



Strategic Advisory Group Minutes of Meeting

June 10, 2024

Strategic Advisory Group Meeting

Global ETC Teleconference: Microsoft Teams

Date: 10/6/2024 Time: 13:00-14:00 CET

Attendance

ETC – SAG Chair	Brent Carbno	Montreal, Canada
Government of Luxembourg	Gilles Hoffmann	Luxembourg
Ericsson Response	Lars Ruediger	Germany
WFP	Oscar Caleman	Bangkok, Thailand
GSMA	Kimberly Brown	London, England

Agenda

- SAG member rotation
- ETC global partner network applications
- SAG field visit dates and planning (ex. desired outcomes)
- Next ETC strategy development
- AOB

Minutes

SAG Member Rotation

- The SAG chair has made a formal request to have Vanessa Gray, ITU join the SAG as a member. We are still awaiting a response to this request, as well as the request for ITU to host the 2025 ETC plenary in Geneva.
- The current SAG members agreed to continue to maintain their place on the SAG for the next year. The SAG will plan a transition of some members over the coming year.

ETC Global Partner Network

- The global ETC has received 12 applications to date for consideration. A few of the applications were not suitable for the partner network. Several organizations have been met virtually to discuss their possible contribution to the network, and how we could collaborate. These organizations were reviewed by the SAG for any potential issues.
- The list of organizations that have been vetted will be passed on to the ETC members for final review and acceptance into the network.
- The next steps will include planning to ensure engagement and collaboration with the global partner network.

ETC SAG Field Visit Planning

- The SAG is planning to visit Kenya in early 2025 to understand the field level and possible programmatic requirements of the ETC to inform the next strategy development.
- The field visit will be organized in collaboration with local partner offices (ex. WFP, UNHCR, GSMA, IFRC, INGOs, etc.).
- The visit will focus on how ETC supports humanitarian operations at the field level, and how ICT is used in programmatic and digital humanitarian service delivery.

Next ETC Strategy Development

- The SAG is planning ahead and considering a different approach to strategy development beyond 2025.
- The main focus is to adapt to the new and evolving humanitarian context to ensure the relevance of ETC services in the future.
- One of the first steps is to better understand field level requirements and changes to any IASC guidance and future direction for clusters.

AOB

- The next virtual SAG meeting will be scheduled for late August.

Acronyms

ETC	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
SAG	Strategic Advisory Group
ToR	Terms of Reference