

# Summary Report

## SUN Movement Network Facilitators' Call

3 February 2016

### Participants

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The Chair (CC) welcomed all and reviewed the agenda.

### 1. Purpose and expected outcomes of the 12 February Network Facilitators' meeting

**Background:** The draft SUN Movement Strategy, approved by the Lead Group at their meeting in September 2015, sets the direction for the catalytic work of the Movement from 2016 to 2020. The Roadmap, currently under development, sets out the ways in which stakeholders will work together to achieve the Movement's strategic objectives, through collective actions, mutual accountability, and under common principles and approaches. The Roadmap prioritises capabilities identified as requiring strengthening if the Movement is to achieve its collective goal.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Network Facilitators' meeting is to discuss the common and differentiated roles and responsibilities needed to achieve our vision for 2020. By the end of the meeting all participants will have a clear understanding of each other's contribution to the Roadmap, be better able to work together to achieve the expected outcomes, and have a greater appreciation of the financial and human resources needed to fulfil this role.

#### Guiding questions:

- What opportunities and challenges do you envision your network encountering as we implement the activities required to achieve the outputs for 2016/2017?
- What is needed from SUN Countries, other networks, the SUN Movement Secretariat or others to make this happen?
- What steps are you taking to ensure that you have the appropriate membership and outreach capacity within your network to achieve results?
- What accountability mechanisms are already in place within your networks, and how can these be linked with others to improve Movement-wide stewardship?
- What funding is required by the networks' secretariats to support the delivery of the outputs for 2016/ 2017?

**Expected follow-up:** The SUN Movement Secretariat will work to incorporate feedback from the meeting into the draft Roadmap to be shared with the SUN Movement Executive Committee in advance of their February retreat. A final draft of the SUN Movement Strategy and Roadmap will be submitted to the SUN Movement Lead Group for their approval at the end of March 2016.

## **2. Update on the outline of the SUN Movement Roadmap, including Equity and Added Value services**

The Roadmap of the SUN Movement Strategy 2016-2020 aims to shine a light on a set of capabilities that, if strengthened, will lead us towards the achievement of the 2016-2020 strategic objectives. These capabilities represent a delicately woven tapestry of skills, abilities, capacities and required resources.

Capability 4 will focus on the equity drivers of nutrition. Additional details will be provided during the face-to-face Network Facilitators' meeting in February.

The support system to the SUN Movement, made of the SUN Movement Secretariat and the SUN Networks together with experts provide "added value services" that cover the breadth, width and pace of the SUN Movement and leverage its members' experiences and their areas of comparative advantage to ensure that the Movement offers maximum value to those that engage within it. The added value services that will be presented in the Roadmap are:

- Sharing and learning in the SUN Movement;
- Ensuring responsive, timely and relevant technical cooperation; and
- Providing tailored support to countries with specific contextual challenges and opportunities, especially the SUN Countries facing humanitarian crises.

## **3. Highlights of the January SUN Country Network meetings**

The meetings brought together 300 participants from 45 countries. 41% of the participants were representing their national governments, 32% came from United Nations entities, 12% from civil society, 8% from donors, 4% from academia and 3% from business.

### **Key outcomes from the thematic discussion:**

- Countries are at different stages in terms of setting their national nutrition targets and commitments to action. Most of those in the process of developing a new plan in 2016 are going to establish new targets.
- Six (Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan and Yemen) asked for support to set their targets. Swaziland, South Sudan and Cote d'Ivoire asked for support to develop their plan. Benin requested support for mobilizing financing in order to implement their respective plan. Burkina Faso mentioned difficulty to achieve a target on reduction of anemia.
- A lot of countries looked at the existing actions and available budget to define realistic targets rather than defining actions in function of the targets established. Consequently most of them are trying to link their targets and commitments to their planning and budgeting cycle but 12 countries reported to experience difficulties in doing so.
- Several countries set their targets and commitments considering the global and/or regional targets and commitments. Six countries (Somalia, Malawi, Namibia, Pakistan, Kenya and Swaziland) are already clear on articulating nutrition targets and Sustainable Development Agenda commitments.
- On setting of the baseline, some countries used a data point coming from one survey rather than looking at the history of trends.
- Four countries (Costa Rica, Kyrgyzstan, Kenya and Indonesia) set a target on obesity and often used "overweight" and "obesity" to describe the same target. If we consider "overweight", then 12 countries (Zimbabwe, Zambia, Ethiopia, Swaziland, Democratic Republic of Congo, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, Guatemala and Peru) have set targets. It is important to look deeper into the country multi-sectoral plans.
- The notion of "SMART commitments to action" was not very well understood.

**Feedback from those on the call:**

Additional expressed challenges noted by Network Facilitators: i) balance political target and the capacity of the country to reach the target, ii) linking targets with the budget cycle and the investment roundtable, and iii) targets overly ambitious.

Important to socialise the SUN Movement Roadmap to make it more user-friendly to countries.

**4. A.O.B.**

UN Network requested a change in the meeting schedule, which was accepted by the Network Facilitators. It was also agreed that the first call of the month would focus on general updates from the Networks and the second would be a thematic discussion lead by one of the Networks.

The next meeting of the SUN Network Facilitators is scheduled for Friday 12 February 2016 in Geneva.