istanbul in September.
- Our industry is very committed to working with SAFE; there has been lots of internal support for WLPGA's participation in the Working.

GIZ (Anja)

- Kenya; travelling there at the end of this month to investigate possibilities for design market-based approaches in cooking energy and maybe lighting energy in Kakuma. Does anyone know about other market based approaches being used here? Esp where there are market approaches and free handouts at the same time – what works, what doesn't work. Not just providing energy in the camp, but also possibly providing income for camp residents and the host community.
 - Joan: We can communicate offline. Also Clean Cookstove Alliance of Kenya, doing something in Kakuma on household energy. Get in touch with XXXX there.
 - Katherine: Moving Energy might be focusing on trying market based models in kakuma. Anja has already reached out to Glada
 - Pabla would like to connect about this.

ETC (Meghan Sattler)

- ETC wants to be part of SAFE calls as part of their new approach for the clusters. ETC is looking at ways to improve the energy component of our core services as we expand, and part of our strategy is reaching crisis affected populations and governments. We're talking about off grid solutions, and have discovered that several products are quite



multi-purpose (e.g. lighting with mobile chargers). We're developing a scope for collaboration in this area.

- WRC and the Alliance can follow up to connect ETC with organizations already working on this. The Level Market, for example, will have lots of those hybrid technologies. Pabla at GOGLA can speak to multipurpose lighting products, and the Alliance can advise on multi-purpose cookers.
- COOPI is working to provide some power generation systems as well, and can provide information on that.

Alliance (Katherine)

- The Alliance continues to work with UNHCR on minimum technical performance standards for cookstoves.
 - The standards are complete; we're waiting for UNHCR to issue them publicly. Upon release, there will be a three month period for manufacturers and distributors to apply to this tender. Then UNHCR will pick technologies that comply and will sign a long term agreement with the chosen organizations.

No new updates from WFP, ILF, Mercy Corps, or GOGLA.

List of Participants

Meeting Chair: Katherine Arnold, Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves

Organization	Name
<i>Co-Chairs</i>	
Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves (Alliance)	Katherine Arnold, Kathleen Callaghy
Women's Refugee Commission (WRC)	Megan Gerrard
<i>Steering Committee</i>	
International Lifeline Fund (ILF)	Vahid Jahangiri
Mercy Corps	Shanti Kleiman
World Vision (WV) Kenya	Joan Sang
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Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI)	Marco Caniato
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)	Anja Rohde
World LPG Association (WLPGA)	Michael Kelly
<i>Guests</i>	
Meghan Sattler	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)
Global Off-Grid Lighting Association (GOGLA)	Pabla van Heck