



**SAFE Humanitarian Working Group (SAFE WG) Monthly Conference Call
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2019**

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

SAFE Working Group Updates

- **Co-Chair Elections**

- The Clean Cooking Alliance (formerly the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves) and UNHCR co-chaired the SAFE WG in 2018.
- The ideal situation is to have one UN agency and one other organization serve as co-chairs.
- The Clean Cooking Alliance, Mercy Corps, and the International Organization on Migration have volunteered for the role of co-chair in 2019.
 - **IOM** – IOM has been a part of SAFE for almost 3 years now. It is an active member and is actively benefiting from the coordination. IOM understands that SAFE is based on the joint efforts and contributions of its members. IOM staff now have some time to give to the co-chair role. IOM carries about more than 70 clean energy projects and is increasing its attention to energy projects worldwide. Co-chairing will help to make this work more visible internally within IOM and to show its commitment to this work.
 - **Mercy Corps** – They're a global organization working in 46 countries and responding to every major emergency in the last 20 years. Enthusiastic to co-chair this coming year. Humanitarian partnerships advisor would be able fulfill the role of co-chair representative.
 - **Alliance** – Makes sense to stay involved given its role in hosting the website, social media platforms, etc. However, current staff capacity is limited given the Senior Humanitarian Director's departure and upcoming SAFE Workshop.
- Steering Committee members will vote by majority offline.
 - Kathleen to circulate email to the Steering Committee.

- **Membership Updates**

- UNITAR to join the SAFE Working Group.
 - Steering Committee has voted for UNITAR's inclusion in the WG at the Associate level versus Steering Committee.

- **SAFE Workshop / Humanitarian Energy Conference**

- *Where is the humanitarian energy "sector" right now, and what does it need most in your opinion?*
 - **IOM:** Alberto is based in Kenya and has visited around 12 countries over the last 18 months. A lot of innovation in Kenya, but as a community of practitioners, we are really lagging behind in terms of clean energy solutions in other places. Missing concrete examples, evaluations, and solid data that shows the benefits, impacts, and cost-effectiveness of interventions in the field. Hard to prove to donors that doing things differently can have benefits.
 - **ICEED:** Lack of mainstreaming of energy in the humanitarian sector. Lacking in terms of the supply side. At the level of project conceptualization, organizations are



struggling to include SAFE. SAFE is cumbersome; it cannot be easily rolled out. Most people are asking if it's possible to immediately meet the energy needs in an emergency. Need ongoing donor education and engagement. Need to focus on lessons learned and those not learned, as it relates to the other cross-cutting issues areas (WASH, GBV, Shelter, etc).

- **GIZ:** Need for concrete discussion with the most relevant stakeholders when it comes to market-based approaches. No real coordination between humanitarian sector and private sector actors. Free handouts shake the markets. Private sector companies struggle to access humanitarian markets. Need for face-to-face discussion, segmented in different areas of interventions, and real guiding conclusions. Also, what role do government institutions play? We need to give transparency to the refugees themselves – what free hand outs can they expect now and in the future?
- **Energy 4 Impact:** Private sector is very willing to engage in the humanitarian sector, but a lot of the same issues keep coming up. Need for technical assistance, more financing mechanisms, and more data. Lots of pilots. How do we now turn successes into scale? Would be good to have donors involved in the workshop because they have the capacity to build more sustained approaches.
- **UNF:** A lot of communities coming together (SAFE, GPA, MEI, etc.) recognizing that they can't do it alone. As these initiatives are solidifying, what is the overlap? How do they connect? Energy 4 Impact has recently completed landscaping study on the various energy related coalitions and working groups.
 - **Energy 4 Impact:** Laura will circulate first draft of the landscaping study shortly.
- **ICEED:** Where are the areas that we can gain the most impact with different technologies that are available? Donors, market-based approaches, development community.
- **GIZ:** Can we use this opportunity to create a table of who's doing what? Everyone who registers to the workshop has to write a short paragraph or fill a table of who's doing what where. Use the conference to exchange with each other. Offer a time slot for people to network beyond just lunch time.
 - **Alliance:** Yes this is possible; ideally people would fill out a project profile on EnergyCoP.
- **ILF:** Match making for implementers with funders.
- *What should be the primary objective(s) of this year's conference? What do you want to get out of it (for yourself, your organization, the sector?)*
 - **Alliance:** One of the primary objectives the Alliance would like to see is alignment. The conference is a good time to make sure stakeholders are aligned and not duplicating. Giving people different entry points to the work.
 - **Energy for Impact:** How to move away from pilots to scale?
 - **ICEED:** Partnership building. What kind of partnerships have succeeded? Which ones are needed? How can they be made more seamless? How to avoid duplication? Create a checklist for successful partnerships. Sequencing of projects from acute emergency to early recovery or development phases.



- **GIZ:** At the Nairobi SAFE Workshop, we discussed the idea of having a beginner workshop and then a moving into a more advanced conference style event.
- **Alliance** – Yes, this is the plan right now. We're aiming to have 1 or 2 days of beginner training sessions followed by 2 or 3 days for the higher-level conference event.
- **FAO:** Struggling within own organization to show why energy is important. Need to show concretely how energy has impact across sectors. Break siloes by inviting people who have different views.

Events

- International Workshop on SDG 7 Roadmaps, March, Bangkok (ESCAP)
- 5th ARE Energy Access Investment Forum, 13-14 March
 - *UNF will attend*
- Regional Forums on Sustainable Development during 1st/2nd Qs, (UN Regional Commissions)
- Global Conference on Synergies between the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement, 1-3 April (DESA and UNFCCC), Copenhagen
- Midpoint Review of UN Decade of Sustainable Energy for All 2014-24, 23-24 May, New York (DESA)
- Clean Energy Ministerial, 27-29 May, Vancouver (IEA)
- Energy for LDC Conference, early June, Beijing (OHRLLS/GEIDCO)
- G-20 Energy & Environment, June, Nagano (IEA)
- Arab Energy & Water Committee, June, Beirut (ESCWA)
- EU Development Days, Brussels, June (EC)
- HLPF, 9-18 July, New York (DESA)
 - *UNF may attend*
- SDG Summit, NY, 24-25 Sep (DESA) + SG Climate Summit on 23 Sep
- High-Level Review of the SAMOA Pathway, 27 Sep (OHRLLS), New York
- UNFCCC/COP25, Nov 2019 (UNFCCC), Santiago
- SEA4ALL Charets (intensive mapping and planning meetings), 18-20 June, Amsterdam
 - *UNF will attend*
- Engineers in Technical and Humanitarian Opportunities of Service (Ethos) Conference, 25-27 Jan, Seattle, Washington State USA,
 - *ILF will attend*

Organizational Updates

- **Energy 4 Impact**
 - MEI will be releasing a report tomorrow on cooking in displacement settings with case studies from Kakuma in Kenya. Will share link with Kathleen.
- **International Lifeline Fund**
 - ILF is reaching the mid-way point for its SAFE project in Uganda in 5 locations (3 refugee contexts and 2 developing communities). Results should be available in May.



- **IOM**
 - Going to Ethiopia to do some assessments and a training Jijiga. Meeting some donors in Addis around solar energy solutions in the humanitarian community.
- **GIZ Uganda**
 - Recently implemented two solar powered energy kiosks for phone charging, rechargeable batteries, internet cafes, as well as stoves and solar lanterns. Final report on the assessment before piloting the activities will be available within the next couple of weeks. Evaluation of the kiosks and activities will take another 2 months.
- **WFP**
 - WFP is testing a new type of biogas technology in the lab in Brindisi. More efficient. IT project still going in 3 countries – Chad, Sudan, and Burundi.

Actions Planned

Who	What
Kathleen (Alliance)	Circulate co-chair voting information to all steering committee members
Steering Committee	Vote in the SAFE WG co-chair elections
Laura (Energy for Impact)	Share with Kathleen the MEI report on cooking in displacement settings with case studies from Kakuma in Kenya
Laura (Energy for Impact)	Circulate the landscaping study draft report when it's ready

List of Participants

Meeting Chair: Kathleen Callaghy & Megan Gerrard, Clean Cooking Alliance

Organization	Name
<i>Co-Chairs</i>	
Clean Cooking Alliance	Kathleen Callaghy
<i>Steering Committee</i>	
International Organization on Migration (IOM)	Alberto Llario
International Lifeline Fund (ILF)	Alison Filler
Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO)	Florent Eveillé
UN Foundation	Luc Severi
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<i>Associate Members</i>	
The International Centre for Energy, Environment and Development (ICEED) Foundation	Krishnan Anantha, Precious Onuvae
Lighting Global	Nicole Bouris
Energy 4 Impact	Laura Patel



Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)	Anja Rohde, Inga Buchholz
<i>Guests</i>	
Clean Cooking Alliance (Consultant)	Megan Gerrard

Apologies

Organization	Name
COOPI-Cooperazione internazionale	Federico Remonda
Mercy Corps	Shanti Kleiman
World Vision Kenya	Irene Ojuok