



SAFE Humanitarian Working Group (SAFE WG) Monthly Conference Call Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2017

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

SAFE Working Group Updates

Welcome to New Members

- The International Centre for Energy, Environment and Development (ICEED) Foundation joined SAFE as an Associate member in March. Representatives Krishnan Anantha and Folake Salawu joined the call for the first time.
 - ICEED is committed to the eradication of sustainable of energy poverty and climate security for Nigeria's poor. We focus on IDPs in the northeastern part of Nigeria, where Boko Haram is creating issues. We have pilot projects in Adamawa and Plateau States to promote access to clean cooking solutions. The host community thinks of IDPs as a burden. We are looking into non-food item (NFI) support – can it include energy access?
- FAO: Asha Bradley has taken over from Unna Mustalampi as FAO's second representative to the SAFE WG and joined the call for the first time. Asha joined FAO in September, and is working on gender mainstreaming through SDG 5.
- GIZ: Inga Buchholz has taken over from Monika Rammelt as GIZ's second representative to the SAFE WG and join the call for the first time. Inga comes from GIZ Energising Development (EnDev) program.

Election of new co-chairs

- This is still under discussion. Steering Committee members are welcome to put their names forward while final decisions are made.

Potential for 2017 In-person meeting

Between new development in the sector, 2017 work plans, the 2020 advocacy strategy, and the need to update our Terms of Reference, it would be most beneficial to have an in-person meeting sometime this year. When/where would be most beneficial?

- WFP: Really good idea, necessary. Maybe it can be scheduled around the SAFE Workshop, or the Alliance's Clean Cooking Forum? Rome could perhaps also be an option as both FAO and WFP are already here, as well as COOPI (nearby in Milan).
 - Gaia: When is the Alliance Clean Cooking Forum?
 - Alliance: Exact dates are TBD, but it will be late October in New Delhi.



- Chatham House: October is good timing for us because we'll see the Low Carbon Energy Projects showing preliminary results then, as well as the humanitarian sector energy use survey. It would also be a good time to discuss aligning strategies. UNHCR wants to do that.
- ICEED: What is the purpose of the SAFE workshop?
 - Alliance: Primarily to build the capacity of humanitarian field practitioners to incorporate energy access into their work. It's also an opportunity for energy experts and the private sector to learn about operating in humanitarian settings, and for the whole sector to meet and network.
 - ICEED: There is still a lack of interest among the humanitarian community in getting this message; no funds available in Nigeria for that. We need to integrate, including the cash group – all can easily be part of SAFE activities, at the very planning stage.
- FAO: Agree with WFP's suggestions to host a meeting either at the Clean Cooking Forum, or in Rome, or the SAFE Workshop. It will be good to align strategies.
- Project Gaia: UNHCR is hosting its annual NGO consultation in Geneva with implementing partners in June. Maybe that could be an option?
 - Alliance: * Can you share that event information?
 - Project Gaia: Yes. And we would also love to host you in Ethiopia for the SAFE Workshop in future.
- ICEED: Climate active agricultural – link work with FAO?
 - FAO: Yes there is potentially an entry here. * Andreas will follow up on Northeast Nigeria.

National SAFE Working Groups

- *Recap:* The SAFE WG is a global-level consortium. Historically we have been happy to accept membership from specific country offices of global organizations (vs. HQ), but now that we are larger, this is becoming less feasible. Moreover, as a global consortium we are not as well-equipped to assist with local level partnership requests. For this reason, we want to foster national and/or local level SAFE Working Groups, to link partners on the ground and more effectively coordinate their efforts.

Currently, one official national SAFE working group exists in the DRC, and a loose informal one exists in Kenya. Is anyone aware of others, or do you have thoughts on how to support them?

- FAO: WFP, FAO, UNHCR participate in one within Kakuma camp in Kenya, which covers the work in and around the camp. * Andreas will send contacts.
 - MEI is interested in these contacts: share with Glada and Laura.
- ICEED: Prior to the World Humanitarian Summit, Youth for Safe Energy, an offshoot of the Nigerian Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, started to do advocacy around energy access in humanitarian settings. They hosted informal discussion within the humanitarian non-food item and Food Security Cluster community, as well as parts of the government. It would be really helpful to have resources, social media, and other help in setting up national Nigeria SAFE WG.



- WFP: There may be potential in Sudan, Burundi, South Sudan, and Malawi, but we would need to discuss with our country offices. In order to reach out to them, we need to explain to them how this would be helpful to them. What do we have available to share with them (or what do we need to develop), and what can we as a group mean to help facilitate this?
 - Alliance: We will develop some resources on this. At the most basic level, we have the general SAFE WG Terms of Reference that local groups can use to model their own TORs, and can ask the DRC WG for lessons learned.

SPHERE Handbook 2018 Update

- *Recap:* The [SPHERE Handbook](http://www.sphereproject.org/handbook/revision-sphere-handbook/) is the most well-known and widely respected set of guidance, principles, and minimum standards for engagement in humanitarian response. The Handbook is currently undergoing revision, and a new edition will be released in 2018. Information on the process is available at: <http://www.sphereproject.org/handbook/revision-sphere-handbook/>

Is anyone involved in or interested in this process so far?

- Chatham House is very keen to be involved. Owen was in touch with Pamela Sitko on the issue of urban response. We have also flagged for one of our workshops that SPHERE does not say much about energy.
 - Alliance: Yes, the Urban Response Partner Platform is deeply engaged in the revision, as the intention is for the revised Handbook to contain a new section on urban humanitarian crises.

Events

Sustainable Energy for All (SEforAll) Forum – April 3-5, New York City, USA

- UNF: This will be the third SEforAll Forum, as well as the first under the new leadership of Rachel Kyte and the new structure of SEforall. One of the goals is to “disrupt” people’s thought processes – come up with new ways of thinking about energy. There will be Partner Working Sessions on various topics such as super-efficient appliances and energy and health. One will focus on the results of the 2016 Energy Access Practitioner Network (EAPN’s) Partner Survey, which included some humanitarian questions, mainly looking at the off-grid electrification space. Much of the Forum will be live streamed and live tweeted.
- The Moving Energy Initiative (MEI)’s [Partner Working session](#) will be from 13:45-14:45 on April 5th. It will include Ben Good (Energy 4 Impact), Glada, the head of the UK Department for International Development (DFID)’s sustainable energy team, David Nicholson and Shanti Kleiman (Mercy Corps), and potentially Olivier Lompo (UNHCR Burkina Faso) or Paul Quigley.
- Harry and Chido from Project Gaia will be attending.



- The Alliance’s CEO, Radha Muthiah, will be there speaking about clean cooking in some of the plenary sessions.

Organizational Updates

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

- FAO has a number of assessments coming up that are currently being planned in Chad, Nigeria, Niger, Cameroon. We are rolling out joint UNHCR methodology on assessing wood fuel demand.
- FAO is also working with UNHCR in Eastern Africa.

World Food Programme (WFP)

- [A story by WFP USA](#) will be published today in the light of International Women's Day on WFP's SAFE Programme, which will also address the Alliance. We will share the link when available.
- Live demonstration of SAFE stoves
- WFP attended and participated in the SET4Food International Brokers for Energy training

GIZ

- GIZ team is undergoing changes in responsibilities and functions at GIZ. The Poverty-oriented basic energy services (HERA) closed in February. Anja will be working in a different unit of GIZ, but will still be responsible for issues concerning energy and refugees.
- New colleagues, including Inga, are joining from GIZ's Energising Development (ENDEV) program, which aims to contribute to the global goal of universal access to energy. ENDEV is working in 26 countries on various topics, including energy refugee migration and humanitarian activities already in Nepal, Somalia, and Northern Mali.

Chatham House

- Hosting a workshop in Burkina Faso next week. Owen will be there with Joe Attwood.
- We are also taking part in the Oxford Refugees Study there next week.

Actions Planned

Who	What
Project Gaia	Share information on UNHCR’s annual NGO partner consultation in June.
FAO	Share contact information for the local FAO staff in Kakuma camp, especially with MEI
FAO	Share contract information of FAO staff in Northern Nigeria with ICEED.



List of Participants

Meeting Chair: Kathleen Callaghy, Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves

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