

Summary Report

SUN Movement Network Facilitators' call

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Participants

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

1. Appointment of the new Coordinator for the SUN Movement

Ban Ki-Moon has announced the appointment of the new Coordinator for the SUN Movement – Ms Gerda Verburg of the Netherlands. Since 2011, Ms. Verburg has served as Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN agencies for food and agriculture in Rome (FAO, WFP and IFAD) and in 2014 she was appointed Chair of the Global Agenda Council for Food and Nutrition Security of the World Economic Forum (WEF). From 2013 until 2015, Ms. Verburg served as Chair of the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS), a multi-stakeholder committee where governments, civil society, private sector, research institutions and others addressed food and nutrition issues. From 2007-2011, Ms. Verburg served as the Speaker in the Dutch House of Representatives on economics, energy and innovation and as Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality. In 2008 she was elected as the Chair of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development.

2. Outcomes of the SUN Movement Executive Committee Retreat

The SUN Movement Executive Committee retreat was held in Geneva from 24-26 February 2016. Over three days, participants gained a solid understanding of the major elements agreed by the SUN Movement Lead Group, the collective ambition for the future, how best to support countries to deliver results and reviewed progress on the development of the SUN Movement Roadmap 2016-2020.

Global context: High level input was given regarding state of play of global governance on nutrition. With assistance from members of the SUN Movement Executive Committee, this overview will be captured in a crisp manner in the SUN Movement Strategy and Roadmap 2016-2020. Efforts will also be undertaken to help SUN stakeholders, including Ambassadors, be more agile in reflecting what is happening in their country to scale up nutrition at all the meetings they attend in New York, Rome and Geneva. This will be done through increased information sharing between SUN Government Focal Points and briefings.

The evolution of nutrition: The SUN Movement's focus will remain on stunting and undernutrition but with an appreciation of the multiple forms of malnutrition. A position paper will be created by the SUN Movement Executive Committee for the SUN Movement Lead Group in this regard.

Strategic Objective 2016-2020: The SUN Movement Strategic Objectives 2016-2020 were endorsed by the SUN Movement Lead Group in September 2015. They were not reopened during the SUN Movement Executive Committee retreat but guidance was provided, such as 'effective actions' to restate that the SUN Movement is encouraging nutrition specific and sensitive interventions.

Ambition for 2020: Prioritisation is needed but the ambitious approach is welcomed, as is the need to highlight SUN Countries' potential to leverage actions.

Enhanced capabilities: General appreciation that what is in the SUN Movement Roadmap 2016-2020 was developed in a participatory manner with the active contribution of the Network Facilitators and the members of the Networks. To further enhance capabilities, it was agreed that 1) criteria for good quality plan should be developed by June; 2) annual reviews of multi-sectoral plan should be encouraged; and 3) stakeholders tracking, including UN and CSOs.

Resource mobilisation: Efforts are underway to map resources and help SUN Government Focal Points navigate through what is available.

Indicators and data: It was agreed that the harmonisation of data needs to be prioritised to provide guidance to countries. Efforts to build capacity to analyse and use the data in-country needs to be scaled up. Civil society organisations were encouraged to continue to monitor actions at a local level through social auditing.

Advocacy, social mobilization and communications: A proposal for the engagement of the SUN Movement Lead Group in support of the narrative on multi-stakeholder action on nutrition will be created. With help from the SUN Movement Secretariat, a group of nutrition champions will be established to better advocate for nutrition to different audiences, including youth.

Coordination of relevant action through improved functional capacities: The SUN Movement Executive Committee called for increased collaboration with other global alliances to identify common messaging and help leverage potential actions in SUN Countries. This should be done in collaboration with the Zero Hunger Challenge and Every Women Every Child. On-going work between the nutrition community and the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene community needs to be articulated in a clear narrative. Partnering with Regional Economic Communities was strongly encouraged, with the African Economic Communities as a start, building on African Union and The New Partnership for Africa's Development.

Conflict of Interest: The SUN Movement Executive Committee called for a review of the approach that has been developed by the SUN Movement in the previous phase and for greater alignment with work taking place within the World Health Organisation. The monitoring system of the SUN Movement is currently being refined to consider options to evaluate progress in the coming five years.

Strengthening the equity drivers of nutrition: It was agreed unanimously that equity is a lens that must be applied to everything that is done in the Movement. A permanent working group is being established to assist in this regard.

Mutual Accountability: Members of the SUN Movement Executive Committee should have direct relations with the steering groups/advisory board of the Networks to review progress and challenges faced by the Networks to their contribution to the SUN Roadmap. Details will be further fleshed out with the incoming SUN Movement Coordinator. Members of the SUN Movement Executive Committee were

nominated to work with the SUN Movement Secretariat to refresh the self-assessment and monitoring system to realign with the Strategic Objectives of the current phase.

An event to launch the SUN Movement Strategy and Roadmap 2016-2020, to welcome the new SUN Movement Lead Group and the new Coordinator is being explored in New York City in July in the auspices of the High Level Political Forum, which has been set up to review the 2030 Agenda.

Feedback from those on the call:

All Networks extended a warm welcome to Ms Gerda Verburg. Some noted Ms Verburg's potential to align the food and nutrition sector of the 2030 Agenda and wondered how the SUN Movement Executive Committee can help guide that forward.

Networks questioned the practical implications that the decisions taken by the SUN Movement Executive Committee will have on the work of the individual Networks.

Civil Society welcomed more information on accountability, especially social accountability; joint resourcing; and Network Facilitators as observers on the SUN Movement Executive Committee meetings.

Donor Network is keen to help strengthen the role and position of the SUN Government Focal Points and clarity on the Movement's engagement in global campaigns.

UN Network offered their assistance and willingness to be part of the working group to refresh the monitoring and evaluation system of the SUN Movement.

Strengthening the accountability of the Movement will include having the SUN Movement Secretariat and the Secretariats of the Networks developing work plans that are aligned and respond to the SUN Movement Roadmap, which is one of the accountability elements that the SUN Movement Executive Committee will use on an annual basis.

Action points:

- The report from the SUN Movement Executive Committee meeting will be shared when it is validated by the Chair of the SUN Movement Executive Committee. Until then, the action points that resulted from the discussion help to prioritise some elements of the Roadmap and the direction and shape that it should take.
- Details about the working group to refresh the monitoring and evaluation system of the SUN Movement will be available shortly as the aim is to keep the same period for self-assessment at country level (April – June). To ensure consistency, work is currently underway with the consultants who were involved in setting up the first system to help track evolution over time but also refine a few progress markers to be more geared towards implementation.
- The SUN Movement Secretariat will organize a one-day meeting in London in March to further discuss the budgets and fundraising strategies of the respective Secretariats.

3. Upcoming opportunities to empower women and girls for improved nutrition

CC presented the recommendations on equity and women's empowerment made in the Independent Comprehensive Evaluation (ICE) of the SUN Movement; provided a stock take of examples happening across the Movement; actions recommended by SUN Countries; and the work underway in the SUN Movement Equity Working Group.

Civil Society is collecting examples from members on areas where work on equity, women's empowerment and right to food is taking place. Save the Children report on nutrition and equity will be available in 2016.

Business Network is capturing case studies around what businesses are already doing and how to translate that into examples at country levels. The SBN Advisory Group will focus on how they can take an active role in delivering on the SBN Strategy, with a specific focus on women and girls, and serve as champions to translate the activities into action. Stressed that members of the SUN Movement must look beyond budget lines and look at women and girls as consumers.

Donor Network's members are guided by strict equity frameworks. Need to capture the wealth of work already happening.

Several of the **UN Network's** member agencies have equity and gender units.

Action points:

- Network Facilitators to share examples from their networks of actions that individuals, organisations and agencies are doing to commemorate the International Women's Day, 8 March.

4. Snapshot of 2016: Moments for increased collaboration

Draft SUN Movement Collaborative Activity Calendar aims to capture the inputs that Network Facilitators placed on the timeline during the SUN Network Facilitators face-to-face meeting in Geneva in February 2016. The idea for the calendar is to have a working document that collates each of the Networks' priority activities, linking to the Roadmap. It will also contain key global, regional and country dates so that there can be more future planning for collaborative opportunities and external outreach.

The rationale for the calendar and the collective outputs expressed in the Roadmap were discussed.

Action points:

- SUN Movement Secretariat will upload the SUN Movement Collaborative Activity Calendar onto Google Drive
- Networks are welcomed to provide feedback on the structure and populate the SUN Movement Collaborative Activity Calendar by C.O.B, Friday 11 March

5. SUN Movement Knowledge Management System and working relations with SUN Networks by Tui Swinnen, ENN's Knowledge Management Specialist on the SUN Movement En-net forum

One of the partners under the Technical Assistance for Nutrition (TAN), funding by the Department for International Development - DFID (other partner is MI). This project is four years. Inception phase will close at the end of May – will run for 4 years alongside and will closely align with the broader SUN Movement Roadmap. Contracting two Africa Knowledge Management specialists, former civil society network actors who have a thorough understanding of what the SUN Movement looks like at country level. Plans currently being developed but welcome feedback on what their work should be. The trip report from Africa will be shared as soon as it becomes available. Missions to Asia are forthcoming.

Feedback from those on the call:

Business Network Secretariat explored opportunities to work together and feedback on action plan, especially on the regional level and with regional teams.

Knowledge Management is high on the agenda of regional advisors from the networks. Additional information is welcomed.

UN Network: Important to ensure synergies with the knowledge management initiative/resources of the other Networks.

6. A.O.B.

- **Business Network** is organizing a one day conference on 21 April, 2016 with mainly a private sector audience in Lagos, Nigeria to see what role businesses can play through the SUN Business Network. Participants will learn from existing initiatives working in nutrition in Nigeria and highlight key findings from the recent mapping exercises in the country. Agenda will be shared when available.
- Senior Donors Officials meeting planned in the auspices of the World Bank Spring Meeting in April 2016. Details forthcoming.
- The UN Network Strategy will be discussed by its Technical Team on 9 March, followed by a meeting on 10 March to discuss the United Nations Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN) Draft Strategy by the UNSCN Steering Committee.
- The UN Network for SUN requested additional clarifications pertaining the Department for International Development (DFID) tender for technical assistance and the related meeting held in London on 12 February.