

SUN Movement Executive Committee Call

29 July 2021, 15:30-16:30 CEST, Zoom

Summary note

Participation

Participants: Meera Shekar (Chair), Tumaini Mikindo (Vice-Chair), Nancy Aburto, Rob Bertram, Azucena Dayanghirang, Connell Foley, Cecilia Gamboa, Abdoulaye Ka, Asma Lateef, Gladys Mugambi, Kiran Rupakhetee, Fokko Wientjes, Shawn Baker (ex-officio), Gerda Verburg (ex-officio), Anna Horner (on behalf of Allison Oman)

Apologies: Marjeta Jager, Lawrence Haddad, Allison Oman, Felix Phiri, Moin Karim (ex-officio),

Observers: Stineke Oenema (UN Nutrition), Emily Heneghan (SBN), Rory Moylan (CSN), Capucine Musard (SDN), Marie Durling (WFP), Helena Guarin (EC), Teresa Fasig (EC), Mike Reddaway (FCDO), Wahab Moez (UNOPS), SMS Strategic Management Team and SMS Country Liaison Team (CLT)

Agenda

- 1) Opening and welcome (Meera/Tumaini)
- 2) Nutrition Year of Action (N4G and UN FSS), SUN Movement Coordinator
- 3) SUN Movement 3.0 Strategy Updates
- 4) AOB and closing of the meeting

Decisions and follow up

- The ExCom welcomed Paula Chalinder as replacement of Jo Moir as member of the Executive Committee for the interim period until the end of September 2021
- The Ops group will organize a consultation on the ExCom renewal process

Summary note

1) Opening and welcome

The chair opened the meeting and welcomed all participants. Paula Chalinder was proposed to step in for Jo Moir who had to leave the ExCom due to a new position in FCDO. There was no objection among the ExCom members for Paula Chalinder to join the ExCom for the interim period until the end of September 2021.

2) Nutrition Year of Action (N4G and UN FSS)

UN Food Systems Summit

The SUN Movement Coordinator provided an update on the Nutrition Year of Action, based on her impressions of the UN Food Systems Pre-Summit. The event, which took place in Rome from 26-28 July 2021, had strong multi-sectoral and multistakeholder participation. It was emphasized that all countries should design their own way forward. Connections will have to be made with N4G and the SUN Movement Secretariat (SMS) is supporting countries to do so. There will be one coalition on “Nutrition and Zero Hunger”.

In the discussion other ExCom members raised questions about accountability mechanisms (such as the Global Nutrition Report for N4G), the role and participation of indigenous people, and the participation of the private sector. It was flagged that SUN could consider joining one of the new global coalitions emerging from the UN FSS to add a nutrition perspective. The ExCom raised the need for strong positioning of nutrition and the size and composition of the new coalitions. Lack of clarity on resources for the coalitions are a concern.

Representatives from SUN countries raised that they have had very positive experiences based on their national and regional food system dialogues where concrete proposals have been made for their pathways for transformation. The preparations for the UN Food Systems Summit have provided opportunities for cross-learning and new insights on how food systems and nutrition can be integrated. The food system dialogues have also provided an opportunity to discuss nutrition policy and multi-stakeholder strategic plans to address the triple burden of malnutrition. In Kenya an MP caucus was formed and is ready to champion nutrition.

Nutrition for Growth

The N4G will take place 7 and 8 December 2021 and the N4G advisory group is now meeting monthly. A virtual secretariat is meeting every two weeks. ExCom members are requested to share information about commitments being made by every stakeholder group and countries. GNR is helping with the accountability and registration. Work is being done to reinvigorate the working groups. A call for side events is coming which can start around December.

Countries flagged that UNFSS can help Member States to take a stand on nutrition but asked for help on the development of commitments particularly as financial commitments have become more challenging due to COVID. In Francophone Africa, Action Contre la Faim (ACF) and the SMS supported the organisation of a two-day workshop on N4G emphasizing the importance of considering the context. Countries requested to be informed early in the process as the development of strategic commitments take time. The GNR commitment guide, to support countries making smart nutrition commitments, will be shared as soon as it is available.

3) SUN Movement 3.0 Strategy Updates

The Ops Group presented their ongoing work and their way forward ([Presentation](#)).

The ExCom asked which and how many Lead Group members would be engaged and asked about the ExCom nomination process, and the double hatting approach. It is proposed that Ops Group Chairs act as non-voting members of a temporary ExCom Transition Committee (ETC). Only the ETC Lead Group members will decide on the final proposal of the new Executive Committee that will be presented to the full Lead Group as per the new ExCom Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure. The Terms of Reference for the ETC will be shared with the Lead Group Chair for her approval.

The Ops Group will share the guidance document and the proposed Terms of Reference of the ETC for consultation with the Executive Committee and will hold a consultation meeting for those who

would like to discuss before a final decision by ED Fore. The Ops Group stressed the urgent need to advance this work to give the actors across the Movement adequate time to apply for the positions as the new Executive Committee must be in place by 30 September 2021. The ExCom chair asked for an additional meeting to discuss the way forward.

4) AOB and closing of the meeting

The Chair thanked all participants and closed the meeting.