

SUN MOVEMENT ETHICAL FRAMEWORK

To realise the vision of a world without hunger and malnutrition, the [SUN Movement Principles of Engagement](#) is guiding actors as they work in a multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder space to effectively working together to end malnutrition, in all its forms. These principles are ensuring that the Movement is flexible while maintaining a common purpose and mutual accountability.

Making determinations as to the correct course of action is a prerequisite for ethical behaviour, this is particularly crucial when clearly established rules or laws do not exist. Simply put, acting ethically is thus not about following a strict set of rules, but by doing the “right” thing. By behaving in an ethical manner across all engagements in the Movement, the Movement’s integrity will support the achievement of its collective mission and goals.

The 2014 [independent comprehensive evaluation](#) (ICE) stressed the need for stewardship arrangements at all levels to manage the complexities of working within a multi-stakeholder environment. By 2016, the Movement’s stewardship arrangements (SUN Movement Coordinator, Executive Committee and Lead Group), anchored by the Movement’s Principles of Engagement, agreed on an ethical framework to support a multi-stakeholder working environment while leading on matters of transparency, integrity and accountability.

The **SUN Movement Ethical Framework** is for individuals in the Movement to use as a guide to ethical behaviour. The Ethical Framework ensures that space is provided for aspects of transparency and accountability of the Movement’s stewardship arrangements and support system, so that they can be easily assessed by those inside and outside of the Movement.

To support the framework, two **ethics advisers** are available, on request, to provide assistance to members requiring consultations on ethical dilemmas and/or requiring support in relation to the Ethical Framework and the work area of preventing and managing conflict of interest.

ETHICAL FRAMEWORK ASPECTS RELATED TO STEWARDSHIP ARRANGEMENTS

Public availability of the following items:

- **Terms of Reference** of the SUN Movement Coordinator, Executive Committee and Lead Group.
- Details on the **process of nominating members** of the SUN Movement Executive Committee and Lead Group.
- Details on the **appointment** of the SUN Movement Coordinator.
- **Biographies** of SUN Movement Coordinator, Executive Committee and Lead Group.
- **Minutes** from meetings of the SUN Movement Lead Group and Executive Committee.
- A signed SUN Movement **Code of Conduct** from the SUN Movement Coordinator and each member of the Executive Committee.

Each member of the SUN Movement Executive Committee also completes a **Declaration of Interest**. These are held by the Director of the SUN Movement Secretariat in a register of interests and is updated as needed, with yearly reviews.

ETHICAL FRAMEWORK ASPECTS RELATED TO THE SUN MOVEMENT SUPPORT SYSTEM

Public availability of the following items from the SUN Movement Secretariat and each SUN Network:

- Names and titles of **staff**.
- Means of **contact**.
- Details of **hosting**.
- Annual reports on **implementation and financials**.
- **Strategies and/or working documents**.

ETHICAL FRAMEWORK ASPECTS RELATED TO SUN COUNTRIES

The [SUN Movement Strategy and Roadmap \(2016-2020\)](#) includes the area of work titled, “*Enabling an environment for effective delivery of results, that is true to the SUN Movement’s principles and includes safeguards and means to prevent and manage conflicts of interest*”. SUN Governments are encouraged to develop country specific guidance on preventing and managing conflict of interest and this area of work aims to increase the capacity of individuals and institutions to do so.

In support of this work, a SUN Movement Conflict of Interest (CoI) group has been established to share knowledge, information, develop new ideas, and discuss challenges with a strong emphasis on country-level support. Progress in this area will be shared on the SUN Movement website within the [Share & Learn](#) pages.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN THE ETHICAL FRAMEWORK

Terms of Reference	Terms of reference detail the roles and responsibilities of the position, main outputs, required competencies and reporting lines.
Code of Conduct	The Code of Conduct reflects the particular needs of its signatories who commit to uphold the highest standards of integrity, transparency and accountability. Signatories commit to act according to the principles of the SUN Movement and to promote these principles.
Declaration of Interest	The declaration includes all interests which have the potential to compromise a members’ adherence to the SUN Movement Principles of Engagement and the Code of Conduct. Interests include sources of income, business interests, board memberships and relationships with other members of SUN’s stewardship arrangements.
SUN Countries	States who have committed to the Scaling Up Nutrition Movement with a high level letter of commitment to the SUN Movement Coordinator.

For more information, visit <http://scalingupnutrition.org/about-sun/stewardship-arrangements/>