

Global Logistics Cluster Update- Week 16 2008

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Global Logistics Cluster meeting Geneva 23/24 April 08

25 organisations confirmed their attendance to the meeting.

The final topics of the different workshops will be:

- Mainstreaming the Logistics Cluster
- Interaction with other Clusters
- Humanitarian Logistics Standards

We will keep you posted on the outcomes and further developments.

Logistics Cluster Briefing Washington

On the 10th April 08, an information session on the Humanitarian Reform, the Cluster Approach and the Logistics cluster was hold in Save the Children USA offices in Washington.

It was the opportunity for the GLCSC to discuss and share point of views with American based organisations. We take good note of the questions and remarks raised by the attendees and will do our best to integrate them in

our business plan.

The following organisations were present: ACF USA, ADRA, American red Cross, CARE USA, Mercy Corps, Relief International, Save the Children USA, UNICEF, USAID / OFDA, WFP and World Vision.

Donor Meeting, Geneva

A meeting between the donors and the Cluster Leading organisations was held on the 7th April 08.

It was an opportunity for the different actors of the Humanitarian Reform to discuss about lessons learned, progress and difficulties encountered in the implementation of the Cluster Approach.

The Global Logistics Cluster Support Cell took the opportunity to advocate to the donors:

- for the strenghtening of logistics capacities withing all humanitarian organisations;
- and to understand that the implementation of the Cluster Approach will require much more efforts than originally expected and should require their full attention and support also beyond the second global appeal.

UNJLC

Customs:

At the request of the Government of Nepal, the UNJLC Customs team, accompanied by a staff from OCHA, is on mission to Nepal to meet partners involved in customs and support the preparation of a coming customs training.

THW Workshop:

UNJLC will participate to the Logistics workshop of THW on the 21st April 2008 to present the UNJLC concept, the humanitarian environment and the cluster approach, the relationship between THW (GO or NGO and UN) and UNJLC in the field and some practical group work on UNJLC related activities.

"The Cluster Approach: How did you make it work?" event in Kampala

Following popular demand HRSU will be organising a Workshop "The Cluster Approach: How did you make it work?" in Kampala, Uganda, for three days during the week of 11-13 June 2008.

The key objectives of the workshop are as follows:

Cross fertilisation of knowledge amongst cluster coordinators and through this the establishment of an 'on-line network' to facilitate education in this area of work.

Mutual sharing of experiences between global and field level to provide a clearer understanding of mutual support required.

Regional support required to enhance field activities.

In addition, there will be a Global Humanitarian Platform (GHP) event 9 and 10 June. By combining these events it will help to reinforce partnerships and humanitarian reform.

Missions and Events

- "The Cluster Approach: How did you make it work?" event in Kampala 11 - 13 June 08
- Global Logistics Cluster meeting Geneva 23/24 April 08
- Fritz Institute's sixth annual Humanitarian Logistics Conference in Geneva 21 - 22 April 08