

SUN Movement Executive Committee
Exceptional meeting on ExCom Transition
5 August 2021, 15:00-16:00 CEST, Zoom
Summary note

Participation

Participants: Meera Shekar (Chair), Tumaini Mikindo (Vice-Chair), Nancy Aburto, Rob Bertram, Paula Chalinder, Azucena Dayanghirang, Connell Foley, Cecilia Gamboa, Asma Lateef, Gladys Mugambi, Kiran Rupakhetee, Gerda Verburg (ex-officio), Moin Karim (ex-officio), Anna Horner (on behalf of Allison Oman)

Apologies: Marjeta Jager, Abdoulaye Ka, Lawrence Haddad, Allison Oman, Felix Phiri, Fokko Wientjes, Shawn Baker (ex-officio)

Observers: Emily Henegan (SBN), Rory Moylan (CSN), Marta Santoboni (WFP), Alexandra Newlands (CSN), SMS Strategic Management Team and SMS Country Liaison Team (CLT)

Guest Participants: Dr Michaela Told (Independent Governance Expert, [Hi5](#)) and Victor Aguayo (on behalf of the SUN Movement Lead Group Chair)

Agenda

- 1) Opening and welcome
- 2) Update and discussion on the ExCom renewal process
- 3) AOB and closing of the meeting

Decisions and follow up

- The ExCom agreed that the ExCom call for nominations should go out as soon as possible. The Ops Group Chairs will report to ED Fore and work with her team and the SMS to finalize this and send the call out.
- The ExCom will be consulted on the proposed way forward related to the decision-making process and composition of the ExCom Transition Committee (ETC) regarding the new SUN Movement Executive Committee.
- The Ops Group Co-Chairs and Hi5 consultants will liaise with the SUN Country Focal Points about a consultation. The SMS is available to support the SUN Movement Focal Points on the ExCom to promote, coordinate and encourage engagement in the ExCom renewal process in their region
- The ExCom reiterated the need to meet the deadline of the 30th of September as requested by the Lead Group.

Summary note

1) Opening and welcome

The chair welcomed all participants, opened the meeting and informed the SUN Movement Executive Committee (ExCom) that she had invited Victor Aguayo to the meeting.

2) Update and discussion on the ExCom renewal process

Asma Lateef, on behalf of the Ops Group, shared that they had organized two consultation sessions and flagged that there is a strong desire to avoid losing momentum in transitioning the ExCom. She introduced Dr. Michaela Told, an external governance expert, to present the proposed ExCom renewal process on behalf of the Ops Group. Dr. Told presented the proposed approach of the Ops Group on the ExCom renewal and addressed how the comments and concerns thus far received had been incorporated ([presentation](#)).

The ExCom made remarks on the process and raised a question about the possibility to apply for multiple positions. The Coordinator flagged that the consultation calls that were held earlier in the week by the Ops Group have led to improvements and that it is important to send out the call for nominations as soon as possible. She stressed that ExCom is consulted but that the Ops group reports to the Lead Group. As requested by the Lead Group and concluded by their chair, a new ExCom should be in place by the end of September 2021.

ExCom members from SUN Countries asked additional questions about the possible alternate slot for country focal points, the possibility to extend membership for incumbent ExCom members, and the nomination process. The ExCom members from SUN Countries were praised for their great work to date on the ExCom. Victor Aguayo expressed that he thinks the process presented by the Ops Group is the right one and suggested moving forward.

Ops Group Chairs called upon ExCom members from SUN Countries to play a role in their region to help circulate the call and find the right people to make the ExCom stronger. Ideally a region would share up to three names for consideration. The governance consultant clarified that for transparent decision making, options can be put forward for informed decision making by the Lead Group. The request for three candidates per constituency is to ensure that there are options to safeguard diversity in the ExCom by the ETC, such as gender balance, while honoring the decisions by networks and constituencies as much as possible.

With the new TOR of the ExCom there is the proposal to increase diversity by bringing in alternates from a different country/organization. The agreed approach to ‘double hatting’ membership implies that each network constituency has their unique seat but are also eligible to apply for three expert seats, youth seat or two country seats provided they meet the agreed criteria¹. A regional process is recommended for focal points to discuss and agree their preferred candidates. Candidates who can demonstrate collective support from their regions will be considered favorably but it is not a pre-condition for nomination.

The ExCom thanked the Ops Group for its work. It was emphasized that the transition to the new ExCom is feasible if the process is allowed to advance. Countries should be represented in the ETC. In response to questions of ExCom members, one of the Ops Group Co-chairs clarified that the Ops

¹ This option was proposed by the Ops Group Chairs and agreed in the ExCom meeting that took place on 28 June 2021 (summary [here](#))

Group operates under the auspices of the Lead Group and that the Ops Group will continue to engage the ExCom as a vital sounding board and provide regular updates².

Building on the two Ops Group consultation calls held earlier in the week and this exceptional meeting, the Coordinator suggested to send the call for nominations out as soon as possible, trusting SUN countries to carry out nomination processes as appropriate with support of the Ops Group and facilitated by the SMS.

The Ops Group Chairs flagged that the next ExCom meeting would be too late to agree on the ETC TOR and its composition. The engagement of Lead Group members in the ETC will be discussed with the Lead Group Chair. From the Ops Group there are the four Co-Chairs as well as Mathews Mhuru, Co-Chair of the Ops Governance Working Group. The possibility of engaging ExCom Focal Points in the process will be discussed with them. The Chair asked to share the proposed way forward over email.

The ExCom concluded that the call for nominations should go out as soon as possible and requested that the ExCom is consulted on the TOR of the ETC (including its composition) over email before it is shared with the Lead Group Chair by the Ops Group Chairs. The Ops Group will continue to work towards the agreed date of installing a new Ex Com by 30 September 2021 whilst allowing the flexibility required for countries without compromising quality and transparency.

3) AOB and closing of the meeting

The chair thanked all participants and closed the meeting.

² Ops Group [Terms of Reference](#), agreed in the Ex Com meeting that took place on [11 December 2020](#).