

THE SUN Rises At 67th UN General Assembly

The SUN Movement marked a second year of progress with national leaders and supporters participating in a series of events held during the 67th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York from 25-28 September. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon highlighted the importance of nutrition and the critical work of the SUN Movement in his [opening address](#) to the General Assembly. In a side meeting on 25 September, the Secretary General met U.S. President Barack Obama to discuss urgent world matters and agreed on the importance of global challenges on food and nutrition, women’s and children’s health and education.

The SUN High-Level Event was held on 27 September. This 2nd annual event was hosted by the Secretary-General, together with Mr. Julian Fantino, Minister of International Cooperation, Canada and Dr. Anthony Lake, Chairman of the SUN Lead Group and Executive Director of UNICEF. The event marked the release of the [2012 SUN Progress Report](#) and highlighted the growing global commitment to scale up nutrition. The webcast of the meeting can be found at <http://webtv.un.org/watch/high-level-meeting-on-scaling-up-nutrition/1864981615001/>

The SUN Lead Group Meeting was held before the High-Level Event. Twenty of the 27 High Level leaders participated and approved the new [SUN Strategy 2012-2015](#), which is accompanied by the revised [2012 SUN Road Map](#). Discussion focused on governance and accountability, prioritization of effective actions and resource mobilization.

Two SUN Government Focal Point Meetings were held on 26 and 28 September. The first meeting focused on indicators of progress and nutrition outcomes, and agreed on a consistent system for tracking progress. The second meeting involved roundtable discussions in which Focal Points shared experiences, highlighted challenges and identified areas in which they required support from the SUN Networks.

“SUN is rallying governments, civil society, the private sector and international donors. It is breaking down barriers separating different disciplines, and galvanizing experts in agriculture, health, social protection and finance. It is making the case that good nutrition is not just about more healthy food -- though that is part of it. Nor is it just about ensuring good access to health care - - though that is part of it, too. Nor is it just about sound labour laws, nutrition-sensitive agri-businesses, or effective sanitation. SUN is demonstrating that good nutrition can best be achieved when all these elements are brought together in a cohesive strategy....In our world of plenty, no-one should be malnourished.”



-United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon
*Excerpt from address at the High-Level Meeting on SUN,
 27 September 2012*



SUN Government Focal Points, country leaders and SUN Network representatives gather for the Focal Point Meetings during UNGA.

The SUN Donor Network met on 26 September. The meeting brought together senior officials from bilateral and multilateral development partners to discuss how they can further align their efforts in order to achieve, track and measure results in SUN countries.

The SUN UN Network held two separate meetings on 27 and 28 September with SUN Focal Points to discuss obstacles for scale up at national level and to identify how the UN system and other international agencies can facilitate and support actions in SUN countries.

Supporters of the **SUN Civil Society Network** had a breakfast meeting on 28 September. At the event, co-hosted by Concern Worldwide and 1,000 Days, high level leaders and advocates discussed opportunities and challenges for enhancing the engagement and commitment of leading civil society organizations to collectively scale up nutrition on the basis of true accountability.

World Vision and Save the Children UK hosted a panel discussion on 27 September on undernutrition and child survival. The Nutrition Barometer was introduced, providing a snap-shot of national government commitments to addressing children's nutrition, against progress in 36 countries with high numbers of undernourished children.

Supporters of the **SUN Business Network** met on 25 September to discuss how the global community can create more confidence in partnerships through the development of stronger working relationships between governments, civil society and the private sector around practical actions.

Sight and Life with DSM held a reception to celebrate 100 years of vitamins on 26 September. Leaders from government, business, civil society, donor, UN and research sectors, gathered to recognize the essential role micronutrients play in battling malnutrition and advancing global health and sustainable economic development. View the Sight and Life [Facebook album](#) to see photos of the event.

NEW COMMITMENTS

Nepal declaration of commitment to nutrition

The National Planning Commission launched a five-year Multi-Sector Nutrition Plan (MSNP 2013-2017) to reduce malnutrition among mothers and children on 20 September. Prime Minister Bhattarai, who is a member of the SUN Lead Group, said efforts should focus on reducing malnutrition among adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women and children. A Declaration of Commitment to implement the MSNP was signed on 17 September by seven government ministries, development partners, UN agencies, civil society and private sector representatives.

Kenya bill to protect breastfeeding

A bill to provide for appropriate marketing and distribution of breast milk substitutes, safe and adequate nutrition for infants through the promotion of breastfeeding and proper use of breast milk substitutes was passed on 20 September. Member of Parliament Amos Kimunya said, *“We must ensure that we can be in a position to enforce what we introduce.”*

Madagascar launch of national SUN Movement

The Government of Madagascar officially launched the national SUN Movement on 12 September and presented its roadmap for implementation. *“The challenge is enormous for the ONN (Office for National Nutrition), which today supports the SUN Madagascar Movement,”* said Prime Minister Omer Beriziky. *“The ONN assumes the multisectoral coordination of nutrition interventions. It must be able to rely fully on all stakeholders in the nutrition sector. Today is the kickoff of a mobilization of all stakeholders in nutrition.”*

30 countries are now members of the SUN Movement

Kenya confirmed its intention to join the SUN Movement on 30 August. The Honourable Beth Mugo, Minister for Public Health and Sanitation noted that Kenya was addressing the challenges of malnutrition through adopting strategic policies and instigating multi-sectoral, legislative and constitutional measures. She further indicated that joining the SUN Movement and improving nutrition would yield returns for the Kenyan people through mortality reduction and by contributing to livelihoods and overall economic growth.

Burundi has been an active participant in the SUN Movement since July. The Government is placing children at the core of its national development to ensure that they benefit from the basic right to quality food. Burundi’s national strategic plan for nutrition is about to be finalized. It includes nine strategic axes, including reinforcement of political commitment, breastfeeding promotion, micronutrient supplementation and food fortification and the increased integration of nutrition interventions in primary health care. A national multi sectoral platform will be established shortly.

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