

SUN Movement Executive Committee (ExCom) Call

11 December 2020, 15:00-17:00 CET, Webex

Summary Note

Participation

Participants: Meera Shekar (chair), Tumaini Mikindo (Vice-Chair), Azucena Dayanghirang, Rob Bertram, Cecilia Gamboa, Lawrence Haddad, Abdoulaye Ka, Lauren Landis, Anna Lartey, Asma Lateef, Jo Moir, Felix Phiri, Kiran Rupakhetee, Fokko Wientjes, Shawn Baker(Ex-officio), Moin Karim (Ex-officio), Gerda Verburg (Ex-officio).

Apologies: Gladys Mugambi

Observers: Connell Foley (CSN – Candidate member), Emily Heneghan (SBN), Melanie Bruns (SDN), (UNOPS), Wahab Moez (UNOPS), Laurent Michiels (UNN), Allison Oman (UNN), Kyoko Okamura (WB), Anna Horner (UNN), Capucine Musard (SDN), Florence Tonnoir (UNN), SUN Movement Secretariat (SMS) Strategic Management Team

Attending: Adam Leach (Facilitator – independent consultant), Jane Keylock (Facilitator – independent consultant)

Agenda

- 1) Opening and welcome
- 2) Follow up on the SUN Movement Lead Group Meeting
- 3) Update on the operationalisation of SUN 3.0
- 4) AOB
- 5) Summary and closing of the meeting

Decisions and follow up

- *In response to the comments received from the Lead Group on the SUN Movement Strategy 2021-2025, the independent facilitators will work with the office of the Lead Group Chair (ED Fore of UNICEF) and the SUN Movement Secretariat (SMS) to finalise the strategy. (Adam Leach, Jane Keylock, Victor Aguayo, Yarlina Balarajan, Julia D'Aloisio and Jeff Tudor)*
- *The ExCom will develop an explanatory note for the Lead Group to clarify the proposed governance changes (with specific clarifications on the role of the Lead Group) as requested by the Lead Group Chair during the Lead Group meeting on 7 December 2020.*
- *The ExCom adopted the Terms of Reference of the SUN Operationalisation Group (SUN OPS Group) to support the transition to SUN 3.0 and agreed for the work of the SMS Functional Review to proceed as planned.*

- *Connell Foley has been appointed as ExCom member on behalf of CSN in the interim period until 30 June 2021. The UNN and SDN will communicate their proposals for interim replacements of Anna Lartey, Lauren Landis and Tatjana von Steiger as soon as possible.*
- All ExCom members (including ex-officio members) whose terms expire by 31 December 2020 have committed to stay in position until 30 June 2021.
- *ExCom Members are invited to provide feedback to the draft interim ExCom Terms of Reference by 18 December 2020. Ex-Com TORs remain a living document and inputs received will be used to revise the interim ExCom Terms of Reference during the operationalization phase. As per prior practice, these will be presented to the Lead Group Chair for endorsement.*

Summary Notes

Opening and welcome

The Chair of the SUN Movement ExCom opened the meeting. The non-objection of the new CSN ExCom members was addressed under the agenda item related to operationalisation of the strategy.

Follow up on the SUN Movement Lead Group Meeting

The Chair flagged that in their meeting on 7 December 2020, the SUN Movement Lead Group endorsed the SUN Movement Strategy for 2021-2025 with a request to address their outstanding concerns/clarifications in the final edits of the strategy. The Chair explained that some issues raised by the Lead Group can be addressed in the final version, while others are best taken forward in the operationalisation phase. The independent facilitators, in collaboration with the office of the Lead Group Chair and the SMS, will move forward with the finalisation of the strategy.

To respond to the concerns and confusion amongst some Lead Group members in relation to their role in phase three, it was suggested that they could benefit from seeing a version of their revised Terms of Reference with tracked changes. As requested by the LG Chair at the LG meeting on Dec 7, the ExCom will provide a clarification note to the Lead Group Chair (during their meeting on 7 December 2020) for further dissemination to the LG members. It was noted that with endorsement of the strategy by the LG, everyone should focus on ensuring that there is confidence in and support for the Strategy.

The ExCom agreed with the proposal presented by the SMS for the launch of the strategy. In addition to global events where the Coordinator, ExCom and Lead Group members could promote the strategy, Ex Com members expressed the importance of focusing on opportunities to launch the strategy in SUN Countries and regionally in order to help build momentum for action on nutrition.

Operationalisation of SUN 3.0

Jo Moir (SDN), Asma Lateef (CSN) and Tumaini Mkinda (Vice-chair) provided an update on the efforts to establish the SUN Operationalisation Group (OPS Group) which included an overview of the group's proposed Terms of Reference. The OPS Group will provide regular updates to the Ex-com and will present its recommendations to the Lead Group by 30 April 2021 for discussion and approval to ensure that work critical to operationalising the strategy can move ahead by the end of June 2021. The OPS Group Terms of Reference was approved by the ExCom.

Connell Foley was appointed as ExCom member on behalf of the SUN Civil Society Network for the interim period until 30 June 2021. The UNN and SDN will share in writing their proposed replacements for Anna Lartey, Lauren Landis and Tatjana von Steiger who have resigned from their positions on the ExCom. All

ExCom members whose terms expire by 31 December 2020 committed to stay in position until 30 June 2021. This includes Meera Shekar (Chair), Tumaini Mikindo (Vice-Chair), Rob Bertram, Asma Lateef, Gladys Mugambi, Felix Phiri and Shawn Baker (Special Advisor, Ex-officio).

The process to update the ExCom's Terms of Reference in the interim phase of January to 30 June 2021 was discussed. While the mandate, composition, membership terms and Terms of Reference of the ExCom is outlined as part of the governance and accountability workstream of the OPS Group, it was also recognised that clear information on purpose and level of commitment is needed to recruit new ExCom members. As several ExCom members were unable to review the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference before the meeting on 11 December 2020, the Chair invited ExCom members to provide feedback by 18 December 2020. It was proposed that inputs received would be considered in the process of updating the interim Terms of Reference, which would be further revised pending the outcomes of the governance and accountability work taken forward by the OPS Group under the auspices of the Lead Group Chair. Ideally the new Ex Com Terms of Reference will be finalised and agreed by the Lead Group Chair by March-April 2021 in order to facilitate the recruitment of new ExCom membership post-June 2021.

Fokko Wientjes (SBN), on behalf of the ExCom Task Team on Secretariat 3.0 Arrangements, gave an update on the SMS functional review, for which there was agreement to continue as planned. Ellen Barclay (SMS Chief of Staff) briefly presented a process to develop a roadmap and timeline to transition from SUN 2.0 to SUN 3.0 in close collaboration with SUN Countries, the SUN Networks and the OPS Group; this is to be discussed and agreed with the OPS Group and agreed upon with the full Ex-com in the coming months. Emily Heneghan (SUN Business Network Facilitator) briefly presented the way forward on a joint fundraising effort for the Global Support System. Further updates on these areas of work will be presented to the ExCom as appropriate during the operationalisation phase.

AOB - Academic Network

The Chair updated the Ex-Com on the proposal from the Standing Together for Nutrition consortium to join the SUN Movement, which had been shared earlier by the StfN group with the SMS. The Chair proposed that this could serve as a basis for establishing the SUN Movement Academic Network (as referenced to be assessed in the endorsed SUN 3.0 Strategy). Some SUN Country Focal Points explained that rather than creating a formal academic network, which could limit or silo expertise, they prefer to engage academics working on nutrition issues across their multi-stakeholder platforms and national level working groups as deemed appropriate in each country. This is in line with the SUN 3.0 strategy wherein each country will have the flexibility to decide what structures seem most relevant in their country context. The current proposal is only for the global level. Further information and the possibility of moving forward with a SUN Movement Academic Network will be discussed in a future ExCom meeting and as part of the operationalization process.

The meeting closed with thanks to all ex-com members and observers, and best wishes for a happy holiday season to all.