

## **Col Working Group**

- **Teleconference notes: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

### **Abbreviations**

- Col – Conflict of Interest
- CLI- Collective Leadership Institute
- SUN - Scaling up Nutrition
- SMS –SUN Movement Secretariat
- WG – Working Group

### **Participants:**

- Organiser: Breda Gavin-Smith, Consultant on Col for the SUN Movement
- Ilaria Schibba, UN Network
- Anne Peniston, USAID
- Elizabeth Bontrager, USAID;
- Katherine Hagen (GSO)
- Kasia Jagodzinska (Lecturer: Intercultural Conflict Management, Present Principles of Organizational Behavior, Webster University, Geneva, Switzerland)
- Hala Boukerdennah, WHO
- Lina Mahy, WHO
- Anne Louise Lie, Intern WHO
- Florence Lasbennes, SUN Movement Secretariat

**Apologies:** Cara Flowers, CSN, Sabrina Ionata – Consultant/WHO, Kristina Spiegel, SBN, Tania Goossens, UN Network.

#### **1. Introduction and agenda for the call.**

Breda welcomed participants and reviewed the agenda

#### **2. Update on Col related country support**

- WG Survey

Breda gave an overview on the Working Group Survey in support of identifying how to continually guide SUN Countries on Col and the role of the WG. As the current USAID/FANTA project runs from January-December 2016 opportune time to take stock and look forward to 2017/18.

A brainstorming session will take place in October with the senior management team of the SMS and Gerda with the aim of planning for Col work in the Movement and this will feed into

discussions at the capacity to deliver workshop organized by the SUN Secretariat in November. Information from the WG survey will also help to support these discussions in November and planning ahead for Col.

**Action:** Ilaria from UN Network informed the group that they will coordinate with UNSCN on how to link together on Col and will report back to the group on this.

Breda to collate the results of survey and send to all WG members.

- **Webinar on Col (supported by FANTA)**

Recalling one of the main objectives of the Col work in 2016 was increasing awareness of and disseminating work to date on Col, a webinar has been suggested as a useful approach to consider. The webinar is a way to present the work in a meaningful and engaging way and would aim to use practical case studies. Initial discussions taking place currently.

**Action:** Breda will keep participants updated on progress

- **Report on Nairobi Col Working Session**

Breda gave an overview of the Nairobi working session which was generally a success with positive feedback from participants and key actions agreed to move forward at a country level for the three countries that engaged; Malawi, Ghana and Zambia.

Hala from the WHO attended the working session in Nairobi and reported to the group that there was a lot of interest from countries attending the event. Countries looking for concrete examples of what is happening in countries. Douglas from CLI attended as co-facilitator and noted some reluctance from other actors to discuss the issue in an open manner and noted the comments on a lack of funding leading to lack of motivation. Also noted that examples from neighbor countries on Col were appreciated.

**Action:** Report of Nairobi workshop will be made available on the SUN website, currently with communications team.

**Additional Update : SUN Lead Group and SUN 2.0 Launch during UNGA- Florence Lasbennes**

It was the inaugural meeting of the new SUN lead group who met for the first time together to learn about the Movement and its priorities. Most participants contributed on the road map of The SUN Movement 2.0. The ExCom will take the ethical framework forward by completing all relevant documents part of the framework. The ethical framework and all forms associated with it will be available on the SUN Website in the coming weeks. Florence also updated participants on other nutrition related events in New York

### 3. SUN Networks progress update on Col

- **UN Network** – (Ilaria) UN Network for SUN strategy has an output on Col. As the strategy is being rolled-out we might expect requests of assistance on COI from UN Networks at the country level. How to respond to TA requests is part of a broader conversation within the SUN Movement around harmonizing TA responses and it is on the agenda of the Capacity to deliver workshop planned for November. Also mentioned that initial discussions had taken place within the UN Network/REACH Secretariat on supporting a pilot on Col in perhaps Burkina Faso or Niger. **Open to support the pilot in any other country but capacity is stronger in countries where REACH is present. Breda reported to the group that a call to discuss the idea occurred in April last year but did not move on from there. The UN Network is willing to consider supporting a pilot on COI if there is funding and if consensus is reached on the guidance developed so far, including a common understanding on the definition of COI**

**Action:** UN Network to review pilot idea and to come back to Breda with next potential steps.

- **Donor Network** – Elizabeth- no updates to report regarding work ongoing on Col. Breda suggested this may provide some momentum to begin to start the discussion at a donor level.

**Action:** Elizabeth agreed to follow up for the next call.

- **Civil Society** – Cara Flowers was unable to attend the call but sent update to Breda. Included details on a new membership process for the CSN and currently plans to tackle misallocations and misuse of funds. Cara also reported on the need for a governance process at the Movement wide level.

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**Action:** Governance process to be included on the agenda for the next call.

- **Business Network** - Kristina was unable to attend but will update on the next teleconference.

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**Action:** Kristina to report on progress on next call.

#### 4. AOB

- **WHO/SMS Webinar** is still in planning – waiting for Hala’s feedback to latest edits on concept note from Breda and the SMS. Hala reported that a new version will be circulated at the end of this week.

Hala also updated the WG on the WHO informal session in South African on CoI. It went well with experts from different backgrounds working on CoI – used it to update the WHO concept note and learned from participants that guidance on CoI in other sectors should also be applicable to nutrition. Participants expressed the need for case studies.

Hala requested further details on the CoI pilot idea that were mentioned by Ilaria at the UN Network. No further update but it will be followed up with the UN Network as part of their continued planning on supporting CoI work moving forward.

Hala also asked how the SUN Movement was planning to manage CoI in the Movement if it was identified through the newly introduced declaration of interest forms. Breda reported that this also relates to the point from Cara at the CSN regarding a governance process. There are clear processes in the Reference Note and toolkit, known as the decision tree, on this issue but not specifically looked at regarding the stewardship of the Movement.

**Action:** Breda to put on the agenda for next call and bring up as a point with the SMS.

A question on what was involved in the capacity to deliver workshop was asked and it was explained that the purpose of the workshop is to continue to improve the SUN Movement support system, agreeing on measures that will improve its performance, and ensuring SUN countries have an equal opportunity to benefit from the services available. Ilaria highlighted that the November workshop is not on CoI but how the Movement will provide support to countries more broadly on all commitments made in the Roadmap.

**Action:** Breda to circulate key actions for the next CoI Working Group Teleconference with notes from this call.

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Next call will be Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of November at 2.30pm Geneva time.

## 5. Key Deliverables for the Col Working Group - June Teleconference

Role of the Col Working Group	Key deliverables Col Working Group	Update July/September 2016	Follow up
<p>Working group members to identify opportunities for inclusion of SUN Col work to date at relevant country, regional and international meetings, trainings and/or events.</p> <p>Relevant ongoing Col work outside of the SUN Movement is identified and shared with the wider working group.</p>	<p>-SUN Col work to date included on the agenda of at least 3 regional and 3 country events.</p> <p>-A minimum of 2 news events on Col relevant to SUN Countries posted on SMS News Digest.</p>	<p>- FANTA/USAID/SUN Col Working Session report completed and circulated.</p> <p>The UN Network retreat has a proposal to include Col on the agenda to begin to support the dialogue at a country level.</p> <p>Col Working Session News piece.</p>	<p>Report widely circulated.</p> <p>No update</p> <p>Breda developed a news piece for SMS for September to accompany Col working session report on SUN Website.</p>
<p>Working Group Members support the SUN Movement in identifying relevant organizations and resources with expertise/experience on Col to support SUN Countries.</p>	<p>-Each working group member to identify at least 2 organizations/initiatives/resources on Col and share with wider group.</p>	<p><b>The Institute of Peace and Dialogue</b> – interesting program with some synergies with Col work.</p> <p><b>Integrity International</b> – NGO working with policy makers, government and business to make integrity work in difficult situations. <a href="http://integrityaction.org/">http://integrityaction.org/</a></p> <p><b>Collective Leadership Institute</b> – work on training and leadership development particularly with regards MSPs. MAP project beginning to look at Col. <a href="http://www.collectiveleadership.de/apex/cli/home/">http://www.collectiveleadership.de/apex/cli/home/</a></p>	<p>Kasia Jagodzinska to follow up with contacts at the institute particularly with regards Col module.</p> <p>Working with CSN colleagues.</p> <p>Co-facilitated at Col working session in Nairobi. Follow-up on support to develop a proposal for meeting the capacity gap on Col.</p>

