



**SAFE Humanitarian Working Group (SAFE WG) Monthly Conference Call
Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2018**

*Names, acronyms, and ***action items** are summarized at the end of the document*

SAFE Working Group Updates

Co-Chair Election Announcement

- By majority vote of the Steering Committee, the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves (Alliance) and UNHCR will Co-Chair the SAFE Working Group in 2018.

New Membership Application & Profile

- *Recap:* The Alliance has circulated a draft of a new application form / member profile for SAFE WG members. This form is meant to gather more detailed information about each Working Group member's area(s) of expertise and particular contributions to the working group, so that we can better plan activities and accommodate external requests for expertise on specific issues. It will also double as a new application form for new members.
- Thank you to all members who provided feedback on the document.
- ***All members, please fill out an updated profile form for your organization by the end of March.**

Global Plan of Action (GPA) for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement

- Update on progress – webpage now up at <http://onlinelearning.unitar.org/global-plan-of-action/>
- Draft HLPF Policy Brief now available at https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/17561PB_17_Draft.pdf

Ongoing Emergencies

- Bangladesh & Puerto Rico responses will now be handled separately from the main monthly calls.
 - Those interested in updates on Bangladesh, contact Benoit Mazy at eetwgcoord.cxb@gmail.com to join the Energy and Environment Technical Working Group (EETWG)
 - Those interested in updates on Puerto Rico, contact Mercy Corps

Recent

- **Side Event on High Tech for Humanitarian Aid: EU Industry Day, February 23, Brussels**
 - Mercy Corps attended and presented for the energy component. They talked about an [opportunity that will open next autumn](#) until 2020. The Idea is to prize some high-tech innovations that can be applied and make a difference in the humanitarian sector.
 - Several attendees raised the concern that the EU is a bit too focused on technology. Technology is rarely the main part of the program – it's not just about this. It's necessary to think through the delivery model in its entirety. Hopefully this will be reflected in the

final call for applications. Otherwise there is a risk of “dumping” trendy, fancy things that are not going to bring any change.

- This may be a worthwhile topic for the SAFE Working Group or its members to write about, e.g. in blog post or similar medium.

Upcoming

- **[Sustainable Energy Forum for East Africa, March 19-21, Kigali](#)**
 - One session on gender & energy is taking place, and the moderator requested UNHCR Kigali’s participation. UNHCR will forward the information.
- **[Comprehensive Energy Planning in Critical Settings from Emergency to Development, April 12, Milan](#)**
 - This is the Sustainable Energy Technologies for Food Security (SET4Food) closing event
 - COOPI has been collecting case studies of practical examples of sustainable energy interventions implemented to respond to the needs of crisis-affected populations such as refugee camps or emergency contexts. The best case studies will be awarded in a ceremony during the event.
- **[International Forum on Solar Technologies for Small-scale Agriculture and Water Management Meeting, FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy, 12-13 April 2018](#)**
- **[Energy Access Forum Webinar: How Solar Can Aid Natural Disaster Response, Wednesday March 21, 10:00 -11:00am PST](#)**
- **[Sustainable Energy for All \(SEforAll\) Forum, Lisbon, May 2-3](#)**
 - Energy in Humanitarian Settings will be featured in a Deep Dive session at SEforALL on May 3rd from 11:45 am – 1:00 pm. A high level panel will discuss how humanitarian settings think about how we deliver modern energy access, and how it will impact the achievement of SDG 7.
 - UNF and the Alliance are collaborating with SEforAll on inviting speakers for the panel.
- **[InterAction Forum 2018, June 12-14, Washington DC](#)**
 - The Alliance will host a panel entitled “*Leaving No One Behind: Advancing Energy Access in Humanitarian Crises.*” This will be the first time this issue is addressed at the InterAction Forum. Learn more at link above.
 - Any partners present in DC, please let the Alliance know if you would like to participate.
- **[High Level Political Forum \(HLPF\), July 9-18, New York City](#)**
 - SDG 7 will a point of focus at HLPF this year.
 - The working level roadmap of the Global Plan of Action (see above) is planned for launch at HLPF. UN DESA is partnering and has reserved a spot in the agenda for this. See the draft [policy brief](#) for more information.

Organizational Updates

IOM

- The Global Solar WaSH Initiative is coming to an end in April, but IOM is requesting an extension for the project. More information to come.

UNHCR

- UNHCR and Integration have completed a study charcoal briquette manufacturing, provide more insight into the key considerations which need to be made for the successful manufacturing of char-briquettes. UNHCR will share when it is available.

Mercy Corps

- Raffaella leaving Mercy Corps by the end of the month.

Alliance

- Inyenyeri and the Gaia Association, the Alliance's two grantees for the Humanitarian Clean Cooking Fund (HCCF), have launched projects in Rwanda (Kigeme camp) and Ethiopia (Sherkole and Tsore camps), respectively. Brief project descriptions can be found [here](#), and in the February SAFE WG Meeting Minutes.

Actions Planned

Who	What
ALL MEMBERS	Fill out new membership profile

List of Participants

Meeting Chair: Kathleen Callaghy, Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves

Organization	Name
<i>Steering Committee</i>	
Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves (Alliance)	Kathleen Callaghy
International Organization on Migration (IOM)	Alberto Llarío
Mercy Corps	Raffaella Bellanca
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	Madeleine Marara

Apologies

Organization	Name
COOPI-Cooperazione Internazionale	Cristina Sonzogni
International Lifeline Fund (ILF)	Vahid Jahangiri

