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

**1. Mobilizing SUN Members: Lessons from Civil Society Network**

In an effort to develop ways to better respond to the needs of SUN Countries, the SUN Network Facilitators routinely discuss how best to engage their members, both in terms of financial and resource support, and in the form of greater alignment beyond country actions.

In line with those efforts, the SUN Civil Society Network (CSN) held the first of a series of calls to mobilise the international non-governmental organisations (INGOs). This demonstrated an increasing understanding of CSN member contributions and growing organizational buy-in and investments in supporting the SUN Movement. The areas of contribution include: i) technical assistance & capacity strengthening, ii) leveraging fundraising power, iii) hosting of Civil Society Alliances (CSAs) and iv) advocacy and implementers of nutrition projects in country.

Since the members of the SUN Networks are diverse, building momentum requires a huge investment in time to be able to understand what support is available and how to make best to maximise it.

**Feedback from those on the call**

There was general agreement among the Network Facilitators that membership engagement remains a challenge, especially as membership continues to grow in size and diversity. It is important to strike the right balance between providing support and guidance to members in country yet allowing for country-led creativity.

**2. SBN Pakistan: Business engagement Strategy and its Executive Committee**

On 18 March 2016, the SUN Business Network (SBN) Pakistan unveiled its business engagement strategy and announced the formation of its Executive Committee. Their Executive Committee is located under the SUN National Secretariat, which is part of the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform.

The announced engagement strategy envisions working around six thematic areas:

1. Fortification
2. Supplementation
3. Agriculture Livestock, Dairy and Fisheries
4. Dietary Diversity and Children's feeding practices

5. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
6. Cross cutting areas including telecommunication, financial services, trade and others

The meeting was attended by 33 SUN Business Network members and other business from across the country, as well as a number of representatives from national and provincial parliaments, policy makers, government officials from federal and provincial ministries, nutrition development partners, donors, Chambers of Commerce and other business associations. Contact Kristina Spiegel (kspiegel@gainhealth.org) for an event report.

An overview of the expected outcomes of the SBN Nigeria event “Nutrition for business growth” was also provided. The objective of the event was to launch the SBN Nigeria membership platform on 21 April 2016 in Lagos and explore the critical role of business in improving nutrition and boosting economic development in Nigeria. In addition, participants took time to better understand the dietary habits and food purchase drivers in Nigeria based on the latest extensive consumer insight research findings on what Nigerians eat, how much they spend and what drives purchasing habits across all levels of income.

### **3. Adoption of the Decade of Action on Nutrition**

On 1 April 2016, the UN General Assembly adopted the resolution “Decade of Action (DoA) on Nutrition”, proclaiming 10 years sustained action on nutrition from 2016 to 2025. The DoA invites government and relevant stakeholders to actively support the Decade through voluntary contribution where appropriate. World Health Organisation (WHO) and Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) are to lead the implementation of the DoA in close collaboration with sister agencies World Food Programme, UNICEF with contributions from others such as UN System Standing Committee on Nutrition and the Committee on World Food Security. The WHO and FAO are to develop a work plan based on the Rome Declaration and the Framework for Action adopted at the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) with a means for implementation. There will be a biannual reporting compiled by WHO and FAO that will serve as report for the UN General Assembly. The Decade is important in that it brings together commitments made at ICN2 and the nutrition commitments of the 2030 Agenda on the Sustainable Development Goals.

#### **Feedback from those on the call**

Guidance was requested on how best to support the DoA from both the global and country level to ensure synergies and complementarities between the DOA and the SUN Movement, including at related events.

### **4. UNSCN’s new Strategic Plan**

In April 2016, the United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN) launched their new Strategic Plan for the period 2016-2020. The Strategy will serve as an important framework for UNSCN activities by incorporating its vision, role, objectives and comparative advantages. To achieve the ambitious goals of the Agenda 2030, the coming few years will be decisive for a successful mobilization of energies and resources to engage and follow through in shaping and delivering robust work plans. In this regard, consistent with its mandate and continued interagency efforts, the UNSCN will contribute to the global nutrition agenda along the following lines:

- Strategic Objective 1: Maximise UN policy coherence and advocacy on nutrition
- Strategic Objective 2: Support consistent and accountable delivery by the UN System
- Strategic Objective 3: Explore new and emerging nutrition-related issues

- Strategic Objective 4: Promote knowledge sharing across the UN System

The UNSCN will support the coordination of the UN family and its contribution to the Decade of Action on Nutrition.

### **5. Committee on World Food Security: Open Ended Working group on nutrition**

The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) established an Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Nutrition after its 42nd session in October 2015. The OEWG's objective is to agree on a proposal on a CFS work stream on nutrition, which should result in a clear vision for CFS role on nutrition, with a work plan leading to concrete outcomes for 2017 and beyond.

The OEWG will reconvene for a third meeting on 29 April to discuss and approve the revised proposal prepared by the CFS Secretariat with inputs from the Technical Task Team on Nutrition on CFS Engagement for Advancing Nutrition. Once approved by the CFS Bureau, the results will be presented for adoption in the plenary of the CFS 43, to be held from 17-22 October 2016.

### **Feedback from those on the call**

Participants invited further information on ways in which they will be invited to share best practices from SUN Countries. A more in-depth discussion on how members of the SUN Movement can engage in the CFS was requested.

### **6. UN Network Strategy: Planning process and expected consultations**

The Strategy of the UN Network for SUN is being developed in tandem with the SUN Movement Strategy and Roadmap 2016-2020. The strategy is being drafted based on a series of consultations from various sources (i.e. series of interviews and consultations at country regional and headquarter level and the inputs from SUN Secretariat Capability working group), including having received guidance from the UN Network Steering Committee during the face to face meeting in March 2016 and through a series of consultations. Inputs were also received from regional gatherings: UN Network Asia and Pacific Meeting in Bangkok (June 2015) and the SUN Global Gathering in October 2015. The draft strategy is currently being shared with members of the Steering Committee. Current plans foresee the finalization of the strategy by mid-June 2016.

### **7. UN Network Guidance Package on Nutrition Inventory**

As set out in the UN Network Guidance Package on the Nutrition Inventory and UN Nutrition Strategy/Agenda, the UN Nutrition Inventory exercise provides a common and comprehensive framework for describing UN current nutrition actions and allows UN agencies in the same country to compare the focus of UN nutrition contributions to scaling up nutrition. The exercise facilitates the mapping of existing UN nutrition contributions against stated national government nutrition priorities and provides a strong evidence base upon which to develop UN priorities for nutrition. The undertaking of a UN Nutrition Inventory exercise is a critical step for developing a UN Nutrition Strategy in a country.

Following the completion of the UN Nutrition Inventory in Burkina Faso, the UN Network in-country has voiced interest in developing a UN Nutrition Strategy/Agenda, with a view to addressing some of the insights (e.g. gaps and opportunities) from the inventory and fostering further UN synergies in nutrition.

The UN Nutrition Inventory remains ongoing in Bangladesh, Haiti, Mali, Rwanda and Tanzania, while there is interest in initiating the inventory in Chad, DRC and Liberia.

The UN Network for SUN/REACH Secretariat is moving ahead to develop an online version of both the UN Nutrition Inventory tool and the UN Network Dashboard (the latter once the content is finalized) in an effort to make them more user-friendly and confer automated data analysis functions.

The link for the SUN Networks tools and resources, including the UN Network Guidance Package on the Nutrition Inventory and UN Nutrition Strategy/Agenda are available at <http://scalingupnutrition.org/the-sun-network/un-network/un-network-tools-and-resources>.

### **Feedback from those on the call**

Participants requested another call to walk through the online tool.

### **A.O.B.**

- Update on the SUN Donor Senior Officials' Technical Meeting: Participants requested feedback on the meeting that was held in Washington on 16 April. A detailed budget discussion did not take place but a summary report from the meeting will be shared soon.
- Update on key events planned for 2016 and contribution expected from the different Networks: A request was made to receive an update on key events planned for 2016 and the level of engagement/support expected from the different Networks.