

1. Background: SUN Movement annual Global Gatherings

The Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement has grown rapidly since it started in 2010. As of March 2014 there are 50 countries in the Movement: home to half the world's malnourished children. The governments of these countries are supported by thousands of organizations as they prioritize investments in people's nutrition.

Over the past four years, the SUN Movement Secretariat (SMS) has organized annual meetings of key participants from SUN countries, and the networks that support them. These have taken place at the same time as the high level meetings of the United Nations General Assembly in New York – in September each year. The first two annual meetings were designed to encourage high-level political attention to nutrition. Since 2012 they have also served as the moment each year when country focal points from across the SUN Movement meet to interact, share progress, learn from each other and to be inspired to achieve even more.

The 2013 SUN Movement Global Gathering was a memorable moment for the 250-plus participants. It was run as a workshop in the premises of the Asia Society in New York. It was successful in achieving its objectives.

2. Rationale: 2014 SUN Movement Global Gathering just before ICN2

There are a number of global and regional events planned for 2014 that are likely to make substantial contributions to improved nutrition. One of the most significant of these events is the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) which will be held in Rome from 19th to 21st November 2014 at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.

The ICN2, with the participation of Heads of State and Government, will focus on how to address major nutrition challenges over the coming decades. It is expected to result in an action-oriented outcome document that will identify public policy priorities at the national and global levels to address under-nutrition, micronutrient deficiencies and over-weight with a view to achieving the global nutrition targets agreed at the World Health Assembly by 2025. The ICN2 will set the context in which the SUN Movement will grow and evolve. The ICN2 provides an opportunity for actors in the SUN Movement to contribute to the determination of national and global public policy priorities for the coming decades. It is also an opportunity for participants at the ICN2 to learn more about the progress and approach to scaling up nutrition in countries and how their support can accelerate progress.

A number of SUN country government focal points are likely to be attending ICN2 with high-level leaders from their countries and will therefore already be present in Rome. During the lead up to the events, and through participation in both the ICN2 and Global Gathering, there will be opportunities to enhance interactions. For these reasons, the SUN Movement Secretariat proposed that the 2014 Global Gathering of the SUN Movement takes place in Rome in advance of the ICN2.

A SUN Movement Side Event organized in the margins of the ICN2 will contribute to identification of national and global public policy priorities for nutrition, and provide a forum for sharing experiences and approaches to scaling up nutrition.

This note outlines the concept for both the 2014 SUN Movement Global Gathering and an associated ICN2 Side Event.

3. Format for the 2014 SUN Movement Global Gathering

During 2014 the focus of the SUN Movement is on strengthening countries' capacity to deliver improved nutrition in a sustainable manner maximizing the resources of the four support networks. A face-to-face interaction will enhance appreciation of progress.

The purpose of the 2014 Global Gathering is to enhance the Movement's ability to support the achievement of results by SUN countries. The **objectives** of the 2014 Global Gathering are:

1. To reflect on progress for scaling up nutrition in countries
2. To consider progress and achievements in strengthening country capacity to deliver, and accelerate support in areas of identified need
3. To contribute to the outcomes of ICN2 through shared country experiences and approaches to scaling up nutrition

The 2014 SUN Movement Global Gathering will take place over two and a half days from **Sunday 16th November afternoon to Tuesday 18th November evening**. It will be convened at the **World Food Programme** offices in Rome.

Around **300 participants** are expected to attend the Global Gathering. The approximate breakdown will be: 150 participants from SUN Movement countries (3 persons per country); 80 participants will come from the SUN Movement networks (prioritizing people based in SUN countries or regionally); 40 participants will be from the Lead Group; and 30 special guests.

The meeting will be divided into several sections including plenary sessions, workshop style experience sharing sessions, an evening reception and a 'market-place' design feature to show-case country experience. The **provisional agenda** is outlined below:

November 16th 2014

Afternoon: Registration
Evening: Inauguration and Welcome Reception

November 17th 2014

Morning: Plenary: Progress of SUN Movement in 2013 to 2014, plus statements by members of the SUN Movement Lead Group, SUN Country Ministers and Focal Points
Afternoon: Experience-sharing sessions [in parallel]
Evening: Experience-sharing market-place and networking event

November 18th 2014

Morning: Experience-sharing sessions [in parallel]
Afternoon: Plenary: Priorities for the SUN Movement in 2014/15
Evening: Conclusion and closure

The costs of the event include (a) venue-related costs (interpretation, facilities and services) and (b) participant-related costs. These will be confirmed in June 2014. The SUN Movement Secretariat has budgeted for venue-related costs (estimated at around US\$ 150,000) and participant-related costs (of the order of US\$ 300,000) in its 2014 provisional budget. Contributions from donors to support the participation from SUN country participants will be welcomed.

4. Format of the proposed SUN Movement Side Event at ICN2

The purpose of the proposed SUN Movement Side Event at ICN2 is to present the key messages of the 2014 SUN Movement Global Gathering to ICN2 participants to support them as they develop the framework to effectively address the nutritional challenges of the coming decades. The **objectives** are:

1. To optimize the opportunity of the ICN2 process to guide and increase support for scaling up nutrition.
2. To contribute to the outcomes of ICN2 through shared country experiences and approaches to scaling up nutrition

The proposed SUN Movement Side Event will last 1.5 hours at an agreed slot between **Wednesday 19th November and Friday 21st November**. It will take place at the **Food and Agriculture Organisation** building in Rome.