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BACKGROUND TO THE 2017 SUN MOVEMENT GLOBAL GATHERING

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, during the 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.

In 2017 – for the first time – the SUN Movement Global Gathering will take place in a SUN Country – Côte d'Ivoire. From 7-9 November, 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.

OBJECTIVES OF THE 2017 SUN MOVEMENT GLOBAL GATHERING

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 the 2017 Global Gathering are to:

- Celebrate SUN Countries' progress in advancing implementation of national nutrition plans, better understand challenges and collectively identify solutions;
- 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;
- 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.



PLENARY SESSIONS

Plenary sessions will be open to all attendees and feature interactive discussions amongst high-level representatives and Global Gathering participants on topics that are critical to the Movement's progress: the multiple burdens of malnutrition, nutrition in fragile and crisis contexts, the key findings of the 2017 SUN Movement Progress Report, investing in the implementation of nutrition actions and the added-value of the SUN Movement Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) System. A final plenary will bring all participants together to reflect on the key lessons and take-aways from the three-day event and outline priorities for moving ahead. Simultaneous interpretation into French, Spanish and English will be available in each plenary session.

PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

Parallel workshops will deepen the discussions about how best to support current country needs and pro-actively identify practical ways to support country progress. There are three workshop streams throughout the three-day programme of the Global Gathering. Each workshop provides an opportunity for participants from SUN Countries and the Movement's support system to share and learn from one another to scale up nutrition. The themes of the workshops have been chosen to reflect on the major workstreams set out in the SUN Movement Strategy and Roadmap for 2016-2020. Each of the workshops will differ in format but all will highlight specific aspects of the experience of SUN countries. Simultaneous interpretation into French, Spanish and English will be available throughout the parallel workshops, with the exception of table discussions.

MARKETPLACE

All SUN Countries and SUN Networks have been invited to bring materials for sharing and learning about each other's efforts to scale up nutrition. The Marketplace Inauguration will take place on in the morning of 7 November and time to visit the Marketplace is scheduled during lunches and coffee breaks throughout SUNGG17.

AGENDA

Monday 6 November 2017

14:00 - 18:00 Registration and marketplace setup

Tuesday 7 November 2017

8:45 Arrival at Sofitel

- 9:00 12:00 Opening Ceremony & Plenary 1: Setting the Scene: Improved nutrition in all its forms – the engine of Sustainable Development
- 12:00 14:00 Market Place Inauguration & Lunch
- 14:00 15:30 Parallel Workshops see table below
- 15:30 16:30 Coffee & Marketplace exploration
- 16:30 18:00 Plenary 2: What can we learn from SUN Countries who are adapting their national nutrition planning processes to respond to fragile and crisis contexts?

NOVEMBER 7 (DAY 1) PARALLEL WORKSHOPS 14:00 - 15:30

Workshop 1	What are the criteria and characteristics of "good" national nutrition plans? From theory to practice		
Workshop 2	How can SUN Countries integrate early childhood development approaches into nutrition policies, programmes and interventions?		
Workshop 3	How can the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition help to harmonise our efforts in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals?		
Workshop 4	Translating policy into investment and implementation for improved nutrition: what are SUN Countries main lessons from parliamentary engagement?		
Workshop 5	Sharing knowledge, methods, and experiences on implementation: How can SUN Countries better implement priority actions?		
Workshop 6	How can small and medium enterprises be supported to help improve nutrition outcomes?		

Wednesday 8 November 2017

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- 9:00 10:00 Plenary 3: 2017 SUN Movement Progress Report launch
- 10:00 11:00 Coffee & Marketplace exploration
- 11:00 12:30 Parallel Workshops see table below
- 12:30 14:30 Lunch & Marketplace exploration
- 14:30 15:30 Plenary 4: What can be gained by investing in the implementation of nutrition actions?
- 15:30 16:30 Coffee & Marketplace exploration
- 16:00 17:00 SUN Government Focal Points Session
- 17:00 18:00 SUN Government Stakeholder Capacity-Building Sessions
- 16:30 18:00 SUN Network and Support System Sessions
- 18:00 19:00 Coffee and Marketplace exploration
- 19:00 20:00 Plenary 5: 2017 SUN Movement Nutrition Champion Awards Ceremony
- 20:00- 21:00 Reception at Sofitel Hotel Ivoire

NOVEMBER 8 (DAY 2) WORKSHOPS 11:00 – 12:30

Workshop 1	How can food systems be transformed for improved nutrition and sustainability?
Workshop 2 How can nutrition champions help to boost the salience of nutrition?	
Workshop 3	How can SUN Countries achieve results and impact through the alignment of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene policies with policies and plans for good nutrition?
Workshop 4	How can nutrition modelling tools be used most effectively to inform nutrition advocacy, programming and costing?
Workshop 5	What does scaling up nutrition look like in practice? Sharing Stories of Change and Improvement in Nutrition
Workshop 6	How can different stakeholders in nutrition develop impact and trust by working together?

Thursday 9 November 2017

- 9:00 10:00 Plenary 6: MEAL in practice: How can our Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning system shape the SUN Movement?
- 10:00 11:00 Coffee & Marketplace exploration
- 11:00 12:30 Parallel Workshops see table below
- 12:30 14:30 Lunch & Marketplace exploration
- 14:30 16:00 Global Gathering Wrap Up: Concluding Messages and Closing Ceremony

NOVEMBER 9 (DAY 3) WORKSHOPS 11:00 – 12:30

Workshop 1	How can the financial tracking process for nutrition a optimised to get best nutrition value for money?	
Workshop 2	What are the roles of traditional and social media in breaking nutrition out of its echo chamber?	
Workshop 3	Ensuring nutrition results for women and girls: what does it take to move from lip service to action?	
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Day 1 - Tuesday 7 November 2017

OPENING CEREMONY AND PLENARY 1:

Setting the scene: Improved nutrition in all its forms - the engine for Sustainable Development

Tuesday 7 November, 9:00 - 12:00

The opening ceremony of the 2017 SUN Global Gathering will be chaired by the Vice-President of Côte d'Ivoire, along with high level guests and SUN Movement Lead Group members to officiate the 3-day forum. It will welcome participants from 60 SUN member countries, 3 Indian States, together with participants from the SUN Support System and the diplomatic community of Abidjan.

Following the opening ceremony, a 2-hour introductory session will examine the importance of adequate nutrition for achieving all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and reveal the global nutrition situation, through the launch of the 2017 Global Nutrition Report. Through innovative presentations and high-level panel discussions, the ceremony will set the tone for interactive sessions to follow which are all focused on HOW countries are achieving sustainable impact and results. It will also include an interactive discussion on the stakeholder action required to address the multiple burdens of malnutrition.

Participants will be called on to consider how they will use the opportunity of the SUN Global Gathering to set the direction of the SUN Movement for the coming year and beyond.

Parallel Workshops - Day 1

Tuesday 7 November, 14:00 - 15:30

1. What are the criteria and characteristics of "good" national nutrition plans? From theory to practice

In the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, many countries are updating their action plans for nutrition building on strong linkages with sectoral policies and plans and on engagement with multiple stakeholders. In 2016, a number of partners came together to develop a <u>checklist</u> on the criteria and characteristics of "good" plans. Based on this, one country will present how their national plan responds to the main criteria and explain what it takes to get there while highlighting the added value of the checklist.

The majority of the session will be devoted to an interactive game. Country teams will identify a maximum of two criteria of the checklist where they would most like to make progress and would appreciate constructive feedback. Teams will develop a strategy to deliver on these criteria and will adjust it based on the inputs from other teams. This breakout session entails teamwork, pitching ideas and getting inputs.

2. How can SUN Countries integrate early childhood development approaches into nutrition policies, programmes and interventions?

The latest evidence estimates that about 250 million children under 5 years of age, particularly in developing countries, will not achieve their optimal development due to lack of good health, good nutrition and adequate care. In recent years, research on neuroscience has reinforced the evidence of the intrinsic link between adequate nutrition, a loving and protective family environment and brain development during the first 1000 days of life and beyond. Recognising this, early childhood development (ECD) has been integrated as an important element to the overall 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with direct linkages to Goals 2, 4 and 16.

This workshop offers an opportunity to showcase and promote a multisectoral approach to nutrition that integrates care for young children and parental support. Specifically, this session will aim to highlight countries' experiences in integrating ECD into nutrition policies, programs and interventions. Participants will take stock of the evidence on approaches and programs incorporating early childhood stimulation and parental support; discuss the programmatic implications of innovative research as well as examine challenges including cost estimation, definition and monitoring of early childhood development indicators and mobilisation of human and financial resources. Finally, the participants will explore opportunities to use existing platforms, including health and nutrition, to increase investment and capacity building for the integration of nutrition with early childhood development.

3. How can the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition help to harmonise our efforts in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals?

The UN Decade of Action on Nutrition (hereafter Nutrition Decade), proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in April 2016, provides a timebound cohesive framework for action based on the outcomes of the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2). This enables all actors to better work together, mobilise action and accelerate efforts towards the elimination of hunger, food insecurity and all forms of malnutrition. The Nutrition Decade has to play a role in connecting and aligning all nutrition efforts within the shared framework of the ICN2, the 2030 Agenda for Change and its Sustainable Development Goals, and the global nutrition targets agreed at the World Health Assembly, as well as in ensuring progress is tracked and results are reported to the United Nations General Assembly.

This session will seek to clarify the added value of the Decade of Action on Nutrition in helping to bring coherence to nutrition actions at the country level.

4. Translating policy into investment and implementation for improved nutrition: what are SUN Countries main lessons from parliamentary engagement?

Parliamentary engagement in the SUN Movement is booming. 36 SUN Countries are working with Members of Parliament (MP's) to advance their national nutrition agenda – through policy, law-making, resource advocacy and constituency mobilisation. This session will showcase country examples where parliamentarians have had nutrition impact (in influencing political manifestos, policy, legislation and budget increases) and inspire country delegations to employ similar tactics in their own countries. It will also seek to provide delegations with the practical tools to identify potential parliamentary champions, identifying clear roles for parliamentarian champions within national advocacy strategies and how to work with parliamentarians.

Through a mixture of good practice examples, moderated discussion and a deep dive into regional and global parliamentary platforms, stakeholders and MPs present will determine key opportunities for 2018, and define the working modalities for a SUN Community of Parliamentarians to ensure national parliamentarians can share experiences and champion nutrition.

5. Sharing knowledge, methods, and experiences on implementation: How can SUN Countries better implement priority actions?

This session will explore the knowledge and resources available to SUN countries on how to better implement their priority nutrition actions in real-world settings, as compiled by the Knowledge for Implementation and Impact Initiative (KI3). Presenters will provide an overview of implementation knowledge and share the initial results of KI3's systematic mapping of organisations and initiatives that currently provide implementation resources including tools, frameworks, guidelines, and lessons learned. Countries with active implementation research platforms will also share their experiences.

The majority of the session will be devoted to collecting input from and networking among SUN countries that need implementation support and initiatives that are ready to respond to their diverse needs and requests for knowledge assistance. The aim of the session is to identify a future modality, whether a global consortium or hub, that can best help share knowledge, methods, and experiences on implementation of nutrition actions.

6. How can small and medium enterprises be supported to help improve nutrition outcomes?

The vast majority of nutritionally vulnerable individuals procure their food in the open market, much of which is provided by small and medium enterprises (SMEs). SMEs account for >90% of private businesses in low and middle-income countries and for the majority of food companies. With up to 80% of food consumed being purchased in the open market, SMEs contribute a significant amount to the total of food consumed in SUN countries. SMEs can be leveraged at the national level to deliver innovation around nutrition, raise consumer awareness of nutrition and also create demand for nutritious foods in a responsible manner. However, the potential impact of many SMEs to address malnutrition is often limited by underdeveloped business models and low technical abilities as well as a lack of access to finance, which limits business growth and therefore market penetration and nutrition impact. As a result, many SMEs are unable to fulfil their full potential in playing a role in addressing malnutrition.

This session will focus on ways in which SMEs can reach more consumers with nutritious products and provide examples of what SMEs are already doing. It will also explore ways in which SUN stakeholders and partners can better support them to scale up and deliver greater nutrition impact and present the case and opportunities for investment in SMEs to scale up nutrition.

PLENARY 2 -

What can be learnt from SUN Countries who are adapting their national nutrition planning processes to respond to fragile and crisis contexts?

Tuesday 7 November, 16:30 – 18:00

In pursuit of the objectives of the SUN Movement Strategy and Roadmap (2016-2020) and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, SUN Movement partners are using examples from SUN Countries to identify key long-term recommendations to bridge the developmenthumanitarian divide in scaling up nutrition.

This session will provide the perspective of nutrition in fragile and conflict contexts. Participants will reflect on the existing models of humanitarian and development approaches, review the challenges faced in the context of crisis and humanitarian response and consider what is needed to move forward.

Day 2 - Wednesday 8 November 2017

PLENARY 3 -

2017 SUN Movement Progress Report Launch

Wednesday 8 November, 9:00 - 10:00

The 2017 Global Gathering offers the perfect opportunity to celebrate the successes seen and progress made in 2016-2017, across the 60 Countries and three Indian States that drive the Movement.

This plenary session will look to highlight the progress made – through the voices of countries, states, networks and nutrition champions, and what lays in store for the upcoming year to end malnutrition in all its forms, for all women, men and their families in every part of the world.

Parallel Workshops - Day 2

Wednesday 8 November, 11:00 - 12:30

1. How can food systems be transformed for improved nutrition and sustainability?

In the context of the Sustainable Development Goals, the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition and the Malabo Declaration, governments and development partners are increasing their commitment to make agriculture and food system policies and programmes "nutritionsensitive". A prominent challenge for transforming this commitment into action is the limited focus, capacity and resources to design, implement and monitor nutrition-sensitive food and agriculture policies and programmes.

Through the sharing of country-level experiences, participants will consider how nutrition-sensitive food systems can promote and support healthy diets, while – at the same time – addressing the challenges associated with the multiple burdens of malnutrition. Particular attention will be given to the tools, entry points and policy levers within the food system that can help ensure inclusive policies and programmes deliver sustainable, nutrition-sensitive food production that supports diets which are balanced, diverse, safe, accessible, nutritious and desirable.

2. How can nutrition champions help to boost the salience of nutrition?

Nutrition champions are integral to building and sustaining political commitment for nutrition. In 26 SUN Countries, high profile individuals are doing their utmost to make nutrition matter for everyone, everywhere.

This session will examine practically, how to identify, engage, support and sustain the efforts of nutrition champions. It will illuminate the efforts of 'unsung heroes', showcasing the efforts of individual working level champions from government, civil society, private sector, academia, media and how they have moved the nutrition agenda forward in their country. It will also highlight the contributions of high level political and social champions for nutrition and focus on how they came to be a champion, their engagement over time and tactics for recruiting such influential leaders. Finally, the session will draw on country experiences of how to incentivise nutrition commitment and leadership. It will also explore how nutrition champions can be better networked in the SUN Movement.

3. How can SUN Countries achieve results and impact through the alignment of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene policies with policies and plans for good nutrition?

Multi-sectoral action is fundamental to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Both Nutrition and WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) have a role to play in the achievement of all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). And in particular, SDG2, to end malnutrition, will not be achieved without inter-connected action to achieve SDG 6 (universal access to WASH).

In response to this, SUN Countries are increasing their collaboration across government ministries and with non-governmental partners in the development and alignment of WASH and nutrition policies and plans. Like SUN, Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) is a global multistakeholder partnership. It encourages the achievement of sanitation, water and hygiene for all people. SUN and SWA Focal Points, along with in-country partners, are key actors in the partnership as they ensure a continued country-led focus when understanding the successes and challenges of linking WASH and Nutrition actions at country and community levels.

This session will encourage nutrition actors to take a lead role in engaging colleagues working in the WASH sector to integrate nutrition actions within their policies and plans, emphasising that there is a strong investment case for combining WASH and nutrition actions. Members of the nutrition community will hear from WASH actors (and the other way around) on how to better engage, and how to include WASH impact into both the nutrition discourse and implementation.

4. How can nutrition modelling tools be used most effectively to inform nutrition advocacy, programming and costing?

A range of innovative modelling tools exist to help in setting nutrition goals and targets, establishing dietary recommendations, programming micronutrient interventions, planning effective policy and advocacy strategies as well as costing nutrition programs. This session will provide participants with an overview of the main nutrition modelling tools available, the functionality associated with each tool, and how to select a particular tool for a specific need. They will also have the opportunity to discuss their own country situation and to identify the best uses they can make of those technical resources.

Most of the session will be devoted to collecting input from SUN countries that wish to obtain support or that are ready to discuss the role that modelling tools can play in setting their diverse priorities; and to network with other countries that have used those tools. The session will also seek to identify a future modality, whether a global consortium or hub, that can help share knowledge, methods, and experiences on modelling tools.

5. What does scaling up nutrition look like in practice? Sharing Stories of Change and Improvement in Nutrition

Many member countries of the SUN Movement are making significant strides in reducing undernutrition, though there is a need to look closely at what is supporting such improvements and mobilise that information for other countries to learn from these experiences. Launched in 2016, Nourishing Millions, spearheaded by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), has been a formidable effort to lift up the practice behind the process to demonstrate country examples where change is occurring. Other Knowledge Management actors, such as the Emergency Nutrition Network (ENN), the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Secure Nutrition and the South Asia Food and Nutrition Security Initiative (SAFANSI) are also working to elevate experiences to inform implementation in SUN member countries.

This session will be based on country experiences – it will draw on them to demonstrate how and why progress is occurring and what have been the key factors which have enabled impact. It will also focus on the importance of sharing experiences as a way to reflect on challenges and experiences. It will demonstrate how such sharing can help stakeholders from different countries to find solutions to their nutrition challenges.

6. How can different stakeholders in nutrition develop impact and trust by working together?

The scale and complexity of the challenge of addressing malnutrition requires governments, private sector, civil society, development partners and United Nations actors to work together.

Actors are increasingly coming together in multi-stakeholder platforms to share information, work together for better impact, learn from each other and take decisions.

This session will focus on global and country opportunities, challenges, benefits, and means of engaging diverse actors in the fight against malnutrition, share good practice and discuss principles of engagement and accountability. It will examine steps required to build effective partnerships, develop trust and deliver impact in SUN countries. The session aims to contribute to the acknowledgement that trust is needed between all stakeholder groups central to the SUN Movement, and that building trust is a long-term process. Speakers will draw on good practices of multi-stakeholder engagement to identify, with the audience, mechanisms that should, over the long-run, contribute to building effective partnerships across the Movement. Examples will illustrate opportunities for better collaboration between private sector and government or civil society, including challenges and how to deal with those.

PLENARY 4 -

What can be gained by investing in the implementation of nutrition actions?

Wednesday 8 November, 14:30 - 15:30

This session aims to provide a moment where SUN Countries can share their experience in investing in nutrition as a way to drive future economies. SUN Countries will be invited to discuss the ways in which they are building up investments from a variety of sources and ensuring efficient spending through implementation at scale. This will include their experience in: matching domestic and external funding for improved delivery; catalysing innovative financing mechanisms and mobilising stakeholders – including civil society organisations – for more efficient spending and delivery.

The discussion will then turn to a multi-stakeholder dialogue on how countries and development partners can effectively invest to provide equal opportunity for all children to thrive and also drive faster economic growth. This will include perspectives from development partners (bilateral and multilateral institutions and innovative financing mechanisms), parliamentarians, civil society representatives and media in relation to the essential ingredients of a good quality plan as well as efficient resource mobilisation, spending and delivery.

SUN Government Focal Point and Stakeholder Sessions

SUN Government Focal Points Meeting: 16:00 – 17:00 How to maximise peer-to-peer sharing and learning among SUN Government Focal Points

The SUN Movement Secretariat is keen to build on existing opportunities for exchange to make peer engagement among SUN Government Focal Points as easy as possible, with an emphasis on practical problem-solving. This face-to-face session presents a unique opportunity to encourage community-thinking among Focal Points, to cultivate future networking and to forge strategic partnerships between peers, while identifying frequent leadership capacity gaps that need to be addressed. Simultaneous interpretation into French, Spanish and English will be available in this session, with the exception of table discussions. By the end of the session SUN Government Focal Points will have been able to:

- Share their challenges in building strategic partnerships with their peers (other SUN Government Focal Points) and discuss how to overcome the same;
- Understand how to maximise their engagement as part of a community/network of SUN Government Focal Points.
- Identify ways to take advantage of peer leaning going beyond the quarterly SUN Country Network meetings

SUN Government Stakeholder Capacity-Building Session 17:00 – 18:00

Leadership, communication, and the ability to work across sectors are often cited among the most common areas where strengthened capacity could help to unlock progress in SUN Countries. This discussion will inform a capacity strengthening needs analysis currently underway by SUN Movement partners, including Nutrition International, PATH, REACH, the SUN Movement Secretariat the IFPRI-led Agriculture for Nutrition and Health A4NH, the African Nutrition Leadership Programme. This needs analysis will inform the development of a capacity strengthening strategy.

Facilitated discussions will take place among groups of SUN Government Focal Points and among groups of government staff from different departments and ministries. Participants will also discuss the most effective approaches for strengthening these kinds of capacities, to inform the design of SUN Movement capacity strengthening activities. For SUN Focal Points, this session will build on the SUN Government Focal Point Session that will take place immediately before where they will have discussed their own challenges and the potential for peer-peer learning. Simultaneous interpretation into French, Spanish and English will be available in this session, with the exception of table discussions.

By the end of this session, SUN Government Focal Points and Government Stakeholders will be able to:

 Agree on the capacity gaps that constrain the accelerated scale-up of multi-sectoral nutrition actions.

SUN Network and Support System Sessions

Wednesday 8 November, 16:30 - 18:00

The objective of the SUN Network sessions is to examine, on a networkby-network basis, their contributions to realising all of the Movement's strategic objectives. It will be an opportunity for the SUN Networks to discuss which capabilities need strengthening, which actions need prioritising and explore who will take on these tasks.

These sessions are organised and facilitated by members of the four SUN Movement Networks (Donor, United Nations, Civil Society and Business). The sessions will be seeking to foster an understanding within each Network of: a) the contributions that the Network will make to support SUN Governments to fulfil their commitments to improve nutrition; b) an appreciation of which capabilities within each Network need strengthening and which actions need prioritising; and c) a better appreciation of the gaps in capacities within each Network that will need to be filled. Simultaneous interpretation into French, Spanish and English will be available in these sessions, with the exception of table discussions.

SUN Business Network 16:30 - 18:00

This session will focus on increasing support to SUN Countries that are in the early stages of developing their own national business engagement strategies. National SUN Business Network (SBN) coordinators and business members from established SBNs will provide advice and guidance to SUN Country stakeholders leading on the development of new national business networks. The SUN Business Network global team will provide support on how national SBN strategies can mobilise business, at national and global level, behind the SUN Movement's 2020 strategy and roadmap – and align business behind SUN Country Action Plans.

By the end of the session all participants will have a better understanding of:

 The experience of existing National SBN platforms and strategies – and how they have established a role for business in SUN Country National Action Plans;

- How to engage with Small and Medium Enterprises through National SBNs – and utilise the technical expertise offered by the networks' global membership;
- The tools and support services on offer from the SBN to support monitoring and evaluation of National SBNs – and how to spur impact at country level through business.

SUN Donor Network 16:30 - 18:00

Nutrition donor coordination mechanisms have increasingly been making positive contributions to national multi-stakeholder processes in SUN countries, particularly in helping to strengthen government coordination and multi-sectoral plans. The SDN in 2017 undertook a review of structures and performance of donor coordination in nutrition at country level with the aim to develop recommendations on how best to support and strengthen those. This session aims to discuss the findings and recommendations of the review and share experiences from some countries in order to identify concrete steps to better support donor coordination and alignment at country level.

By the end of the session, all participants will have:

- Increased knowledge of donor coordination structures and good practice examples;
- A joint understanding of the role and mandate of donor conveners, important factors and inputs to enable effective donor coordination and harmonisation at country level;
- Developed joint priorities and some action points for follow-up globally, regionally or in-country to support donor conveners including capacity strengthening.

Inter-Network Sessions (x2) 16:30-18:00

While promising, inter-network collaboration has faced challenges, and the SUN Global Gathering offers a unique forum for representatives of all networks to come together and identify best practices and opportunities to mitigate the identified challenges and foster strengthened partnership. In lieu of individual sessions for the SUN Civil Society Network and the UN Network for Nutrition, two inter-network sessions will be held to assist members of all four SUN Networks to identify common barriers and boosters to inter-network collaboration and develop action points to improve inter-network functionality, taking a strengths-based approach.

By the end of the session all participants will have:

- Increased knowledge of best practices and opportunities for internetwork collaboration;
- Improved awareness of the comparative strengths and expertise of the other networks;
- Developed three action points to foster improved inter-network collaboration and functionality.

Parliamentary and Media Engagement Session 16:30-18:00

This session will focus on efforts of parliamentarians and journalists to shine a political spotlight on nutrition. It will look at how parliamentarians can champion nutrition through legislation, lawmaking and budget scrutiny and through raising awareness of good nutrition with their constituencies. It will also explore how the media has been involved in spearheading nutrition awareness and increased the political salience of nutrition in many SUN Countries. It will explore how parliamentarians and media can share and learn from one another and help stimulate demand for good nutrition on a national, regional and global stage.



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NUTRITION



2017 SUN Movement Nutrition Champion Awards Ceremony

Wednesday 8 November 2017, 19:00 - 20:00

Nutrition champions are integral to building and sustaining political commitment for nutrition. Around the world, high profile people are making nutrition matter for everyone, everywhere. First Ladies, Prime Ministers, actors, artists, musicians, athletes, religious and traditional leaders are all galvanising political commitment and raising mass awareness. Ministers, members of parliaments, heads of organisations and institutions, CEOs and high-profile journalists are also leading from where they stand. And at the grassroots levels, health and agriculture extension workers, nutrition field officers, local religious and village leaders, teachers and staff of community based organisations, and everyday people, are demonstrating what is needed to scale up nutrition.

Throughout the autumn of 2017, SUN Government Focal Points, civil society alliances, UN networks, donor networks, business networks and other associations/networks representing academia, media and parliament, among others, have been invited to nominate the outstanding individuals they believe should be recognised as nutrition champions. The winners will be announced and celebrated during this brief awards ceremony followed by an evening reception.

Reception at Sofitel Hotel Ivoire

Wednesday 8 November 2017, 20:00 - 21:00

Day 3 - Thursday 9 November 2017

PLENARY 6 -

MEAL in Practice: How can our Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning system shape the SUN Movement?

Thursday 9 November, 9:00 - 10:00

This session will present the added value of the MEAL system in shaping the SUN Movement and improving our collective ability to measure, learn and continuously improve.

Taking each component of the MEAL system in turn (Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning), participants will explore the use of MEAL data to assess progress along the continuum of the SUN Movement Theory of Change and discuss patterns that are emerging across SUN countries at different stages (those that are advanced, in the middle and struggling). Indonesia will then present its experience in evaluating progress and open a dialogue with other SUN countries and partners. This will be followed by an interactive discussion related to how partnerships across the SUN Movement could continuously improve in order to increase country ownership and sustainability. The session will end with a review of some key opportunities for learning and sharing across the SUN Movement.

Parallel Workshops - Day 3

Thursday 9 November, 11:00 - 12:30

1. How can the financial tracking process for nutrition be optimised to get best nutrition value for money?

The availability of robust and regular finance data is critical for policy makers as it enables them to prioritise, plan, monitor, and evaluate policy implementation. Together with informing decision-making, tracing investments increases accountability and advocacy for better nutrition.

This session will start with a joint-presentation on where we stand as a Movement providing examples on the types of experience and support that are available including tools, guidelines and lessons learned. The majority of the session will be devoted to interactive breakout sessions. Recognising that SUN countries are at different stages of implementation, participants will be able to join the facilitated discussion on the topic that is of most interest to them and get inputs from colleagues and experts.

2. What are the roles of traditional and social media in breaking nutrition out of its echo chamber?

The media has a significant role to play in raising awareness and communicating messages around good nutrition and healthy diets to the masses, but also in conducting advocacy efforts to ensure that nutrition remains high on the political agenda. In many SUN Countries, media houses have committed to reporting on nutrition and journalist networks are actively supporting the implementation of the Code of Marketing on Breast-milk Substitutes. At the same time, the use of social media to stimulate mass awareness about the importance of nutrition has grown exponentially in SUN member countries. There are increasingly multi-channel communication campaigns that are driving awareness and advocacy.

This session will showcase country examples of mobilising traditional media and fostering rapport with journalists and share lessons learnt by stakeholders. It will also showcase the perspectives of journalists in their efforts to make nutrition resonate as a social and political issue and tactics for doing this. The session will also explore innovative social media campaigns that have helped generate mass awareness around the importance of nutrition in both the general public and with political leaders.

3. Ensuring nutrition results for women and girls: what does it take to move from lip service to action?

Many argue that the world in which we live today, by many measures, represents the best period yet for humanity. Although we have seen falling global inequality over the past decades, ensuring (nutrition) results for women and girls through pro-gender equality policies, legislation and practices will be the only way to ensure that malnutrition – in all its forms – becomes a thing of the past. And for this we need to look beyond the status quo and towards elevating the status of women and girls, everywhere, and not just pay lip service to

equality, and concentrate efforts on nutrition-specific and nutritionsensitive actions targeting women and girls.

This session will give a chance for SUN Countries, stakeholders and partnerships to discuss how innovative actions and approaches have contributed to making sure that the empowerment of women and girls – at work, at home and everywhere in between – is at the heart of all actions and has helped raise the nutritional status of everyone. It will also focus on the important role that champions can play, especially men, in supporting the improvement of the situation of women and girls.

4. How can SUN Countries advance priorities in operationalising the nutrition data revolution?

This session will provide an overview of the "nutrition data value chain" as an organising principle to leverage multiple data platforms to collect, collate, analyse, present and use data for better decision-making. The role of National Information Platforms for Nutrition to accelerate the analysis and use of data for progress tracking and decision-making will be discussed. Priorities in a blueprint for action at global and country level will be proposed and reacted to by a panel comprised of SUN network representatives, providing diverse points of view. Participants at this session will have the opportunity to share their experience, ideas, and concerns with the state of inclusive and transparent data and information systems in their respective settings, and offer their recommendations for how data can be used to accelerate achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

5. What can be done to improve and protect nutrition outcomes in fragile contexts?

This session provides an opportunity for SUN countries to share their experiences in bridging the humanitarian – development divide in tackling malnutrition. SUN countries will be invited to exchange their experiences in embedding nutrition in early warning systems, vulnerability assessments, and disaster risk reduction strategies and crisis response (man-made or natural disasters).

After a brief overview of existing global guidance on improving nutrition in fragile and crisis contexts the participants will then work in smaller groups. They will investigate opportunities – within countries – to make use of SUN multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder networks to focus on combining humanitarian and development actions, investing in resilience and focusing on prevention (through early warning and early action). It is intended that the outcomes of these discussions will help the SUN Movement support system to assist SUN Countries in advancing their nutrition efforts in all contexts.

6. What is the role of bio fortification and staple food fortification in combatting hidden hunger?

The goal of this session is to share information about the global status of each fortification strategy, as well as strengths, challenges and limitations with regard to their shared goal of reducing micronutrient deficiencies. The session will start with an overview of the status across SUN countries followed by two country perspectives on different fortification strategies in their context and what it takes to scale up implementation to achieve impact.

The majority of the session will be devoted to interactive breakout sessions where participants will be able to discuss opportunities for partnerships in scaling up, as well as challenges, such as regulatory issues and quality control.

Global Gathering Wrap Up: Concluding Messages and Closing Ceremony

Thursday 9 November 2017 14:30 - 16:00

The concluding session of the SUN Global Gathering will be an opportunity for SUN Movement Lead Group and Executive Committee Members to share the immediate and long-term priorities resulting from the SUN Global Gathering. In light of nutrition's importance for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, the session will also feature the way forward from the viewpoint of multiple sectors including water and sanitation; non-communicable diseases (NCD's); agriculture and food systems as well as maternal, child, and adolescent health. Through a facilitated panel, speakers will share how the SUN Movement's focus on sharing and learning can be strengthened to ensure that nutrition resonates even further with multiple sectors and stakeholders.

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2017 SUN Movement Global Gathering Feedback Form

Please indicate the SUN stakeholder group you belong to:

SUN Government	Academic/Research Institute	
United Nations Network	SUN Donor Network	
SUN Civil Society Network	Other (Specify):	
SUN Business Network		

What was the primary objective for your participation at the SUNGG17?

Which element of the SUNGG17 was the most useful in helping you achieve your objective?

Which element of the SUNGG17 was the least useful in helping you achieve your objective?

On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate the following elements of the SUNGC17 (5 = Excellent //1 = Poor):

Opening Plenary	Closing Plenary	
Marketplace	Logistics and support to attend	
Workshop Sessions	Background material	
Networking opportunities	Conference organisation	
Sharing experiences during sessions	Any other	

How do you plan to contribute to sharing and learning following the SUNGG17?

Which of the following are you comfortable with when sharing and learning across the SUN Movement?

SUN Movement website	Emails	
Telephone conferences	Phone Interviews	
Social Media	Surveys	
Webinars	Video Conference / Skype	

Please provide any additional comments here:

