



**SAFE Humanitarian Working Group (SAFE WG) Monthly Conference Call
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2019**

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

SAFE Working Group Updates

Ethiopia Airlines crash on March 10th

- Moment of silence held for those lost.

Co-Chairs

- The Alliance, Mercy Corps, and IOM will jointly co-chair the SAFE WG in 2019. Chairs will convene in the next few weeks to discuss duties and set SAFE WG agenda for the year.

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

- UNITAR: GPA Coordination unit is currently working to narrow down activities included in the GPA Work Plan and focus on those with the highest priority. A narrative version of the Work Plan is being developed.
 - Will hold a webinar in 2-3 weeks on this

Energy Expert Roster

- UNITAR: Norcap will soon issue a Terms of Reference for a WFP contract. Not yet up on the NRC website.
 - *Alliance to follow up with Karina at NRC to learn more. Position will be shared on SAFE website.

SAFE Workshop & Humanitarian Energy Conference

- *Recap:* To be held in Addis Ababa mid- to late- July – exact dates TBD. Four days total: two days SAFE Workshop training and two days Humanitarian Energy Conference. Co-hosted by the Clean Cooking Alliance on behalf of the SAFE WG and UNITAR on behalf of the Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement (GPA). Part of the fifth day will be reserved for a SAFE Working Group meeting and/or other internal strategic discussions. View details on SAFE event page: <https://www.safefuelandenergy.org/news-events/event.cfm?e=126>
- *Agenda survey is out for response; members encouraged to share this in their networks, especially with colleagues in the field.
- *Alliance is looking especially for case study examples of successes and failures in humanitarian energy. Please share any reports or research on such cases as soon as possible.
 - Lighting Global can share a few, depending on the information needed.



- Next Steps: Alliance will summarize the results of the agenda survey, draft a skeleton agenda for both events, and share with the SAFE WG and other key individuals for feedback. Will schedule a follow-up call for discussion.
- Discussion
 - GIZ: Potential to move the conference to autumn given the dates?
 - wNot feasible since the Alliance is planning a Clean Cooking Forum in November and will not be able to do both simultaneously.
 - UNHCR: Can share the invitation to the field colleagues.

Events

The Asia-Pacific People's Forum on Sustainable Development (ESCAP), 27-29 March, Bangkok

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

- UNITAR will speak on a high-level panel with Danish Refugee Council concerning the challenges of the humanitarian energy sector and private sector collaboration in the sector. Partnership with UNEP-DTU.

Aid & Trade London, April 17-18

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)

- Energizing Development (Endev); Planning HIVOS, Practical Action, Endev, submitting side event energy in humanitarian side event

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

Organizational Updates

UNHCR

- Apologies for not being as involved recently. Geneva energy unit is down to just Madeleine, who is sharing half time with the environment unit. Hope to see the Energy Unit built up again soon.
- Recently completed two major IOC-funded projects:
 - *Mahama Camp, Rwanda – mini-grids. UNHCR to share description
 - Azrak Camp, Jordan – extension of the existing solar plant from 2 to 2.5 Megawatts. extension in Azrak, Jordan. Final aim is to have it up to 5 MW at the end of 2019.

WFP

- IKI climate change adaptation project has launched in Chad, Burundi, and Sudan. Started in Sudan last week. Principle implementation activities are cookstoves and reforestation. Joint project between WFP, UNHCR, UN Environment, and OCHA
 - UNHCR: Project headed by Andrea Dekrout at environment program.

ILF

- Continuing SAFE project in five locations in Uganda using a market based approach for both household and institutional stoves. Project is setting up points of sale in the various locations. Coming to a close soon – ILF will have will have a final assessment and data to share in a couple months.
 - In three refugee settlements, there are energy “kiosks” selling some solar lanterns, ILF’s Ecosmart stove, use of charging station, and any products in demand in that location.
 - Regions include West Nile and other areas including Nakivale.
 - *WFP is collaborating with a company, Bessito, that will enter the market in a few months. Technology for households; they are in the testing phase. WFP will share specs and price information on the particular technology, which includes a solar panel that provides energy to a box/battery, works like a kettle. Loss of energy; you can cook for all the day even if its cloudy.
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- Continuing work on survey with WFP in Ethiopia camps. Have reached five camps so far – team is in Gambella now and will go to Afar afterwards.
 - Survey is focused on who has been doing what where on energy and also looking at the markets. Supply chain of raw materials.
 - Not going to Assosa, but the Gaia Association is part of the team and are sharing their lessons from Assosa for the survey.



- ILF has not yet met with Danish Church Aid, but they have launched their e-voucher system. This can open the way for energy products.
- *COOPI has an office in Afar and may be able to help there.

Alliance

- Humanitarian Clean Cooking Fund grantee projects continue in Rwanda and Ethiopia. Both involve cash programming and/or vouchers, but both are delayed due to issues with UNHCR launching the cash/voucher program in both places.
- Soon to launch scoping study in partnership with Lincoln Labs at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Columbia University to pilot solar electric cooking technology. Study will focus on finding an appropriate humanitarian situation to test this technology, while ensuring that best practices and the needs of the community and host community are met.
 - Lincoln Labs is an American defense lab. They have worked in humanitarian situations and are very cognizant of ensuring the refugees benefit from solution.
 - Looking at Uganda right now. Alliance needs to find a humanitarian implementing partner and would like recommendations on appropriate camps/settlements.
 - *Alliance will follow up with ILF on the size of the camp and other key questions we will need to answer.

IOM

- A Chapter on green energy solutions has been included as part of strategy document in environment and climate change at IOM HQ – using them in missions worldwide.
- Finalized the solar water solution in Bangladesh
 - *Alliance and IOM to follow up offline.
- Global Solar Water Initiative: visiting Nigeria next month and running several meetings and technical trainings on water solutions in Maiduguri.
 - *If others want to participate in the technical trainings, let Alberto know. IOM to share information on the trainings for SAFE Website

UNITAR

- Working on building some supporting activities for the humanitarian energy sector, including some institutional training & capacity building projects.

JEU

- Environment in Humanitarian Action (EHA) Platform has launched and is up and running.
<http://www.eecentre.org/assessments/EHAFramework.html>

COOPI

- COOPI has launched some cooking projects in Ethiopia
 - ILF: *Connect re: ILF's ongoing survey with WFP in Ethiopia
 - GIZ: Suggest connecting with Endev team in Ethiopia
 - Natalie Rzehak also part of the team – done some briquetting activity and alternative fuel production.



- Recently met with different stakeholders in Addis about the SAFE event
- Federico traveling to North Lebanon next month. COOPI is looking for information on waste-to-energy projects.
 - Lighting Global: Recently did an assessment (generic) on energy in refugee camps in Lebanon. Can be found on website.
 - Alliance: Suggest to connect with Sanivation in Kenya.
 - UNITAR: Can connect with UNDP

Actions Planned

Who (Organization)	What
ALL MEMBERS	Alert your networks about the SAFE Workshop & Humanitarian Energy Conference. Concept note can be downloaded from event page: https://www.safefuelandenergy.org/news-events/event.cfm?e=126
ALL MEMBERS	Share descriptions/reports/case studies of humanitarian energy projects focusing on successes and failures. Need “proof” points for external meetings and examples for the SAFE Workshop & Humanitarian Energy Conference. Submit to Kathleen Callaghy kcallaghy@cleancookingalliance.org and Thomas Fohgrub Thomas.FOHGRUB@unitar.org
UNHCR	Share description of recent energy activity completed in Mahama.
WFP / ILF	Share information on Bessito company
Alliance / ILF	Follow up on Uganda solar electric cooking activity
Alliance / IOM	Follow up on solar water solution for Bangladesh
IOM	Share information on technical trainings in Maiduguri for sharing on SAFE Website
ILF / COOPI	Connect on ILF/WFP humanitarian energy survey (especially in Afar)
COOPI / Alliance / UNITAR / Lighting Global	Connect on useful information for COOPI on waste-to-energy solutions for Lebanon.



List of Participants

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Apologies

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