

SUN Movement Executive Committee (ExCom) Meeting
28 September 2023, 15:00 - 16:00 CEST (virtual)
Summary note

Participation

ExCom Participants: Gladys Mugambi and Connell Foley (Co-Chairs), Patricia Ngoran (*West and Central Africa*), Eugenia Villalobos (*Latin America*), George Kembo (*Southern Africa*), Mathews Mhuru (Additional Country Regional Seat), Christine Campeau (CSN), Neil Watkins (SDN), Augstin Flory (Finance) Caroline Wilkinson (Humanitarian), Richmond Aryeetey (MEAL/analytics), Mike Khunga (Youth), Nancy Aburto (UNN Alternate), Mary Mpereh (East and Central Africa Alternate).

Ex-Officio Members: Andrew Kirkwood (UNOPS).

Apologies: Afshan Khan (SUN Movement Coordinator), Abigail Perry (UNN) Matt Kovac (SBN), George Baffour (East and Central Africa), Kiran Rupakhetee (Central and South Asia), Azucena Dayanghirang (*Southeast Asia*), Karima Al-Hada'a (Additional Country Regional Seat).

Observers: *Alternates:* Helena Guarin (SDN), Ibiso Ivy King-Harry (Additional Country Regional); *Networks:* Alex Newlands (CSN) Stineke Oenema (UNN); *Others:* Ilaria Schibbia (WFP)

SUN Movement Secretariat (SMS): Marcy Vigoda, Maria Pizzini, Tendai Gunda, Zahra Inayat, Takhani Kromah, Sonia Ancellin-Panzani, Srikanth Eadara.

Follow-up Actions:

- The SMS will circulate a summary note of the Lead Group discussion once cleared by the Lead Group Chair.
- The Co-Chairs will have a follow-up meeting with the SUN Movement Coordinator to:
 - seek her guidance on taking forward outcomes of the Lead Group meeting; and
 - understand details and next steps regarding the SUN Business Network.
- SUN Country ExCom Representatives, with support from SMS regional hubs, are asked to reflect on the ways in which they believe the ExCom can make the biggest difference in regard to nutrition financing in the next 12 months (in line with the next steps identified in the Lead Group meeting). They will be invited to share this with the ExCom at the December 2023 meeting.

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ExCom Co-Chair Connell Foley opened the meeting and reminded the ExCom members that the single agenda item for this session was a debrief by the ExCom Co-Chairs of the discussion that took place at the Lead Group meeting on 17 September 2023. The background document developed for the Lead Group meeting was shared with the ExCom on 5 September. ExCom members were given an opportunity to share their inputs with the ExCom Co-Chairs in relation to the [paper](#) during the ExCom meeting that took place on 14 September 2023.

The ExCom Co-Chairs gave the floor to Irina Zodrow, Head of Partnerships, Finance and Network Relations at the SUN Movement Secretariat, to provide an overview of the Lead Group discussion. She highlighted the following:

- Lead Group members agreed to work closely together as champions of the Movement, leveraging the case for nutrition as a key driver and outcome for sustainable development.
- They agreed that working with young people, parliaments and governments will be central to

success.

- Lead Group members see opportunities at COP28 and the upcoming World Bank meetings to elevate the importance of nutrition investment.
 - This should include a clear set of interventions that are more tangibly linked to the development agenda inclusive of social protection and situated within a life cycle approach to nutrition.
- Increasing private sector engagement to successfully target all forms of malnutrition was seen as key. Specifically, the Lead Group is interested in supporting opportunities to focus on local production of healthy and sustainable foods (for example, food labelling and marketing).
- International Financial institutions (IFIs) and multilateral banks (MDBs) were viewed as a key entry point to bring urgently needed capital to those most in need.
- To leverage financing, it was agreed that the following were needed:
 - a compelling narrative that can work across development and financing audiences with clear metrics;
 - a strong nutrition business case within MDB reform;
 - engagement with IFIs to de-risk investment;
 - identification of demand-driven bankable projects to expand movement-wide investment.

Irina then shared what emerged as the next steps for the Lead Group:

- Develop high level advocacy messages which Lead Group members can adapt and easily use.
- Support UAE COP presidency to get nutrition represented high on food systems and health discussions at COP28.
- Engage parliamentarians and work with IPU assembly and P20 to identify opportunities to insert and lift up the nutrition agenda.
- Deepen Lead Group engagement with SUN networks to strengthen multi-sector collaboration and bring youth to the fore.
- Increase engagement with regional development banks.
- Leverage networks and influence to expand private sector engagement and refresh the vision of the SUN Business Network.

A brief discussion amongst ExCom members then followed, where a few concrete suggestions for the Executive Committee emerged:

- Agree and focus on a few specific actions in line with the Lead Group meeting background paper and the key themes that came from the meeting and identify linkages with existing initiatives.
- Commit to going beyond events and identify key asks that can be consistently driven out by all parts of the Movement (e.g. focus on MDBs at COP28; reaching out to new philanthropy).
- SUN Country Representatives on the ExCom were asked to reflect and feedback on how to elevate country and regional voices during and beyond global events and discussions.
 - The Africa Day of Food and Nutrition Security planned for the end of October was highlighted as an exemplary opportunity to leverage the influence of the Lead Group and the wider Movement.

The Co-Chair closed the meeting by summarising issues to further explore with the SUN Movement Coordinator and a proposition to the SUN Country Representatives on the Executive Committee.

- Co-Chairs will connect with the Coordinator to:

- Understand details and next steps regarding the SUN Business Network (as no SBN representative joined the call).
 - Seek her guidance on what ExCom can do to help take forward areas of agreed interest by the Lead Group.
- How can we leverage efforts in SUN countries and regional opportunities?
 - SUN Country Representatives on the ExCom were invited, with support from SMS regional hubs, to reflect on the ways they believe the ExCom can make the biggest difference in regards to nutrition financing over the next 12 months (in line with the next steps identified in the Lead Group meeting) and share this with the ExCom at the December 2023 meeting.