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## Summary Note

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## **1. Introduction**

Tom Arnold welcomed the opportunity to work with the Network Facilitators over the coming months as interim SUN Movement Coordinator. He noted that immediate priorities included preparing for the UN General Assembly, the SUN Global Gathering and the ICN2, and supporting the successful completion of the Independent Comprehensive Evaluation of the Movement and subsequent visioning.

## **2. SUN Monitoring 2014**

The SMS reported that the latest series of calls of the Network of SUN Government Focal Points took place between 01 – 05 September last. The thematic discussion focused on the strengths and challenges of the SUN monitoring and evaluation framework and the self-assessment workshops recently completed by SUN countries. During the calls, countries were asked to comment on the meeting format and tools, the relevance of the 21 progress markers and the rating scale. They were also asked to identify priority progress markers going forward and any additional achievements not captured in the monitoring process.

The SMS is preparing a comprehensive report of the calls; however, the following points were identified during the discussion:

- Countries are finding the SUN M&E framework useful and relevant. They took ownership of the review process and both Focal Points and the MSP members dedicated the time and resources necessary to deliver successful self-assessment meetings.

- Countries felt the self-assessment meeting format was useful and reported that meetings went well. They indicated that the process helped bring more members into the MSP, encouraged the formation of network/stakeholder groups and facilitated identification of collective priorities.
- Countries suggested that Networks could take more time to prepare, by reviewing their own performance in advance of the main meeting.
- Countries found the 21 progress markers relevant; however, the 'later' progress markers could be better explained. All progress markers could benefit from the use of simpler language.
- Some countries would like to extend or add progress markers to capture capacity and capacity building and implementation and operationalisation.
- Countries felt more clarity on the rating scale was needed. Some countries noted an additional 'sustaining' level could be useful to ensure continuous action.
- Countries saw this as a baseline year as it was the first time they had undertaken the assessment in country.
- Countries identified a wide range of priority progress-markers. The SMS will capture this in a matrix as part of its report of the calls.

Network Facilitators who had participated in the calls agreed the self-assessment process had been useful for countries in terms of assessing progress, exchanging information between partners and strengthening multi-stakeholder ways of working at country level, although it was suggested that some countries had carried out more robust self-assessments than others had. The strong involvement of civil society in the process was welcomed. Facilitators noted that some countries reported that the self-assessment helped identify weaknesses, such as challenges in the elaboration of common results frameworks and suggested the Movement examine how it can support countries to overcome such bottlenecks. The idea of including representatives from another SUN countries at future national self-assessment workshops as a way of increasing external involvement was suggested.

SMS said that it hoped to take up some of the issues arising from the self-assessment during the Global Gathering (GG) sessions. The Progress Report and country Compendium will also provide more information to help understand why countries gave themselves particular ratings. SMS noted the suggestion of including external country participants in the self-assessment and noted that self-assessment workshops are multi-stakeholder so there is negotiation on the ratings. In addition, the Global Gathering will offer an opportunity for countries to exchange around their respective progress.

Network Facilitators reported that they had found the self-assessment process for Global Networks to be useful and not overly burdensome. However, networks felt that it was not always easy to progress in some areas due to the scaling used. In addition, some networks wondered if more detail could be captured in future. The SMS will review the comments from individual networks in their self-assessment questionnaires.

### **3. SUN Progress Report**

SMS gave an update on the preparation of the 2014 SUN Movement Annual Progress Report, which focuses on the achievements and lessons learned during the last quarter of 2013 and the first three

quarters of 2014. The report draws on the results of the self-assessment exercise as well as SUN country calls and bilateral contacts.

The report captures overarching lessons and achievements and is accompanied by a Compendium of Country Profiles that includes profiles for 50 SUN countries. The four newest SUN Countries (Cambodia, Lesotho, the Philippines and Somalia) are not captured in detail. A draft of the report and compendium will be presented to members of the SUN Movement Lead Group at their meeting in September 22. The final report will be released at the SUN Movement Global Gathering in Rome, 16-18 November 2014.

Network Facilitators thanked the SMS for the update and its work on the report. The Donor Network will provide updated figures for the section on donor resource tracking.

#### 4. SUN Global Gathering

SMS updated on preparations for the SUN Global Gathering. The SMS has begun to issue invitations to SUN country nominees and SUN Network nominees (where final nominations have been received). Thirteen countries have yet to nominate participants. Invitations to the Lead Group will issue on 15 September. A list of resource people is being generated and the SMS will endeavour to invite as many people as possible within the constraints put on it by the size of the venue. The SUN Business Network indicated that resource people from the network were available to moderate sessions if needed. SMS noted that SUN countries would be seeking funding at country level to support participation and encouraged networks to support country participation where possible.

SMS gave an overview of the programme for the Global Gathering, which remains under development. In addition to plenary and working sessions, a roundtable meeting on the contribution science and research can make to the Movement has been added to the programme. The SMS will remain in contact with networks around the development of the programme, particularly regarding network involvement in individual working sessions. Network Facilitators encouraged the SMS to develop a programme with practical outcomes. A 'market-place' during the Global Gathering will include an opportunity for networks to share their activities with participants. Those interested should contact Fiona Watson as soon as possible. The SMS will circulate updated background materials on the Global Gathering by the 19 November.

#### 5. ICN2

The UN Network briefed Network Facilitators on preparations for the Second International Conference on Nutrition, which will take place in Rome from 19 – 21 November. The meeting will have two outcome documents, a Political Declaration (latest available [here](#)) and Framework for Action (latest version [here](#)), which are currently under discussion by member-states. An open working group to consider these documents will take place in Geneva on 22 & 23 September. Invitations to member-states have already issued and invitations to non-state actors are being prepared. The meeting will be streamed live by webcast.

#### 6. Any Other Business

The SMS updated the group on the **Independent Comprehensive Evaluation** of the SUN Movement. The draft Interim Progress Report of the ICE was received on 09 September. The Interim Report has three functions:

- To provide an update on the ICE for the Lead Group meeting scheduled for 22 September 2014;
- To provide an interim assessment of the SUN Movement Secretariat (SMS), to meet the accountability requirements of the donors to the SMS (a specific stipulation in the Terms of Reference); and
- To outline any interim findings and recommendations emerging from the ICE work so far.

SMS said that the Interim Report emphasised that the consultants were not yet in a position to offer potential "alternative futures" for the SUN movement: these will be explored as country case studies are being conducted and following the SUN GG. Instead, the report offers preliminary observations and provides an extensive interim assessment of the SMS. The latter will need to be seen in light of country experience. The Visioning Sub Group will meet on the 11 September to discuss the report and consider the process for a management response and a more detailed timeline for the visioning work. The final report will be sent to the Lead Group on 17 September and shared publically following the Lead Group meeting on 22 September.

SMS said that the Interim Report was directed to the SUN Lead Group and that Network Facilitators or others would not be asked to comment. Nonetheless, Network Facilitators are encouraged to provide any new or updated information that should be considered in the ongoing analysis of the Movement directly to the evaluators.

The **Lead Group meeting** on the 22nd September will discuss:

- a) Immediate priorities for the SUN Movement, including strengthening resilience and capacities in SUN countries dealing with recurring humanitarian crises; and
- b) The strategic direction for the SUN Movement after 2015.

The considerations on the strategic direction of the Movement after 2015 will be an opportunity for the Lead Group's initial thoughts on future strategic priorities and how the Lead Group will develop its vision for the future of the Movement. This may include a consideration of the need for additional analysis, and stewardship, accountability and ownership.

The SUN CSO Network noted that the network has developed a Country Support Strategy, which it is happy to share with interested colleagues. SUN CSN also noted its engagement in planning for the Social Mobilisation, Advocacy and Communications (SMAC) workshop in Tanzania in late September.

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