



SUN Movement Lead Group

Briefing Note & Agenda

SUN MOVEMENT LEAD GROUP MEETING

Date: New York, Wednesday, 21 September 2022

Location: Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House, 3 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017

Time:

- **Security / Registration:** 8:00-8:30 (please arrive at 8:00)
- **Networking breakfast and individual video interviews:** 8:30-9:30
- **SUN Movement Lead Group Meeting:** 9:30-11:30

1. Background and context

The Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement Lead Group, appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General¹, is responsible for the Movement's progress towards achieving its objectives. It includes leaders in government, business, civil society and the United Nations system and ensures the alignment of all actors with the Movement's [Principles of Engagement](#). The Lead Group aims to promote the Movement's unique country-driven character while being active advocates for better nutrition outcomes globally.

Due to COVID-19 related restrictions, the Lead Group has not met face-to-face since 2019. This year, members will meet again in-person on the margins of the UN General Assembly. This inaugural meeting of the newly composed group comes at a critical time for nutrition. The secondary effects of conflicts, COVID-19 and extreme climate have led to a global food security and nutrition crisis. This requires the SUN Movement to strategically reflect and leverage its rich networks of members and partners to safeguard nutrition gains, and support countries in a systemic manner to make food systems more nutrition-sensitive, planet-friendly and resilient, in line with the SUN Movement Strategy 2021-2025.

¹ By September 2022, it is expected that the UN Secretary-General will take a decision on the proposed composition of the Lead Group for 2022-2024, including the appointment of a new Lead Group Chair.

2. Meeting objectives

The 2022 meeting of the SUN Movement Lead Group has three objectives:

- To reinforce the Lead Group's **commitment to the value of the SUN country-driven multistakeholder approach and take stock of progress** to date across SUN Countries.
- To facilitate a dynamic discussion of the **external drivers shaping SUN Countries' pathways for scaling up nutrition and the required responses** (global food and nutrition crisis, COVID-19 response and recovery, climate shocks and humanitarian crises).
- To **kick-start a more specific commitment-making process among** Lead Group members that demonstrates support for and alignment with SUN Countries.

3. Meeting approach

This year's SUN Movement Lead Group meeting is an opportunity for members to interact, provide strategic guidance and maximize their commitment to the SUN Movement.

Lead Group members are asked to approach this meeting as an energizing space to discuss the complex interplay of challenges threatening progress on nutrition globally and in particular, across the SUN Movement. In a departure from previous meetings, Lead Group members are not asked to prepare advance statements but rather to reflect on a few preparatory questions and engage in a dynamic discussion.

The following preparatory questions are proposed:

1. *In the context of multiple challenges, especially the unfolding food and nutrition crisis, how can SUN Movement Lead Group members contribute to improving nutrition and safeguarding progress?*
2. *What is the SUN Movement Lead Group's vision for the future of the SUN Movement? What can be achieved together in this term of the Lead Group (2-1/2 years)? What strengths can be built upon and what is missing to ensure success?*

This discussion will help identify concrete areas of focus around which Lead Group members can concentrate their collective efforts during the next year. This will be summarized in a joint communiqué that will be made publicly available shortly after the meeting.

The joint communiqué will then serve as guidance for the SUN Movement Coordinator, Executive Committee and SUN Movement Global Support System to work with Lead Group members to develop actionable commitments aligned with the most pressing needs of SUN Countries.

Members are also invited to take part in a one-question video interview during the networking breakfast. Additional information will follow on this.



AGENDA

This event will be livestreamed for SUN stakeholders. Interpretation will be available in Spanish in the meeting room, and in Spanish and French for the livestream.

Security / Registration: 8:00-8:30 (please arrive at 8:00)		
Networking breakfast 8:30-9:30		
The Lead Group will have the opportunity to meet and greet over breakfast. Members are also invited to take part in an individual one-question short video interview.		
Duration	Topic	Description
Agenda item 1: Opening and welcome 9:30-9:40		
10'	Welcome and introduction by SUN Lead Group Chair	Ms. Catherine Russell, UNICEF Executive Director and Chair of the SUN Lead Group, welcomes participants and delivers an opening statement to guide the meeting.
Agenda item 2: Setting the scene, SUN 3.0 value and progress in today's world 9:40-9:50		
10'	Scene-setting by SUN Movement Coordinator	Ms. Gerda Verburg, the SUN Movement Coordinator, introduces the SUN Movement, its unique approach and progress over the past year, highlighting the linkages with key drivers of malnutrition.
Agenda item 3: Interactive discussion 9:50-10:50		
60'	An interactive discussion among Lead Group members guided by the preparatory questions shared above	Discussion facilitated by Ms. Gerda Verburg, SUN Movement Coordinator.
Agenda item 4: Identifying contributions of SUN Movement Lead Group members 10:50 -11:20		
25'	Select Lead Group members share commitments and opportunities based on the interactive discussion from the previous agenda item	A select group of Lead Group members, identified in advance, shares their concrete contribution to the SUN Movement at this critical time for nutrition.
5'	Update from the SUN Executive Committee on SUN 3.0 progress	Gladys Mugambi, Co-Chair of the SUN Executive Committee (and introducing Co-Chair Connell Foley) provides a concise overview of how the Executive Committee is working to support SUN Countries' efforts.
Agenda item 5: Closing 11:20 - 11:30		
5'	Closing remarks by the SUN Movement Coordinator	Remarks by Ms. Gerda Verburg, SUN Movement Coordinator, reflecting on the Lead Group meeting.
5'	Chair wrap up	Summary of discussion and follow up actions by Ms. Catherine Russell, SUN Lead Group Chair.

4. Participants

Approximately 100 participants, including:

- 24 Lead Group members (no deputizing)
- Members (a maximum of 18) of the SUN Executive Committee (observers)
- 4 SUN Network representatives (observers)
- 1-2 advisors per Lead Group member (observers)

5. Format

Chair: Ms. Catherine Russell, UNICEF Executive Director and SUN Movement Lead Group Chair

- Informal networking over breakfast with opportunities for photos and recording short video interviews.
- Roundtable discussion with 24 Lead Group members seated at a roundtable - advisors and observers seated behind.
- Each Lead Group member can be accompanied by up to two advisors.

6. Roles and responsibilities

- The meeting is being jointly organized by the SUN Movement Secretariat and UNICEF
- SUN Movement Secretariat leads: Marcy Vigoda, Maria Pizzini, Paul Mazza and Jennifer Ferguson-Mitchell
- UNICEF leads: Victor Aguayo, Nita Dalmiya, Cristina Hayde Perez Gonzalez

