

Informal Meeting of SUN Movement Executive Committee

Summary Note

24 September 2019, New York

Participation

Participants: Meera Shekar (Chair), Tumaini Mikindo (Vice-Chair), Lawrence Haddad, Lauren Landis, Asma Lateef, Tatjana von Steiger, Fokko Wientjes, Rob Bertram (dial-in), Shawn Baker (dial-in), Gerda Verburg, Purnima Kashyap (UNN), Jonathan Tench (SBN), Christine Campeau (CSN), Abigail Rockwell (SDN), Brenda Killen (SMS), Edwyn Shiell (SMS), Marlen Schuepbach (SMS)

Taking into account this was an informal meeting, Executive Committee members agreed to allow full participation of Network representatives in this meeting.

Summary Note

1. Welcome

The Vice-Chair welcomed Executive Committee members and SUN Network representatives to this informal meeting, which took place after the annual SUN Lead Group meeting held in the margins of the 74th session of the UN General Assembly in New York. The meeting agenda was approved.

2. SUN Movement Global Gathering (SUNGG) draft program

Lauren Landis, member of the ExCom Working Group on the SUNGG, and Brenda Killen, Director of the SUN Movement Secretariat, presented the latest version of the SUN Movement Global Gathering program. They recalled the program was mainly built on inputs from and priorities of SUN Countries and explained how the sequencing and structure of the program has been further improved based on comments received from Executive Committee members at the call on 11 September. It was highlighted the grouping of workshop themes was linked to the SUN Movement Roadmap. Executive Committee members provided further guidance on the program, including flagging the importance of the learning dimension at the SUNGG and of capturing lessons throughout all sessions; having a 'Kathmandu Declaration on SUN' with commitments to N4G; better reflecting the SUNGG title 'Nourishing people and planet together' throughout the program; and providing time for the Strategic Review Team to meet with participants. An updated agenda will be shared by the Oct 9 ExCom meeting.

The Executive Committee also agreed on the following series of meetings taking place over the course of the SUNGG:

- 4 November:
 - ExCom preparatory meeting, 12:30-14:00 (working lunch);
 - ExCom – SUN Focal Points meeting, 14:00-16:00;
 - ExCom – Lead Group meeting, 16:30-17:30;

- 5 November:
 - ExCom – SUN Civil Society Network meeting, 07:30-08:30;
 - ExCom – SUN Business Network meeting, 17:15-18:15;
- 6 November:
 - ExCom – SUN Donor Network meeting, 07:30-08:30;
 - ExCom – UN Network for SUN meeting, 17:15-18:15;
- 7 November:
 - ExCom – Joint Network meeting, 12:45-13:45;
 - ExCom SUNGG Debrief, 16:00-17:00;
- 8 November:
 - ExCom – Strategic Review Team – 4 Network Facilitators meeting on future of SUN Movement, 9:00-12:00.

The Executive Committee will provide guidance to Networks (by 4 October 2019) on the format for their annual reporting to ExCom at the SUNGG.

3. Outcomes SUN Lead Group meeting

At its annual meeting in the morning of 24 September 2019, the SUN Lead Group met for the first time in its new composition. The Lead Group expressed strong commitment for a third phase of the SUN Movement from 2021-2025, and individual members made commitments on how they will support the SUN Movement in the coming year and lead from where they stand. The Executive Committee will be expected to step up in governance – as reflected in the ExCom retreat outcomes in January 2019 – and it discussed how Lead Group members can be held to account on their commitments.

4. Exchange with Strategic Review Team

Deborah Rugg and David Hales from the Strategic Review Team joined. The purpose of this session was to discuss how the Executive Committee can facilitate interaction between the Strategic Review Team and SUN stakeholders to ensure the different voices of the Movement are heard. In coming weeks, the Strategic Review Team will speak with Lead Group and ExCom members, Network Facilitators, SUN Movement Secretariat, UNOPS and other SUN Movement stakeholders. The team is currently finalizing the priority country list for the Strategic Review, and will meet SUN Country delegations and other stakeholder groups at the SUNGG in Nepal. Time will be allocated during the SUN GG for each of these meetings.

The Strategic Review Team stressed it is important to them to prepare a good end outcome that is useful for the Movement. The Strategic Review report will offer several options on the future of the SUN Movement, each outlining pros and cons. After reviewing the options, the Executive Committee will provide a recommendation to the Lead Group for approval. The point was raised that the end process to move from the options to the final decision on the direction of the SUN Movement for the period 2021-2025 should be further defined. This issue will be on the agenda of the next ExCom call on 9 October.

5. AOB

a) 'SUN awards'

The Chair raised the issue whether Nutrition Awards should be offered at the SUNGG to individuals who are doing an outstanding job for the SUN Movement. There was a common sense that it is important to express recognition of immense efforts made by some individuals in the fight against malnutrition. However, it was agreed that if it is decided to have SUN champions, the process should be much lighter than in 2017. A suggestion was made that in order to reduce the pressure on the SMS, this could be delegated to 3-4 members of the ExCom (ideally country-based members) to get nominations from each network and make final decisions.
