SUN is a unique Movement founded on the principle that all people have a right to food & good nutrition.

SUN Movement 23rd Series of Country Network Teleconferences – Building and Sustaining Political Commitment for Nutrition Action (the Ugandan Experience)
What were the key success factors in securing and sustaining political commitment for nutrition?

- The fact that nutrition had already been identified as a key binding constraint to development
- Already articulated in National policy and planning frameworks
  - E.g. the National Constitution
  - The National vision 2040
  - The National Development Plan
- Key sector policies and strategies
- Commitment to the SUN and other international obligations, CAADP and Malabo Declaration
What were the political circumstances and key steps taken?

National:
- The constitution of the Republic provides nutrition as a rights issue
- NDP1 identified nutrition as a binding constraint to development
- Global paradigm shift towards MS approach to nutrition, nutrition as development and HR issue; its centrality to the development process
- As a cross cutting issue requiring joined and joint action,

Global: SUN, ICN2, N4G, WHA, SDGs, Agenda 2063
Who were the key decision makers engaged, how were they identified and what tools/ methods were used?

- Cabinet Committee on Nutrition Chaired by the PM comprising of political heads of implementing ministries
- Permant Secretaries / Accounting Officers of implementing MDAs under the leadership of the PS/OPM
- Identified through the UNAP Coordination mechanism
- Coordination at OPM i.e. highest level with convening mandate- thus ensuring coordination, leadership, visioning, Monitoring
Which stakeholders were integral to the effort?

- UN, DPs, CSOs, Academia, Private Sector, LGs, and local champions e.g. MPs

- Through the institutional coordination framework that provides for the different engagement structures names:

- the Donors Nutrition Coordination Committee, the Technical Multi Sectoral Nutrition Coordination Committee, and the CSO Coalition (UCCO-SUN)
Challenges and guidance based on your experiences

Challenges

• Sustaining the momentum amidst increasing expectations
• Resources
• Capacities – Both institutional and Human Capacities

Lesson / guidance

• Information! Communication! Data! Effective partnerships! Capacities !!!