

Briefing Note & Agenda

2023 SUN Movement Lead Group Meeting

4 September 2023

Location: Maurice Pate Conference Room, 13th Floor, UNICEF House, 3 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017

Date/Time: Sunday, 17 September 15:00-17:00 Local Time

Security / Registration will open from 14:15-14:45 - Please allow enough time to register, pass security and settle so that the meeting can begin promptly at 15:00.

Refreshments to follow from 17:00-17:45 (Maurice Pate Conference Room)

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

This year the meeting will be a closed-door working session. In response to requests for more substantive discussions amongst the Lead Group, we will focus on a crucial issue for SUN countries - **nutrition financing**. We have worked with leading institutions to synthesise major trends, challenges and opportunities to produce the discussion note that provides the background to this discussion.

Please note that in-person participation is strongly encouraged and will be limited to Lead Group members and one support staff member each. A summary of the discussion and next steps will be published after the meeting.

2. Meeting objectives

The 2023 meeting of the SUN Movement Lead Group has three objectives:

- **Validate the strategic focus of the Movement on Finance for Nutrition**
- **Exchange ideas and signal opportunities where concrete progress on increasing nutrition financing exist, leading into the Nutrition for Growth Summit** and across the wider sustainable development (SDGs) and climate agendas.

¹SUN Movement Lead Group [Terms of Reference](#)

- **Initiate a discussion on ways in which Lead Group members can mobilise their organisations, networks and constituencies to m,integrate nutrition financing** with their existing and planned actions, initiatives and approaches.

3. Meeting approach

In order to leverage Lead Group members' experience and ideas we will **forgo prepared statements, commitments or video messages for the meeting**. Instead, we ask that Lead Group members bring their insights to an action-oriented discussion on how the SUN Movement can address nutrition financing, using the following **discussion prompts** based on the analysis provided in the background document:

- How can Lead Group members and the institutions they represent play an active role in advancing the three opportunity areas: leveraging domestic resources; maximizing existing financing; and harnessing new financing to support more money for nutrition and more nutrition for the money spent?
- How can the Lead Group ensure that nutrition has a seat at the table in all relevant international fora and multilateral processes—including COP, G7 and G20 meetings, universal healthcare (UHC) financing, food systems transformation, climate discussions, and beyond?
- How can subsets of Lead Group members partner in specific areas to push for greater resources and attention for nutrition (e.g., leveraging domestic resource mobilization for nutrition; increasing the pipeline of bankable projects on nutrition; strengthening engagement in nutrition of international financial institutions; mainstreaming nutrition within food systems and climate priorities)?
- How can the Lead Group play a catalytic role in developing a bolder and more ambitious set of innovative financing models for nutrition in partnership, including with the private sector?
- How can Lead Group members and the institutions they represent act as a driving force behind new and more ambitious commitments, from both public and private sector actors, at the France N4G Summit?

Agenda

This event will not be livestreamed although a virtual link will soon be available for those Lead Group members who can not attend in person. The discussion will take place in English only.

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Duration	Topic	Description
Agenda Item 1: Opening by the Lead Group Chair Ms. Catherine Russell UNICEF Executive Director 15:00-15:10		
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: Scene-setting by the SUN Movement Coordinator 15:10-15:20		
10'	Scene-setting by SUN Movement Coordinator	Ms. Afshan Khan, the SUN Movement Coordinator, introduces the rationale behind the focus on nutrition financing.
Agenda item 3: Presentation of Financing For Nutrition Research and High level Recommendations 15:20-15:35		
15'	A presentation of key findings and high level recommendations from financing discussion note.	Presentation by Ms. Meera Shekar, Global Lead, Health, Nutrition & Population, World Bank.
Agenda item 4: An Interactive discussion among Lead Group members facilitated by the SUN Movement Coordinator 15:35 -16:50		
70'	An interactive discussion among Lead Group members guided by the preparatory questions shared above	Using guiding questions above, the SUN Coordinator will facilitate the discussion.

5'	Update from the SUN Executive Committee	Gladys Mugambi and Connell Foley, Co-Chairs of the SUN Executive Committee, provide an Executive Committee update.
Agenda item 5: Closing of the meeting by the SUN Movement Coordinator and Lead Group Chair 16:50 - 17:00		
5'	Closing remarks by the SUN Movement Coordinator	Remarks by Ms. Afshan Khan, 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.

1. Participants

Approximately 55 participants, including:

- Approx 20 Lead Group members in person (3-5 on line)
- 1 advisor per Lead Group member (observers)
- Limited support personnel from the SUN Movement Secretariat and UNICEF

2. Format

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

- Roundtable discussion facilitated by the SUN Movement Coordinator with 24 Lead Group members

3. Roles and responsibilities

- The meeting is being jointly organized by the SUN Movement Secretariat and UNICEF
- SUN Movement Secretariat leads: Afshan Khan, Maria Pizzini, Takhani Kromah and Irina Zodrow
- UNICEF leads: Victor Aguayo, Nita Dalmiya, Cristina Hayde Perez Gonzalez

4. Resources for LG members

More information about the Lead Group, including Terms of Reference and biographies can be found [here](#). A dedicated Lead Group [event page](#) for the 2023 meeting will soon be live.