

MEDIA ADVISORY

UN Assistant Secretary-General and Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement Coordinator Gerda Verburg hosts a Nutrition Hub during the 71st World Health Assembly

Geneva, 18 May 2018 – UN Assistant Secretary-General Gerda Verburg will host a “SUN Nutrition Hub” in Villa Le Bocage at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, to shed light on the importance of nutrition within the broader health and development agendas – in the margins of the seventy-first World Health Assembly.

During the week 21-25 May, the SUN Nutrition Hub will arrange a multitude of events in the main meeting room of the SUN Movement Secretariat offices, in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders within the nutrition space, including civil society, the UN system, the donor community and the private sector. Members of the SUN Movement Lead Group – comprising 27 heads of state and other changemakers – its Executive Committee, in addition to Ministers of Health, SUN Country Focal Points, SUN Networks and other leaders and nutrition champions will take part in the participative and interactive hub, which endeavours to provide a space for both dialogue and learning – for greater impact at the country level.

A press briefing with ASG Verburg will take place on Wednesday 23 May, from 10:00 to 11:00, in the ground floor meeting room at the Villa Le Bocage.

Other SUN Nutrition Hub events include:

Monday 21 May

- An about the SUN Movement and welcome to the SUN Nutrition Hub reception
Time: 12:30-14:00 | Venue: Ground floor meeting room at the Villa Le Bocage.

Tuesday 22 May

- A panel discussion on nutrition in fragile and conflict-affected states
Time: 12:30-14:00 | Venue: Ground floor meeting room at the Villa Le Bocage.
- A Facebook Live event linking gender equality and improved nutrition: What is not happening?
Time: 17:00-17:30 | Venue: Online only, but with access at <https://www.facebook.com/SUNMovement/>
- A panel discussion on breastfeeding and the politics of infant and young child feeding and screening of the documentary “Milk”
Time: 18:00-20:00 | Venue: Ground floor meeting room at the Villa Le Bocage.

Wednesday 23 May

- A high-level breakfast discussion on innovative financing for nutrition

Since 2010, the SUN Movement has inspired a new way of working collaboratively to end malnutrition, in all its forms. With the governments of 60 Countries and three Indian States in the lead, it unites people – from civil society, the United Nations, donors, businesses and academia – in a collective effort to improve nutrition.

Time: 07:30-09:00 / Venue: Ground floor meeting room at the Villa Le Bocage.

- A panel discussion on building effective partnerships to address the multiple forms of malnutrition

Time: 12:30-14:00 / Venue: Ground floor meeting room at the Villa Le Bocage.

- A panel discussion on nutrition for adolescent girls – reaching the furthest behind first

Time: 18:30-20:00 / Venue: Ground floor meeting room at the Villa Le Bocage.

Thursday 24 May

- A panel discussion on multi-stakeholder collaboration: how can we strengthen the enabling environment for business to take action in improving nutrition?

Time: 12:30-14:00 / Venue: Ground floor meeting room at the Villa Le Bocage.

- A panel discussion on increasing alignment and impact through collection action: Announcing the Food Systems Dialogues

Time: 18:30-20:00 / Venue: Ground floor meeting room at the Villa Le Bocage.

A full programme of events, including speakers, can be found at:

<http://scalingupnutrition.org/events-calendar/wha-nutrition-hub-2018/>

Representatives of the media (accredited to UNOG and/or the WHA) are cordially invited. Access will be given on a first come first serve basis.

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