



# The 2017 SUN Movement Global Gathering



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Côte d'Ivoire



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## CONCEPT NOTE

# SUN MOVEMENT GLOBAL GATHERING

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In 2017 – for the first time – the SUN Movement Global Gathering will take place in a SUN Country – Côte d'Ivoire. Abidjan will welcome members of the SUN Movement and host proceedings to share their inspirational progress and encourage global collaboration in the fight against malnutrition.

The SUN Global Gathering brings together all SUN Government Focal Points and representatives of their partners from civil society, donors, United Nations agencies, private sector partners, academia, media, parliamentarians and others. It is the flagship event of the SUN Movement and an important moment where members take stock of progress and challenges, share their innovations and learn what is helping to reduce malnutrition across all SUN Countries. It is a moment for every actor to be energised and encouraged through sharing, learning and finding ways to take their fight against malnutrition to the next level.

During the first phase of the SUN Movement (2012-2015), the SUN Movement Global Gatherings were held in New York on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly; in Rome in the lead up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) and in Milan, in the margins of EXPO 2015. 2016 was a transitional year for the SUN Movement with the finalisation of the [Strategy and Roadmap for 2016-2020](#) and the renewal of the Movement's stewardship bodies with the appointment of a new [SUN Movement Coordinator](#) and a new [Lead Group](#).

The 2017 SUN Movement Global Gathering (SUNGG) will take place from 7-9 November at the Sofitel in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

The SUNGG is a key moment for mutual accountability within the Movement and a unique opportunity where the nutrition community can reflect on joint efforts to accelerate implementation and scale up results in countries.

## Objectives

The objectives of the 2017 SUN Movement Global Gathering reflect the spirit and ambitions of the second phase of the SUN Movement, as set out in the SUN Movement Strategy and Roadmap for 2016-2020. The primary goals of this year's gathering are to:

1. Celebrate SUN Countries' progress in advancing implementation of national nutrition plans, better understand challenges and collectively identify solutions;
2. Create a space where SUN Countries and the SUN Movement support system can interact and get to know each other better in order to sharpen skills, deepen understanding of key issues and agree on priority actions to ensure we are on track to deliver results;
3. Showcase the wealth of experience, knowledge and resources that each SUN country has to offer, whilst strengthening our networks to best capitalise on these assets.

## Format

As in previous years, the meeting will be divided into several sections including plenary sessions, workshops, Network sessions and a marketplace designed to showcase country experiences in scaling up nutrition. This year, we are also planning plenty of space (and support) where participants will have the opportunity to share their unique experiences and perspectives.

## Participation

Over 700 participants are expected to attend the SUNGG in 2017 by personal invitation from Gerda Verburg, Coordinator of the SUN Movement. The majority of participants will be SUN Government Focal Points and members of their multi-stakeholder platforms. The remaining participants will come from SUN Movement Networks (prioritising people based in SUN countries and regional representatives), experts who are supporting SUN Countries and the SUN Lead Group, Executive Committee and Secretariat.

## Marketplace

After the success of the SUNGG Marketplace in 2014 and 2015, all 59 SUN Countries, 3 Indian States and 4 SUN Networks will have the opportunity to showcase their progress and achievements at the 2017 Marketplace. SUN Networks and partners are encouraged to participate in the Marketplace via country stands by working in collaboration with SUN Government Focal Points prior to the SUNGG. This will help participants learn about how network and partner efforts are aligning behind country-led plans.

In addition to the inauguration of the marketplace, several extended coffee and lunch sessions will be included in the agenda so participants can freely visit and explore this marketplace. Having a representative present at each booth during these times will help other participants learn more about each country's scaling up nutrition journey.

Further details, documentation and registration will be provided to participants in due course and on the SUN Movement website [www.scalingupnutrition.org](http://www.scalingupnutrition.org).