

SUN Movement Executive Committee Call

Summary Note

2 May 2019

Participation

Participants: Meera Shekar (Chair), Tumaini Mikindo (Vice-Chair), Rob Bertram, Nicola Brennan, Lawrence Haddad, Abdoulaye Ka, Uma Koirala, Lauren Landis, Asma Lateef, Daysi de Marquez, Gladys Mugambi, Aslam Shaheen, Tatjana von Steiger, Fokko Wientjes, Shawn Baker, Gerda Verburg

Apologies: Maria-Bernardita Flores (connection issue), Felix Phiri, Moin Karim

Observers: Melanie Bruns (SDN), Cara Flowers (CSN), Purnima Kashyap (UNN), Jonathan Tench (SBN), William Axelsson (UNOPS), Yngvil Foss (UNOPS), Brenda Killen (SMS), Elena Gaino (SMS), Marlen Schuepbach (SMS)

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1. Welcome and presentation of agenda

The Chair welcomed the members of the Executive Committee to this call, with a special welcome to the new members who have recently joined the Committee. An onboarding call with the new members had taken place end of March to explain how the Executive Committee operates.

The agenda of the teleconference was presented and approved. The Chair reminded members to inform her and the Secretariat about any changes in their status, so potential replacement processes can be managed.

Decision and action points: *Agenda approved. Members who have faced a change in their status in recent months should announce this to the Chair and the Secretariat.*

2. Status of SUN Movement Strategic Review and endorsement of TORs

In January the Executive Committee decided to commission a SUN Movement Strategic Review 2019-2020. The Chair provided an update on the Strategic Review process. A small working group of four Executive Committee members has been established to oversee and lead the process on behalf of the Executive Committee. Draft TORs were circulated in March to the Executive Committee and the Network Secretariats for comments, which have been reflected in the revised final TORs. The Chair clarified a point raised in the comments, emphasizing that at the retreat a decision had been taken to launch a Strategic Review and not an independent comprehensive evaluation. The Strategic Review Working Group has finalized the Terms of Reference and invited the Executive Committee to endorse the final TORs. The Strategic Review comprises a retrospective review and a forward-looking review to inform the future of the Movement, and defines roles & responsibilities of the different stakeholders.

Some concerns were raised regarding independence (of ExCom working group and managing entity) and potential conflict of interest. Members stressed the need for transparency throughout the process. They

agreed to take necessary steps to minimize risks and to lay out where potential conflicts of interest might be.

Decisions and action points: *The Executive Committee endorsed the SUN Strategic Review Terms of Reference and will move ahead to commission the Strategic Review. The Strategic Review task team was asked to prepare a matrix on potential areas of conflict of interest, to be included in the final TORs. A final TOR sent to MQSUN is attached.*

3. Discussion and decision on proposal for individual tasks of Executive Committee members in 2019

The Executive Committee committed at the retreat in January to step up and increase its role in governance and accountability of the Movement. Members agreed to identify individual tasks which each member would take forward in 2019, to guide and support SUN Countries and the Global Support System in an area of their expertise. The Chair reminded that the Executive Committee had agreed that their institutions would dedicate time to provide guidance and support to the SUN Movement.

A proposal prepared by the Secretariat was discussed. Each member was invited to consider the proposed area of responsibility listed and send in their final decisions on this ASAP. It was suggested that each Working Group/member defines their own high level outcomes on which they will report progress to the Executive Committee within the next 8-12 months.

Some of the proposed tasks had already been agreed at the retreat: a SUN Global Gathering Working Group is already active, composed of Bernie Flores, Abdoulaye Ka and Lauren Landis; SUN Country representatives on the Executive Committee are expected to communicate with Government Focal Points from SUN Countries of their own region and reflect their views in Executive Committee discussions.

The Executive Committee endorsed the members of the SUN Movement Strategic Review Working Group: Meera Shekar, Tumaini Mikindo, Lawrence Haddad and Shawn Baker. If other members wish to join this group, they are invited to contact the Chair.

For all other suggested tasks, members are invited to contact the SUN Movement Secretariat to define their interests/responsibilities.

Decisions and action points: *The four members of the Strategic Review Working Group have been endorsed. Executive Committee members are invited to provide feedback to the Secretariat on their suggested area of responsibility and agree on deliverables (Brenda.killen@scalingupnutrition.org, with copy to marlen.schuepbach@scalingupnutrition.org). The Secretariat will follow-up with members to confirm their roles and the Executive Committee will endorse individual tasks at next meeting on 8 July.*

4. Update on SUN Movement Secretariat (SMS) and Pooled Fund staff contract situation, proposal for budget revision and request for endorsement by Executive Committee

The SUN Coordinator presented the current contract situation for SMS and Pooled Fund staff and the challenges related to this. The current contract modality (ICA) being offered by UNOPS is not allowing to retain professionals which creates challenges to deliver on expected results. Following extensive

discussions with UNOPS and the Swiss authorities, the Coordinator proposed a three solutions-approach to the Executive Committee: 1) Offer UN temporary appointments to 16 colleagues who joined the SMS and the Pooled Fund Secretariat before October 1, 2018; 2) Explore with UNOPS how we can support the work of those staff members who joined before October 1, 2018 and delivered under very challenging circumstances; 3) Provision of an allocation of USD 2,500 per year/per individual for development and training. The Coordinator underlined that a new solution with improved staff contract conditions must be found for the third phase of the SUN Movement. The Chair of the Executive Committee encouraged members to form a small working group to review the situation and advise/support the Coordinator on these key issues for the next phase of the movement.

Decisions and action points: *The Executive Committee expressed strong support and endorsed the proposed three solutions-approach to stabilize the SMS and Pooled Fund Secretariat till December 2020 together with revised budget for both the SMS (3.5% increase) and the Pooled Fund (2.1% readjustment). They requested UNOPS to work with the SMS on both implementing the proposed solution and on finding a hosting and contract solution that is 'fit for purpose' for phase 3 of the SUN Movement.*

5. Recommendation to SUN Lead Group for continuation of SUN Movement beyond 2020, and to commence preparations for Phase III (2021-2025)

In 2018, the Lead Group took an 'in principle' decision for a third phase of the SUN Movement, while awaiting the outcomes of the SUN Movement Mid-term review. The Lead Group is expected to take a final decision on the continuation of the Movement beyond 2020 at their meeting in September 2019. Based on the outcomes of the Mid-term review, the Executive Committee – mandated by the Lead Group to take forward the findings of the review – agreed to issue a recommendation to the Lead Group for continuation of the Movement beyond 2020. The Lead Group will take further decisions in 2020 on future direction and priorities of the SUN Movement, and the hosting arrangements for the next phase, building on the findings and recommendations of the SUN Movement Strategic Review.

Decisions and action points: *The Executive Committee Chair will issue on behalf of the Committee a recommendation to the Lead Group Chair for continuation of the SUN Movement beyond 2020 and to commence preparations for the third phase of the Movement (2021-2025), based on the outcomes of the Strategic Review and the review of options for hosting arrangements..*

6. AOB

Endorsement of SUN Movement Secretariat Workplan 2019

The SUN Movement Secretariat workplan for 2019 is based on the Secretariat's Multi-Year Activity Framework for 2016-2020. The SMS priority areas for 2019 build on strategic directions from the Lead Group and the Executive Committee, and recommendations from the Mid-Term Review. The Executive Committee was invited to endorse the 2019 SMS workplan and the revised budget.

Decision: *The Executive Committee endorsed the 2019 SUN Movement Secretariat workplan and revised multi-year budget (see also decision on item 3).*

7. Final Chair's Summary

The Chair summarized the main decisions and thanked all members for the constructive meeting and their participation.
