

**SUN Movement Executive Committee
Call June 8, 2016
& Update July 22, 2016**

Participation on the call of June 8, 2016:

CHAIR	Shawn Baker	YES
VICE-CHAIR	Abdoulaye Ka	YES
	Christine Guwatudde Kintu	REGRETS - National Budget Speech Day,
	Daysi de Marquez	
	Aslam Shaheen	YES
	Felix Phiri	
	William Chilufya	resigned
	Uma Koirala	YES
	Martha Newsome	YES
	Marc Van Ameringen	YES
	Fokko Wientjes	YES
	Francesco Branca	YES
	Martin Bloem	YES
	Jane Edmondson	
	Meera Shekar	YES
Coordinator	Tom Arnold	YES
	Gerda Verburg	From 1600

Decisions (June 8, 2016) and Updates (July 22, 2016)

-1- World Bank event on stunting in October 2016

DECISION 1: Executive Committee endorsed an ‘all-in commitment’ to work with the World Bank to support the event in October on stunting which is one step in a longer path of collaboration to support countries to access funding through the World Bank and other investors building on national costed plans for nutrition.

ACTION POINT 1: The SUN Movement Secretariat to schedule discussion between Shawn, Abdoulaye, Tom, Florence and Meera to identify specific areas of support from the SUN Movement to the World Bank event on stunting in October 2016.

UPDATE: See **Annex 1** for a presentation of the event, following the call which took place on Thursday, 14 July 2016

-2- Series of events in 2016

DECISION 2: The SUN Movement Secretariat was recommended to proceed with a high-level event in New York in September 2016 during the UN General Assembly (with suggestion to link with Every Women Every Child as much as extent possible) and with a Global Gathering for early 2017.

UPDATE: See **attached note** for overview of series of nutrition related events at UN General Assembly September 2016

-3- Update on actions from February 2016 Executive Committee Retreat

DECISION 3: The SUN Movement Secretariat will recirculate the draft note related to the checklist for criteria on good quality plans while the Executive Committee will support the SUN Movement Secretariat to make progress on the checklist and encourage donors to commit to support a new pooled fund. The Executive Committee also agreed to hold a webinar on Conflict of Interest in the next 3 months.

UPDATE: The **draft version of the checklist** will be finalized in early August by the working group. The Secretariat will share the draft with the Executive Committee as soon as it is complete. The draft checklist will be shared at the public finance for nutrition workshop in August 2016 in Nairobi for SUN Countries' initial feedback. This feedback will be incorporated into a further iteration of the checklist and then shared with the wider Movement.

A **concept note for the webinar on prevention and management of conflict of interest** will be shared in September.

-4- Replacement of Executive Committee members

DECISION 4: It was agreed that the relevant constituency nominates 1-3 candidates to the Executive Committee with a very clear and transparent justification for each candidate to replace outgoing members. The Chair, Vice Chair and Coordinator will then take a decision.

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1. Agenda Item 1 – World Bank event on stunting in October 2016

Brief update by Meera Shekar –

- Short list of countries not final yet
- Heads of State and Finance Ministers are targeted but will require engagement of other ministries
- Once clear on what the WB can deliver with this summit, will be able to plan the format. Civil society will of course be welcome to engage in event and country implementation.
- Planning is at integrated level but financing will need to be opportunistic
- UN can contribute with advocacy that promotes costing work in relation to achieving the WHA targets on stunting, breastfeeding and wasting. It can also see how the Decade of Action is helpful
- The High Level Policy Forum event in July 2016 could provide an opportunity to promote the Summit

Chair's synthesis of discussion

- Incredible opportunity that gives impetus to get funding for the work that has been done to establish costed plans; SUN movement in great place to help make this event work
- This exercise will be important not just for the WB but also for making country plans 'bankable' for any other investors
- Technical question remains: while stunting reduction is key, we also know other avenues to address cognitive development (breastfeeding, iron deficiency reduction)

- Strong endorsement that SUN Movement works with WB to make this event a success. We need to work at national, regional and global levels of collective networks to 1) get plans ready and 2) get the high level commitments in place.
- The WB and SMS will need to work together (beyond this discussion) to best understand how this can be done

SUN Movement Secretariat contribution

- A public financing workshop in Africa (Nairobi) just before TICAD in August 2016 can present an ideal opportunity to help countries prepare.
- We know not all countries will be ready for October 2016 but we need to look at ways to support and engage countries beyond this event.

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2. Agenda Item 2: Major moments in 2016

- SUN Movement Secretariat provided an overview of events taking place in 2016 and proposes holding the next SUN Movement Global Gathering in February 2017.
- The Nutrition for Growth event becomes one leg in a ‘relay’ race with Rio a major hand-off point. A series of events (including the WB stunting) will be organized and culminating in something like a ‘moment’ just before the Italian G7 in the summer of 2017.

Chair’s synthesis of discussion

- It is right to be careful about the use of resources and opportunity costs associated with organize such an enormous event.
- It makes sense to be as opportunistic as possible with events already planned to ensure we offer as many chances for people to hold important face-to-face decisions.
- While there have been reasonable concerns raised, no vehement opposition was raised.
- The Executive Committee was unanimously supportive of the SMS organizing an event in September 2017 during the UN General Assembly, (Lead Group meeting is likely to happen 21 or 22 September 2016)

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3. Agenda Item 3: Update on actions from February 2016 Executive Committee Retreat

Update from SUN Movement Secretariat and Chair

- Steady progress is underway against each of the action points from the February 2016 meeting. (summary note from the meeting can be found on the SUN Movement website [here](#))
- A few issues which are of particular relevance and time sensitive:
 - 1) Work to develop checklist for criteria on good quality plans (particularly in light of the World Bank summit)
 - 2) Establishment of a visioning group for a possible new pooled fund for supporting the engagement of multiple stakeholders at country level (which could use energy of Executive Committee to expedite progress).

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ANNEX 1:

Working title: “The World Bank Group Human Capital Summit: Investing in the Early Years for Growth and Productivity”

- **Event Goals:**
 - To secure bold and actionable commitments from 5-10 countries to ignite and accelerate progress by 2020 toward the SDG targets to reduce childhood stunting and expand access to Early Childhood Development services
 - To highlight investing in the early years as a key driver of economic growth and competitiveness
 - To leverage the WBG’s role as an economic adviser to help countries appreciate the importance of scaling up investments in the early years to eliminate extreme poverty and boost shared prosperity

- **Date:** (TBC) Thursday, October 6, 2016 or Friday, October 7, 2016 (pm) - 1.5 - 2 hours

- **Audience:**
 - Country delegations and development partners; CSOs; foundations; private sector
 - Open to media; livestreamed and captured globally

- **Speakers:**
 - WBG President Jim Kim to chair, deliver opening presentation
 - Professional, high-profile moderator who is knowledgeable on the topic [preferably female]
 - Heads of State/Ministers of Finance from 5-10 countries with high burdens of stunting invited by President Kim personally to come and present their country commitments and scale up plans by 2020
 - Economic leader to underscore economic growth and competitiveness benefits of investing in the early years for competitiveness in the digital economy

- **Format:**
 - This Summit seeks to put the spotlight on countries and their commitment to accelerate progress by 2020 toward the SDG targets to reduce childhood stunting and expand access to Early Childhood Development (ECD) services. The Summit follows a successful ECD Flagship event during the 2016 Spring Meetings co-hosted by WBG President Jim Kim and UNICEF Executive Director Tony Lake, where partners took the stage to show their commitment to this agenda, and helped launch the ECD Action Network.

- **Expected commitments:**
 - There is no set request or expectation for what countries will commit. The idea is that invitees come prepared to speak briefly about why the early years matter to her/his country and what they want to do. This may include increasing domestic resources, appointing a high level leader to support the early years, launching new programs or coordinating more effectively across existing programs, announcing strong commitments through SUN, GFF or other international or domestic commitments, etc.

- **Role for partners:**
 - Partners are a crucial to this agenda and we look forward to continue working with you to make this event a success. Although we plan to limit speaking roles to country representatives during the event, we do encourage agency principals to attend as we hope

to use the opportunity to showcase the breadth of support for investing in the early years. We hope principals would join us for a green room reception just before the main event (our Comms team to provide more details, extend invitation). In addition, we will be seeking written statements of support from partners as well as quotes from principals, which we will showcase during the event and package for social media/weave into public announcements and summary from the gathering.

- **Side events:**

- We are currently coordinating closely with The Lancet team behind the upcoming ECD Series, which is planned to be released in DC the evening before the Summit. We are also interested in leveraging related events that might be hosted by partners around the Annual Meetings, but are unable to convene additional events here at the Bank.