

## SUN Movement Executive Committee Call

### Summary Note

### 11 September 2019

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#### Participation

**Participants:** Meera Shekar (Chair), Tumaini Mikindo (Vice-Chair), Rob Bertram, Lawrence Haddad, Anna Lartey, Asma Lateef, Gladys Mugambi, Aslam Shaheen, Tatjana von Steiger, Fokko Wientjes, Shawn Baker, Moin Karim, Gerda Verburg

**Apologies:** Nicola Brennan, Maria-Bernardita Flores, Abdoulaye Ka, Uma Koirala, Lauren Landis, Daysi de Marquez, Felix Phiri

**Observers:** Anushree Rao (CSN), Jonathan Tench (SBN), Melanie Bruns (SDN), Marta Orozcomossi (UNN), Wahab Moez (UNOPS), Ben Siddle (observer for Nicola Brennan), Brenda Killen (SMS), Farai Manwa (SMS), Elena Gaino (SMS), Edwyn Shiell (SMS), Marlen Schuepbach (SMS)

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##### 1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed Executive Committee members and presented the agenda.

**Decision and action points:** *Agenda approved.*

##### 2. Update on SUN Movement Global Gathering procurement process

The Director of the SUN Movement Secretariat updated members of the Executive Committee on the procurement process for the SUN Movement Global Gathering 2019 (SUNGG). The process was completed on 5 September 2019 with the selection of the Yak and Yeti Hotel as the venue and Solten Group as the Events Management Company. The process had posed challenges and taken considerably more time than anticipated which might impact the delivery of the organization and program of the SUN Movement Global Gathering. The procurement process will be evaluated after the SUN Movement Global Gathering to learn lessons. While handling the delayed procurement process, the SUN Movement Secretariat advanced in parallel work on content (program, composition of delegations, etc.). The Chair congratulated on the successful completion of the procurement process.

##### 3. SUN Movement Global Gathering Draft Program

The Coordinator explained that the program of the SUN Movement Global Gathering is being built bottom-up, building mainly on inputs from SUN Countries and Networks on their priorities. Developing the program is still work in progress. The ExCom SUNGG Working Group has been overseeing the Global Gathering preparations over the past months.

Executive Committee members made recommendations on the draft program, including overall coherence of the program; refining topics and flow of plenary sessions and workshops; ensuring the

SUNGG prepares countries for N4G; balancing political and technical aspects throughout the program; reflecting on nutrition developments in the host country; aiming for a concrete outcome (declaration or similar), and allowing time to meet with the Strategic Review team. A proposal was made for ExCom to use the day after the Global Gathering (8 November) for an in-depth session focusing on the future of the SUN Movement.

***Decisions and action points:***

- *Secretariat will consider inputs from Executive Committee members to further shape the program of the SUN Movement Global Gathering. A revised draft program will be reviewed at the informal ExCom meeting in New York on 24 September.*
- *Members agreed to arrange an additional ExCom meeting the day after the SUNGG, in the morning of 8 November, to have strategic discussions on the future of the SUN Movement. **ExCom members are therefore expected to be available in Kathmandu from Monday 4 November to Friday 8 November (12pm) 2019 and are advised to arrange their travels accordingly.***
- *If partners plan to organize events back-to-back to the SUN Movement Global Gathering, please inform [Brenda.killen@scalingupnutrition.org](mailto:Brenda.killen@scalingupnutrition.org) and [farai.manwa@scalingupnutrition.org](mailto:farai.manwa@scalingupnutrition.org) asap about such self-organized events.*

**4. Update on SUN Movement Strategic Review**

The Chair of the Executive Committee provided an update on the SUN Movement Strategic Review (SR). Onboarding meetings with the SR team were held on 25 and 29 July and on 5 September 2019. Members of the ExCom SR Working Group felt encouraged by the workplan and knowledge of the SR team. The Chair clarified that at the Lead Group meeting on 24 September 2019, members will not be presented with options on the table to discuss the future direction of the SUN Movement. It is too early as the SR team has only just started its work. The ExCom Chair will present the SR process to Lead Group members. The SR team is planning to do interviews with Lead Group members over next weeks. While the Lead Group is expected to take now a final decision on a third phase of the SUN Movement, a decision on the direction of the Movement will only be taken in 2020 after completion of the Strategic Review.

It was clarified that SUN Network Facilitators had been invited to the 5 September meeting with the SR based on the Strategic Review TORs. The Chair proposed to also arrange a separate meeting between each of the Networks and the SR team to ensure all voices are adequately heard.

The ExCom Working Group on the SR had been informed about some concerns within the SR team on the direction of the Strategic Review. The Working Group will clarify this with the SR team. There was discussion how the SUN Movement Global Gathering can be best used for the SR. The Chair also clarified that the SR team should lay out several options on the future of the SUN Movement for consideration by the Executive Committee and decision by the Lead Group. Some members of the Executive Committee stressed the importance to ensure independence of the SR team. The Chair concluded this item by reiterating that all stakeholder groups of the SUN Movement will be consulted for the Strategic Review.

**Decisions and action points:**

- *Use SUNGG for inputs from SUN Countries and other SUN stakeholder groups to the SR and clarify further with the SR team what can be expected from them at the SUNGG.*
- *ExCom agreed to keep all selected SR team members on board to ensure the expertise required for all four scopes of work laid out in the TORs is available in the SR team.*
- *Networks to express views whether a separate (virtual) onboarding meeting should be organized between them and the Strategic Review team.*

**5. AOB**

**a. Informal ExCom meeting 24 September in New York**

As per previous communication, Executive Committee members who will be in New York for the UN General Assembly are invited to attend the SUN Lead Group meeting as observers on 24 September 2019 from 08:30-11:00 at UNICEF HQ. An informal Executive Committee meeting will follow the Lead Group meeting to review outcomes, have strategic discussions on the future of the SUN Movement and review the SUN Movement Global Gathering draft program. The Chair asked to move the ExCom meeting to the afternoon.

**Action points:** *Following the call, the Chair confirmed the new time for the informal ExCom meeting: 24 September, 13:30-15:30, at UNICEF HQ.*

**6. Final Chair's Summary**

The Chair summarized the key outcomes of the call and thanked all members for their participation.

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