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- ACTION POINTS:**
- Organisations with pending cargo to advise the Logistics Cluster if their field teams will be departing from their field locations for the Christmas holidays.
 - The Logistics Cluster in Malakal will contact partners to inform them about when to receive cargo from the last barge movement.
 - Organisations joining the next barge movement to move their cargo to Bor as soon as possible.
 - Organisations interested in joining the next Western Corridor convoy must submit their request as soon as possible.
 - Logistics Cluster to follow up with ACROSS regarding the Yei MSU.

- AGENDA**
1. OCHA MCDA Presentation
 2. 2018 Year in Review
 3. Operations Updates
 4. Physical Access Constraints/Road Conditions
 5. AOB

1. OCHA MCDA Presentation

- OCHA Access Unit gave a brief presentation on the use of Military and Civil Defence Assets (MCDA).
- Documentation related to MCDA requests can be found on the [Logistics Cluster website](#):
 - [MCDA Request Form](#)
 - [MCDA – Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)
 - [MCDA Convoy Sheet](#)
- Organisations requiring more details on MCDA procedures are invited to contact the OCHA Access unit MCDA Focal Point (shepherds@un.org).

2. 2018 Year in Review

- As the year ends, the Logistics Cluster thanks all partner organisations for the fruitful work accomplished throughout the year.
- According to the last estimates, in 2018, 48 convoys were coordinated, 7 barge movements took place and more than 900 air movements were performed moving more than 6,500 mt of humanitarian cargo on behalf of the humanitarian community.
- The challenges and needs for 2019 discussed among the cluster participants were as follows:
 - The risk of Ebola spreading to South Sudan (NB: There are currently no confirmed cases in South Sudan)

- Delays in obtaining clearances for assets and movements
- Access negotiations challenges
- The following priorities were listed for the Logistics Cluster and its partners in 2019:
 - Increasing the number of trainings, in particular on completing Service Request Forms (SRF)
 - Increasing the participation of organisations in airstrip rehabilitations. The priority airstrip to be rehabilitated for 2019 is the Pibor airstrip.
 - Enhancing the sharing of information, in particular for physical access constraints.

3. Operations Updates

- Air Operations:
 - Organisations were informed that the Logistics Cluster has three dedicated air assets: one Mi8 helicopter based in Rumbek, one Mi8 helicopter based in Bor, and a Buffalo fixed-wing aircraft based in Juba.
 - Organisations with pending cargo have been asked to notify the cluster if their field teams will be absent from their usual duty stations over the Christmas period so that flights are not scheduled to locations where teams are not present.
 - As there are currently less cargo movements for the period, organisations are encouraged to send more cargo requests in the coming weeks.
 - Organisations were reminded to submit accurate weather and security reports to the UNHAS Radio Room by 07:30 on the morning of flights to avoid flight delays or cancellations, and to strictly adhere to UNHAS Aviation Security Procedures.
 - The priority locations decided by the Inter-Cluster Working Group are as follows: Koch, Leer, Mayendit Counties, Panyikang, Canal/Pigi, Fangak Counties, Pibor area.
- Barge Operations:
 - The sixth barge trip has reached Malakal and is currently offloading. The Logistics Cluster in Malakal will contact partners to inform them about when to receive their cargo.
 - The seventh and last barge trip of the year will start the loading process this week. No more requests can be accepted and organisations with accepted requests must move their cargo to Bor as soon as possible.
 - More information on upcoming barge movements for 2019 will be shared on the Logistics Cluster website and through the mailing list.
- Convoy Coordination:
 - The next Western Corridor convoy will depart on 7 December using the Terekeka route. Organisations wishing to join must submit their requests as soon as possible.
 - Organisations wishing to join upcoming convoys to Yambio, Bor or Kapoeta should submit their requests. More information on the convoy schedule can be found at the following link: <https://logcluster.org/document/south-sudan-convoy-schedule-december-2018>

- It has been reported that the Kajo Keji road is now accessible. Organisations interested in sending trucks there should contact the Logistics Cluster to consolidate requests and plan a convoy.

4. Physical Access Constraints/Road Conditions

- The Western Corridor route to Bentiu and Yida is now accessible to all type of vehicles.
- The road from Bor to Duk Padiet and surrounding areas is accessible for all types of vehicles. As such, the cluster will no longer fly to those locations.
- The Logistics Cluster will continue to monitor the routes in Jonglei, such as Bor-Ayod County and Bor-Pibor, as dry season starts and will announce convoys on these routes as soon as they are passable and if the security context permits. The Logistics Cluster will transition its air operations to road movements in this area once road accessibility improves.
- Organisations are requested to share information on physical access constraints with the Logistics Cluster to help in the decision-making process and ensure the Access Constraints Map is kept up-to-date.
- The latest Access Constraints map is available at the following link: <https://logcluster.org/map/south-sudan-access-constraints-map-30-november-2018>.

5. AOB/Action Points

- It was asked again that organisations storing cargo in Bentiu warehouses continue to distribute as much cargo as possible as the dry season pre-positioning operations commence.
- The Logistics Cluster will increase its storage capacities in Yei in the coming weeks following the deployment of a new Mobile Storage Unit (MSU). The Logistics Cluster will follow up with ACROSS, who will manage the facility on behalf of partners in the area, to advise when the MSU will be operational.
- The [Annual User Satisfaction Survey](#) has been shared through the Logistics Cluster mailing list. All organisations are requested to complete the survey as soon as possible to ensure an adequate evaluation of the Logistics Cluster activities.

The next coordination meeting is scheduled for 15 January 2019 at

12:00 at the OCHA main conference room.

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