

Summary Note

SUN Movement Executive Committee meeting

Rome, 29th November 2016

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Agenda Item One: Introduction and review of agenda:

The SUN Movement Coordinator introduced the 2016 Annual SUN Movement Progress Report which led to a discussion of a series of issues directly related to the opportunities and challenges facing the Movement in the year to come.

- The SUN Movement Coordinator is strongly encouraging all SUN country multi-stakeholder platforms to move towards implementation of multi-sectoral nutrition plans and the SUN Support System to focus on building capacity in countries to strengthen the absorption capacity necessary to deliver results.
- The convening power of the SUN Government focal points appear to be crucial to lead multi-sector and multi-stakeholder actions. The focal points who are based in Prime Minister's or President's Office often seem better placed to bring the required sectors together. However, this type of observation must be carefully balanced with an understanding of the unique local context and institutional arrangements of each SUN country. The SUN Movement Coordinator is paying specific attention to this issue of the convening power of SUN Government focal points and will take it forward in her dialogue with governments. The SUN Movement Coordinator is calling on each member of the Executive Committee to share with her any potential issue or feedback they receive during their country visits.
- The funding situation of the SUN Support System (made of the SUN Networks and SUN Movement Secretariat) is difficult and may limit its capacity to support the delivery of the SUN Movement Strategy and Roadmap 2016-2020. The lack of longer-term job security has played a significant role in the recent departure of several staff members of the SUN Movement Secretariat. The Executive Committee is encouraged to support the fundraising of the SUN Support System.
- The SUN Movement Strategy and Roadmap 2016—2020 calls for an adapted strategy for failed and fragile states. The Secretariat is prioritizing this piece of work with the support of a senior expert seconded from WFP until May/June 2017. A dedicated session of the Executive Committee will be organized in 2017 to focus on this piece of work.
- Members of the Executive Committee were encouraged to propose issues that warrant discussion for future meetings.

Agenda item 2 : FOR DISCUSSION AND ORIENTATION OF THE MOVEMENT: how to better support SUN countries to “effectively use and significantly increase financial resources for nutrition” (4th strategic objective of the SUN Movement Strategy 2016-2020)?

- **Nutrition for Growth (N4G) roadmap for 2017**

- The N4G stakeholder group is convened by DFID and includes representatives from the Gates Foundation, the Children’s Investment Fund Foundation, USAID, JICA, FAO, WHO, the Global Nutrition Report, the Jamie Oliver Foundation and the SUN Movement Secretariat.
- The draft N4G roadmap for 2017 aims to support the full delivery of the commitments made at the 2013 N4G event and to encourage further policy, action and finance commitments leading to results in countries.
- After a discussion on how best to engage with the events and opportunities set out in the draft roadmap, **the Executive Committee concluded that:**
 - **The SUN Movement has a significant contribution to make to the N4G roadmap. Acknowledging previous sensitivities of explicit involvement of the SUN Movement, the Executive Committee agreed that it was now appropriate and timely for the Movement to proactively and publicly demonstrate its support and involvement in the N4G stakeholder group.**
 - **The SUN Movement Secretariat will report back to the N4G stakeholder group on behalf of the Executive Committee with the following recommendations:**
 - **The series of events should not only focus on financial commitments by the G7 but also encourage policy and action commitments that can be made at the G20.**
 - **A dedicated moment focusing on private sector engagement could strengthen the overall approach in the N4G Roadmap for 2017.**
 - **A paramount event focusing on new financial commitments to be implemented in ways that reinforce capacities in countries is welcome.**
 - **The series of events of the N4G Roadmap for 2017 should be better articulated with clear strategic expected outcomes that are complementing each other.**
 - **Involved Executive Committee members will encourage coherence of the N4G Roadmap with engagements and events planned by other related initiatives (2030 Agenda, Every Woman, Every Child, etc.) and focus on progress in SUN countries.**

- **Funding situation of the SUN Movement Support System**

- Stock-take: The SUN Movement Support System, comprised of the four SUN Networks and the SUN Movement Secretariat, is facing important financial gaps for the period 2017-2020. This is limiting the capacity of the Support System to deliver the outcomes set out in the SUN Movement Strategy and Roadmap for 2016-2020. In particular, the short-term contracts of staff is contributing to an increase in staff turnover.
- The potential reformed SUN Multi-Partner Trust Fund doesn’t reach the minimum of USD 5 million to be activated to support engagement of multiple stakeholders in countries.

- Reviewing this overall financial situation one week ago, the Senior Officials of the SUN Donor Network stressed the importance of financially securing the SUN Movement Secretariat, prioritizing funding for the SUN Civil Society Network and to encourage further contribution from the UN agencies to the UN Network for SUN. They acknowledged that there is no consensus on ways to fund the SUN Business Network and asked the Secretariat to identify an option that would lead to the activation of a SUN pooled fund delivering small grants to local networks of stakeholders in countries with a commitment of USD 3 million per year.
- **The Executive Committee shares a sense of urgency on the need to prioritize funding of the SUN Movement Secretariat. While the Executive Committee appreciated the value of all the SUN Networks they stressed the urgency to secure the funding of the SUN Civil Society Network and encouraged the members of each of the Networks to take responsibility for the financing of their specific network and secretariat.**
- **The SUN Movement Secretariat is required to develop an alternative option to host and activate a SUN pooled fund supporting small grants for stakeholder engagement in countries.**
- **Given the challenges in securing adequate funding, the Executive Committee cautioned against the regionalization of each SUN Network due to the associated costs.**
- **The Executive Committee recommended that the Coordinator and SUN Movement Secretariat prioritize engagement with the new UN Secretary General early in 2017 to secure his support to the SUN Movement.**
- **Landscape of financing for nutrition investments**
 - Actions to bridge efforts of SUN Countries to cost and fund their national nutrition plans with opportunities to access external investments in complement to their domestic resources are urgently required. A plan defining concrete actions and precise roles and responsibilities is required to improve access of SUN Countries to predictable, timely and transparent sources of funding.
 - **A working group made of Shawn Baker, Felix Phiri, Meera Shekar, Gerda Verburg and Florence Lasbennes will prepare a framing document for the next meeting of the Executive Committee.**

Agenda item 3 – FOR UPDATES AND DECISION ON NEXT STEPS: Review of Action points of the SUN Movement Executive Committee

- Action point 1 - Global landscape on nutrition
 - Stock-Take: One pager briefly describing the global landscape on nutrition is included in Strategy. The UNSCN is about to release a discussion paper on “Global Nutrition Governance” describing further the global landscape. The Executive Committee expressed concerns that this crowded landscape might not cover all functions needed to support country led actions and results while creating a sense of confusion.
 - Follow-up: Shawn Baker and Florence Lasbennes to frame further discussion of the Executive Committee on this issue.
- Action point 2 – position paper on the implications of multiple forms of malnutrition for the SUN Movement

- **Follow-up: Francesco Branca to share the paper developed with Corina Hawkes on double duty actions**
- Action point 5 – strengthening the approach of the SUN Movement on conflict of interest
 - **Follow up: (1) Francesco Branca and Florence Lasbennes to organise a one hour session of the executive committee on Conflict of interest, looking at the experience of the Movement so far to roll out existing tools in SUN countries and the challenges and opportunities to encourage and accompany further SUN countries to prevent and manage conflicts of interests. (2) a dedicated session on prevention and management of conflict of interest in SUN countries will be organized at the Global Gathering 2017.**
- Action point 8 – options for the evaluation of the second phase of the SUN movement
 - **Follow up: Meera Shekar and Felix Phiri to propose options**
- Action point 9 – Executive Committee and Lead Group membership management and self-assessment of performance of Executive Committee
 - **Follow up: Shawn Baker to lead self-assessment of Executive Committee in 2017. Coordinator to follow up on Lead Group.**

Agenda Item 4 – Modus operandi of the SUN Movement Executive Committee

4a – Procedures for managing change of status of members of the Executive Committee

- **The draft Paper circulated by the Chair on 17/11/2016 is adopted and will be posted on the SUN Movement website.**

4b – Modalities to review activity plans of the Support System of the SUN Movement

- **Regarding the SUN Movement Secretariat: The new hosting arrangement by UNOPS and multi-year activity and financial framework of the SUN Movement Secretariat are endorsed by the Executive Committee. This hosting arrangement requires that UNOPS join the Executive Committee as ex officio member. This issue was debated by the Executive Committee and was approved. It was noted during the debate that the chair and vice-chair ensure that the representative act in an ex officio role. The Chair of the Lead Group will be informed of this decision.**
- **Regarding the engagement of the Executive Committee with the SUN Networks: The Executive Committee will meet with delegations of the four SUN Networks to conduct an annual review of progress of the SUN Support System guided by the SUN Movement principles of engagement and the SUN Movement Strategy and Roadmap 2016-2020. This annual review will ideally be organized to coincide with the annual SUN Movement Global Gathering. Invitations will be sent to the chair of the respective steering groups of each SUN Network.**

4c - Modalities to handle complaints against the SUN Movement

- The modus operandi agreed in February 2016 to handle of complaints and public critiques of the SUN Movement is as follows:
 - Thematic critiques shall be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee

- Criticism of Executive Committee members shall be brought to the attention of the Chair and Vice-Chair.
- The Chair, Vice-Chair and Coordinator will decide on a case-by-case basis the appropriate response to criticisms. If criticisms relate to individual members, that person will be consulted.
- **Regarding the recent letter criticizing the membership of the SUN Business Network sent to the Coordinator, the Executive Committee is recommending that the Coordinator engages in dialogue with all parties.**

4d – Rules regarding participation of observers in meetings of Executive Committee

- **To ensure transparency of deliberations vis-a-vis the SUN Networks while encouraging efficient and effective engagement with Network Facilitators, the Executive Committee decided:**
 - **The agenda of Executive Committee meeting will be shared with Network Facilitators in advance of meetings.**
 - **The Coordinator is expected to also reflect the view of the SUN Networks in respect to each agenda item.**
 - **The conclusions of the meetings will be shared with the Network facilitators by the Director of the Secretariat of the SUN Movement.**
 - **The Network Facilitators will be invited to participate on an ad-hoc basis justified by specific agenda items. They will be invited to take part in the annual review meeting of the Support System.**

Agenda Item 5: AOB

- **Dates of the 2017 meetings of the Executive Committee will be announced well in advance to enable members to organise their participation.**