

## SUN Movement Executive Committee Meeting

### Summary Note of Teleconference, 11 July 2017

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**SUN Movement Secretariat:** Florence Lasbennes

#### Summary of Decisions and Action Points:

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- FOR INFORMATION: SUN Movement Lead Group engagement plan
- FOR INFORMATION: Attached concept note of a side-event on “investing in the early years for a sustainable future” proposed by SUN Movement Secretariat together with the other partnerships who joined efforts in 2016 to show the power of country-led, people-centered and planet focused partnerships (date and time to be confirmed by the Office of the UN Secretary General in August 2017)
- FOR ACTION: only the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee are required to participate in the meeting of the Lead Group in New York on 18 September. Others who happen to be in New York and would like to attend the meeting should get in touch with Florence Lasbennes from the Secretariat.
- FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT: the Executive Committee will develop guidance on criteria to be considered when suggesting replacements of Lead Group members to the Chair of the Lead Group and the UN Secretary General for their decisions.
- FOR ACTION AT GLOBAL GATHERING:
  - o Executive Committee members are expected to participate in the full three days of the Global Gathering, and in additional specific meetings (see below). Because of the constraints of fitting in meetings, it is likely we will request that Executive Committee members extend their stay through Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> (to be determined as soon as possible), for wrap up meetings.
  - o The Executive Committee will have a meeting (1 hour) just before the Global Gathering (early on the first day) to review the agenda of the three days, and agree on who is covering what session. At least one member of the Executive Committee will attend each of the sessions and workshops so that the Executive Committee can synthesize what they have seen from the entire Global Gathering. The Secretariat will propose a reporting template. One meeting of the Executive Committee will be organized at the end of the Global Gathering (just after the closing or on Friday 10<sup>th</sup>) to synthesize views on the meeting and provide feedback to the Secretariat.
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### **Agenda Item One: Preparation of the 2017 Lead Group meeting to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in New York**

The Chair reminded all that, as per the Terms of Reference, the SUN Movement Executive Committee acts on behalf of the SUN Movement Lead Group to oversee the development and implementation of the Movement's strategy and its operating modalities. It is a key part of the SUN Movement's stewardship arrangements of the new phase of the SUN Movement (2016-2020) following the Independent Comprehensive Evaluation. After a presentation of the concept note of the Lead Group meeting by the Coordinator, the Chair invited comments on focus themes, expected outcomes and format of the meeting.

Participants in the call confirmed the **strong consensus on the three broad themes** proposed to structure the meeting, namely (1) prioritizing nutrition in conflict and crises settings, (2) increasing domestic and external finance for nutrition, (3) building trust and effective partnering for nutrition, focusing on collaboration with the private sector. They encouraged the Secretariat to develop **background papers** based on SUN Countries Joint-Assessments of progress and feedback on challenges.

Participants stressed the importance for the **key messages emerging from the Lead Group meeting, regarding their actions and strategic direction provided, to be clearly communicated** in a way that is actionable by all SUN Stakeholders,.

Specifically on the focus on **nutrition in crises contexts**, some participants stressed the importance to **broaden the scope** of crises situations considered to integrate a particular focus on the 65 million displaced and refugee peoples. It was also mentioned that the countries receiving an influx of refugees and those that are facing protracted crises should also be of focus. The Secretariat was encouraged to identify where nutrition messages could be highlighted during the UN General Assembly – through meetings and side-events also focused on the challenges faced by refugees and displaced people.

Participants also stressed the importance of **“connecting the dots”** between meetings. One way to do so will be to encourage Lead Group members to act as ambassadors on the importance of nutrition as a maker and marker of the Sustainable Development Agenda. Members can emphasize the importance of the multi-stakeholder and multi-sector approach emphasized by the SUN Movement, when they participate in key opportunities during the UN General Assembly. Lead Group members can also play a role in highlighting the relevance and complementarities of other global nutrition initiatives (such as the Nutrition for Growth event and the Decade of Action on Nutrition) during SUN specific meetings.

Regarding membership of the SUN Movement Lead Group, participants have been informed that the UN Secretary General will invite Mr. David Beasley, Executive Director of the World Food Program to succeed to Ms. Ertharin Cousin as member of the Lead Group. The Executive Committee will develop guidance on criteria to be considered when suggesting replacements of Lead Group members to the Chair of the Lead Group and the UN Secretary General for their decision.

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## **Agenda Item Two: Preparation of the 2017 SUN Movement Global Gathering to be held in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire on 7-9 November 2017**

Florence Lasbennes provided an overview of the agenda of the Global Gathering combining plenary and workshop sessions over three days.

Participants stressed the importance to gather a large diversity of participants and to highlight connections with other global nutrition meetings (especially the meeting of Nutrition for Growth that should take place on 4<sup>th</sup> November in Milan). Participants also discussed their role in the Global Gathering. The Chair summarized decisions as follows:

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### **Agenda Item Three: Update on financial situation of the SUN Movement Support System**

The Secretariat shared an update on their budget, presenting an updated budget for 2016-2020 reduced of about USD 10 million mostly due to the decision to maintain most of the staff of the Secretariat on International Individual Contractor Agreements provided by UNOPS. In term of finance mobilization, the European Union is preparing a new multi-year grant to the Secretariat that should be signed before the end of 2017.

The SUN Civil Society Network mobilized additional funds to cover the staff needs of their global secretariat in 2017. Their financial situation for 2018 onwards remain unstable.

For support to SUN Civil Society Alliances at country level, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is activating a new tranche of support (for about 12 Alliances) that will be channeled through the New Venture Fund. In parallel, three donors are committed to provide support through a pooled fund that the Secretariat is required to set up with UNOPS. This new pooled fund will first and foremost support SUN Civil Society Alliances in countries. The ambition is to set up the pooled fund to receive contributions in 2017, manage a call for proposals before the end of 2017 and disburse funds early in 2018. The Executive Committee will discuss funding challenges with the SUN Networks during their dedicated meetings at the Global Gathering.

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