



**SAFE Humanitarian Working Group (SAFE WG) Monthly Conference Call
Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2018**

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

SAFE Working Group Updates

Proposal to change monthly meeting time

- Meeting an hour earlier at 9:00 am EDT / 3:00 pm CEST / 4:00 pm EAT may be easier for those dialing in from East Africa. Support for this change was expressed by several members
- Proposal to make this change will be emailed to the WG.

Updated Membership profiles

- ***All members who have not yet done so are reminded to fill out the updated SAFE Membership profile (see emails).**

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

- *Recap:* A steering group consisting of the UNHCR, UNITAR, IOM, GIZ, the Alliance, UNF, Practical Action, and the Moving Energy Initiative is leading the development of a Global Plan of Action with the vision to provide every person affected by conflict or natural disaster with access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy services by 2030.
 - The steering group oversees smaller working groups that are developing five key working areas of the GPA: Planning & Coordination; Policy, Advocacy, and Host Country Resilience; Innovative Finance; Technical Expertise, Capacity Building, and Training; and Data, Monitoring, Evidence, and Reporting.
 - Learn more at <http://onlinelearning.unitar.org/global-plan-of-action/>
- *Update:* The steering group is moving forward with the development of a 30-page working level roadmap of the GPA, which will be presented at the High Level Political Forum in July. The five working groups are gathering information to be included in this 30 page document. The SAFE WG will provide more updates as these activities develop.

Events

[Comprehensive Energy Planning in Critical Settings from Emergency to Development](#)

April 12, Milan, Italy

- This is the closing event of the Sustainable Energy Technologies for Food Security (SET4Food) initiative. A livestream of the event will be available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UuWvbhemmio>
- WFP, FAO, GIZ, and others will be attending. The Alliance will not be, but is sending a video presentation.

[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. Panel members are TBC, but we expect UNHCR to be represented, as well as the Moving Energy Initiative.
- Project Gaia, the Alliance, UNF, and WFP will attend. UNHCR will be represented by Tapio Vahtola.
- Outside of humanitarian, the Alliance is hosting or participating in several sessions, including Deep Dive sessions on clean fuels, improved financing, and energy in humanitarian settings, as well as Partner Working Sessions on empowering women, energy and health, and moving beyond the improved stove. UNF is partnering on several of these sessions.

[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*,” featuring Mercy Corps, IL, and potentially one other panelist. This will be the first time that energy access in humanitarian settings is addressed at the InterAction Forum.
- Any SAFE WG members who will be in DC at that time are welcome. Early bird registration for the event closes on April 18th.

[High Level Political Forum \(HLPF\)](#), July 9-18, New York City

- 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

Project Gaia

- Under the Alliance’s Humanitarian Clean Cooking Fund (HCCF), Gaia is working with UNHCR to bring ethanol fuel, charcoal briquettes, and stoves to refugees and the host community in the Assosa region of Ethiopia. The goal is 2000 ethanol stoves and 2000 briquette stoves. To begin with, Gaia is focusing on Sherkole and Tsore camps.

Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves

- In addition to Gaia’s project in Ethiopia (above), the Alliance is supporting Inyenyeri to bring fan-gasifying stoves and fuel pellets to refugees in Kigeme camp, Rwanda. Both projects feature market-based approaches and cash programming.

World LPG Association

- WLPGA is working with UNHCR to bring LPG cylinders and stoves to the Rohingya refugee camps in Bangladesh.

Action Items

Who	What
ALL MEMBERS (who have not yet done so)	Fill out new membership profile

List of Participants

Meeting Chair: Kathleen Callaghy, Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves

Organization	Name
<i>Co-Chairs</i>	
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Project Gaia	Chido Munangagwa
World LPG Association (WLPGA)	Khalid Yousafzai