

SUN Movement Executive Committee Call

Summary Note

8 July 2019

Participation

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1. Welcome and presentation of agenda

The Chair welcomed the members of the Executive Committee and extended a warm welcome to Anna Lartey from FAO who has joined the Executive Committee beginning July.

The agenda of the teleconference was presented and approved.

Decision and action points: *Agenda approved.*

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

The Chair provided an update on the SUN Movement Strategic Review 2019-2020. The Executive Committee had endorsed the Terms of Reference during the last teleconference on 2 May 2019. The Executive Committee Working Group on the Strategic Review, composed of Meera Shekar, Tumaini Mikindo, Lawrence Haddad, Tatjana von Steiger and Shawn Baker, is overseeing and leading the process on behalf of the Committee. Following a request at the last call, the Working Group has added a matrix to the TORs outlining how potential conflicts of interest can be mitigated. MQSUN+, the selected entity managing the Strategic Review, is putting together the review team, composed of independent consultants covering a range of skills. The Working Group provided feedback on the proposed team including the team lead, as well as on the Expression of Interest from MQSUN+ to DFID. End of July an onboarding meeting with the Strategic Review team, MQSUN+, ExCom Working Group, SUN Coordinator and possibly the Network Facilitators will take place. Further details on timeline and next steps of the Strategic Review has been communicated in a background document.

As the Strategic Review has a strong forward-looking dimension to inform the future of the Movement, the Chair proposed that the Review team interviews SUN Lead Group members ahead of the Lead Group meeting in September, offering their views on the forward direction of the Movement.

Action points: *The Executive Committee Working Group to agree with MQSUN+ on date for onboarding day of the Strategic Review team end of July, and to continue updating the Executive Committee on progress. SMS to work with MQSUN+ to arrange for the Strategic Review team to interview Lead Group members in August/September and provide a brief update in advance of the LG meeting.*

3. Draft Agenda for SUN Movement Global Gathering 2019

Preparations for the SUN Movement Global Gathering (SUNGG), taking place from 4-7 November 2019 in Kathmandu, Nepal, are well underway. A Local Organizing Team with the Government of Nepal has been established and the SUN Movement Secretariat is finalizing procurement processes for the venue. The programme will shape primarily around SUN Movement countries' proposals. SUN Countries and Networks have been invited to propose topics for the programme by end of July. The Chair invited Executive Committee members to send suggestions for agenda items, while clarifying that not all proposals may be accommodated. The aim is to strike a balance between political and technical sessions, demand from countries, and new knowledge flowing from global levels. The chair also shared several potential agenda items for the GG that have been suggested by various stakeholders (new evidence/case studies on stunting prevention and obesity; country capacity strengthening on Optima Nutrition; Human capital; etc). She also reiterated the need to send out speaker invites ASAP, before travel plans are firmed up for the fall season.

The SUN Movement Global Gathering will take place in the lead up to the Tokyo Nutrition Summit 2020 and is a key moment for SUN Countries and stakeholders to prepare for the Summit 2020. The SUNGG programme outline looks as follows: the opening ceremony will take place in the evening of 4 November, followed by the main programme from 5-7 November. The morning of 4 November is reserved for meetings of the SUN Networks and the SUN Government Focal Points, while the Executive Committee will have a series of meetings in the afternoon of the 4th and in the mornings and evenings of the following days.

The Chair reiterated the importance for all Executive Committee members to participate in the SUN Movement Global Gathering and encouraged arriving one day earlier. Members agreed to play an active role and to engage as much as possible throughout the programme. Furthermore, they agreed on two meetings of the Executive Committee on its own (preparation and wrap up), a meeting with each of the four SUN Networks, as well as a meeting with SUN Government Focal Points and with the Chair of the Lead Group.

Decision and action points: *Members agreed to have an active role throughout the SUNGG and agreed to a series of meetings with different stakeholder groups. SMS to further refine SUNGG programme and share with Chair/Vice chair and ex-com members ASAP. Suggestions from Executive Committee members on agenda items can be sent to farai.manwa@scalingupnutrition.org by latest 10 August.*

4. Update on SUN Movement Secretariat (SMS) staffing situation and endorsement of new proposal for further short-term stabilization

Building on the last call, the Coordinator requested the Executive Committee to endorse a further proposal to stabilize the entire SMS till December 2020. Current SMS contract modalities (ICA) offered

by UNOPS are not allowing to retain professionals, which creates challenges to deliver on expected results. At the last call, the Executive Committee endorsed the proposal to offer UN temporary appointments to 16 colleagues who joined the SMS before October 1, 2018. Building on this, the SUN Movement Coordinator presented a new proposal with a revised budget to further stabilize SMS by offering UN temporary appointments to all staff members (additional 13 contracts) in order to offer the same conditions to the entire team. This proposal comes with a 0% budget increase. The Executive Committee endorsed the new proposal, with the caveat that it is shared with the Chair of the LG, Henrietta Fore, for information. The Coordinator and the Chair underlined that a new solution with improved staff contract conditions and adequate hosting arrangements must be found for the third phase of the SUN Movement. Executive Committee members highlighted the need to find arrangements that are fit for purpose and serve the Movement.

Decision and action points: Executive Committee endorsed the new proposal and revised budget to further stabilize the SMS staffing situation until December 2020 by offering UN temporary appointments to all staff members. The Chair asked to run this decision also by the Lead Group Chair. The Coordinator will facilitate this and provide feedback to the Executive Committee.

5. Endorsement of list of individual tasks of Executive Committee members in 2019

The Executive Committee had agreed earlier this year to identify tasks in specific areas of work which individual members would take forward in 2019. Since the last call of the Executive Committee, the Secretariat has been in touch with members to discuss the scope of the proposed individual tasks and identify concrete deliverables. While most members have confirmed their tasks, a few expressed concerns on the dimension. The Chair and Coordinator clarified that the request is for the Executive Committee member to help shape the issues and to offer guidance to the Secretariat. It was suggested that ExCom members identify tangible deliverables and provide an update on their progress on the margins of the SUNGG. The Secretariat will arrange a call with Anna Lartey who has only just joined the Executive Committee to discuss her proposed task.

The Coordinator reported that the Secretariat has set up online communication groups for SUN Focal Points to facilitate the task of the SUN Country representatives on the Executive Committee to communicate with Government Focal Points from SUN Countries of their own region. The purpose of these groups is for ExCom members to communicate with Focal Points of their region and reflect their views in Executive Committee discussions.

Decision and action points: The Executive Committee agreed on the list of individual tasks for 2019. Those members who have not yet defined scope and deliverables are encouraged to do so and to initiate their work.

6. Lead Group meeting date and proposal for informal ExCom meeting during UNGA week

The annual SUN Lead Group meeting will take place on Tuesday, 24 September 2019 from 8:30-11:00am in New York at UNICEF HQ. The meeting will be chaired by Ms. Henrietta Fore, ED UNICEF and SUN Lead Group Chair. It will be the first meeting of the new composition of the Lead Group. The meeting takes place during the high-level UN General Assembly week, in the context of a series of high-level meetings such as the Climate Action Summit, the SDG Summit, and the High-Level Meeting on Universal Health

Coverage. It is an opportunity for the Lead Group to reposition and galvanize commitment behind the SUN Movement within the changing landscape. Meeting objectives are for the Lead Group 1) be updated on the ongoing strategic review, 2) to take a formal decision and start to articulate a vision for the continuation of the SUN Movement for a third phase (2021-2025), based on the outcomes of the SUN Mid-term review; 3) to start to articulate make meaningful commitments towards the Tokyo Nutrition Summit 2020 and the third phase of the SUN Movement.

Executive Committee members who will be in New York during the UN General Assembly high level week are invited to attend the Lead Group meeting as observers. The Chair of the Executive Committee (an ex-officio member of the LG) will introduce agenda item 1 & 2. The Executive Committee suggested to arrange an informal meeting for those ExCom members who will be in NY for visioning discussions on the future of the Movement.

Decision and action points: *SMS to arrange an informal meeting for Executive Committee members who will be in New York. The ex-com meeting will be held either in the afternoon of 24 September or in the morning of 25 September.*

7. AOB

No items.

8. Endorsement of broadened scope of SUN Movement Pooled Fund and guidance on next steps

The Coordinator presented an update on the SUN Movement Pooled Fund which has grown substantially in past months. She invited the Executive Committee to reflect on the future overall direction of the Pooled Fund and to consider two proposals for endorsement. For the second proposal, members who might be at risk of conflict of interest were requested to step off the call.

Decision and action points:

- 1) *The Executive Committee endorsed the decision by the Consultative Group of the Pooled Fund to change the orientation of the Pooled Fund from Last Resort funding to exclusively catalytic and innovative funding.*
- 2) *While the Executive Committee endorsed the decision by the Consultative Group of the Pooled Fund to direct additional Pooled Fund resources to support the establishment and/or operationalization of country level SUN Business Networks, members requested additional clarification on a few specific points such as country selection and grant details including timeframe. SMS and SBN Secretariat prepared responses to this clarification request in Annex 1 (this was also shared with the Consultative Group of the Pooled Fund).*

9. Final Chair's Summary

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