

Summary note

- The **objectives** of the meeting were:
 - to reflect and give updates on previous **commitments by SUN Movement Lead Group members**
 - **to discuss how best to support the delivery** of the new SUN strategy by building on the UN Food Systems Summit (UN FSS), Nutrition for Growth (N4G) and COP26
 - to seek endorsement by the Operationalization (Ops) Group of the **mutual accountability framework (MAF)** and **definitions and indicators of success** for the SUN Movement strategy for its third phase (2021-2025)
- The Lead Group Chair welcomed and introduced the **new Co-Chairs of the SUN Movement Executive Committee**, Ms. Gladys Mugambi and Mr. Connell Foley.
- The Lead Group delivered new (joint) **commitments** and reiterated commitments made this year, including at the UN FSS and N4G, to continue their efforts **to combat all forms of malnutrition**:
 - continued **financial support** and programs to SUN Countries, nutrition specific and sensitive programs, and the SUN Movement Global Support System
 - efforts to increase meaningful **youth engagement** and more liaison with **parliaments**
 - political efforts to initiate an **African Year on Nutrition**
 - global collaborations including the **global action plan on child wasting** and the **Global Alliance for Children's diets**
 - facilitation of **knowledge sharing, capacity building** and **advocacy** for nutrition
- The Lead Group members made suggestions as to how to **deliver the SUN strategy** by building on the UN FSS and N4G and other political moments:
 - Recognize the connection between **nutrition, food and climate**, including the importance of including food in the negotiations for, and Nationally Determined Contributions at, **COP27**.
 - Build on the **Food Systems Dialogues** to support countries to implement their national pathways.
 - Leave no country behind, including those struggling with **COVID-19**, support **fragile and conflict-affected states** and leverage the commitments by the **G7** in the crisis compact to reach people in crisis-affected countries.

- Adopt **stronger evidence-based nutrition policies**, with improved alignment across sectors, increased (private) **financing** for nutrition and **costed** national plans.
 - Keep attention on thematic issues such as **gender** in food security and nutrition and the **root causes of vulnerability**, and pay specific attention to **maternal, infant and young-child** nutrition as well as **obesity and overweight**.
 - Focus food systems on **equitable consumption, safe diets** and **food fortification** to reduce **micronutrient deficiencies**.
- The members of the Lead Group **endorsed the Mutual Accountability Framework (MAF) and the definitions and indicators of success** for the SUN Movement strategy for its third phase (2021-2025):
 - The MAF poses additional **checks and balances** without creating additional bureaucracy.
 - The importance of the **360-degree accountability survey** was stressed.
 - The increase of **country ownership** through the MAF was praised.
- **The Chair of SUN Movement the Lead Group informed the Lead Group that this is her last meeting as chair.** The Lead Group members sincerely thanked Executive Director Henrietta Fore for her outstanding efforts as chair of the Lead Group and expressed their gratefulness.
- The Chair closed the Lead Group meeting with the following conclusions and next steps:
 - The **MAF and definitions and indicators of success have been endorsed**, which marks the beginning of an action plan for the SUN Movement strategy for its third phase (2021-2025) for country-driven results; its implementation will be essential from here on.
 - There is a need to continue **encouraging new countries to join the SUN Movement**, particularly from Latin America to foster global exchange.
 - It is essential to **link the nutrition agenda with the climate agenda** which should be a foundational point for the SUN Movement strategy for its third phase (2021-2025).

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