

## SUN Movement Executive Committee Call

### 18 October 2021, 15:00 – 17:00 CEST, Zoom

### Summary note

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#### Participation

**Participants:** Gerda Verburg (Chair), Abigail Perry, Augstin Flory, Azucena Dayanghirant, Caroline Wilkinson, Cecilia Gamboa, Connell Foley, George D. Kembo, Gladys Mugambi, Karima Al-Hada’a, Kiran Rupakhetee, Mathews Mhuru, Matt Kovac, Mike Khunga, Neil Watkins, Patricia N’Goran, Richmond Aryeetey, Benedetta Audia (on behalf of Moin Karim). In support of the election: Michaela Told (Hi5) and Gabrielle Landry Chappuis (Hi5)

**Apologies:** Moin Karim

#### Observers:

Alternates: Cécile Patricia Ngo Sak, Christine Campeau, El Hadji Momar Thiam, Florence Sibomana, George Gyan Barfuor, Helena Guarin, Kazi Zebunnessa Begum, Nancy Aburto, Richard Pendame, Shea Wickramasingha, Said Shamsul Islam Shams, Venuste Muhamyankaka. Network Facilitators: Emily Henegan, Rory Conway- Moylan, Stineke Oenema, Melanie Bruns. SMS: Maria Pizzini, Renee de Jong, SMT and CLT.

#### Agenda

1. Opening and Welcome
2. Procedural matters
3. An introduction to SUN 3.0
4. Seizing opportunities for SUN Country Progress and renewed Global Commitment.
5. Scheduling and plan of work for the SUN Movement Executive Committee
6. Any Other Business (AOB)

#### Decisions and follow up

- *The draft ToR and RoP as developed by the [Ops Group](#) have been endorsed by the Executive Committee. These guiding documents will be published accordingly and shared with the SUN Movement Lead Group Chair.*
- *Gladys Mugambi and Connell Foley have been elected by the Executive Committee as the new co-chairs for one two-year October 2021 - October 2023 and will be announced to the SUN Movement Lead Group chair. Upon election, their designated alternates shall be entitled to act as full member of the ExCom and may exercise the right to vote in their capacity (George Gyan Barfuor and Christine Campeau). New alternates will have to be selected for the CSN representative seat and the SUN Focal Point/Country Coordinator from Central and East Africa.*
- *Ms. Helena Guarin, Head Sector “Nutrition and One Health” at the Directorate-General for International Partnerships of the European Commission has been appointed as alternate to the SUN Donor Network.*
- *The ExCom decided to invite the SUN Movement Networks governance mechanisms, to develop up to three SMART formulated renewed commitments to the SUN Movement to advance the Strategic Objectives of SUN 3.0, in connection to the N4G Summit commitment making.*

## Summary note

### 1. Opening and Welcome (SUN Movement Coordinator)

The SUN Movement Coordinator opened the meeting and welcomed all new members to the SUN Movement Executive Committee (ExCom). The Coordinator clarified that in this exceptional situation, she would chair the meeting and support the election of the new co-chairs. All members were invited to introduce themselves.

### 2. Procedural matters (SUN Movement Coordinator)

After a brief overview by the Coordinator, the ExCom endorsed the revised Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure as prepared by the Ops group without further comments and questions.

The four co-chair candidates: Gladys Mugambi, Mathews Mhuru, Matt Kovac and Connell Foley, provided a brief statement on their motivation to become co-chair of the SUN Movement Executive Committee ([bios](#)). In the first round of voting for the co-chair seat designated for a SUN Country representative, Gladys Mugambi won the vote over Mathews Mhuru (10 to 6). In the second round of voting for the remaining seat, Connell Foley won with the most votes (11).<sup>1</sup> The voting was done through a secret ballot vote, executed with support of external consultants, [HumanImpact5](#), who also supported the SUN Ops Group work. Results of the vote are available [here](#).

The Coordinator informed the ExCom that the donor network has nominated Ms. Helena Guarin, Head Sector “Nutrition and One Health” at the Directorate-General for International Partnerships of the European Commission as the alternate. The process of her nomination was clarified and without objection she was appointed as alternate to the SUN Donor Network.

### 3. An introduction to SUN 3.0

During the election of the Co-Chairs two videos were shown to give a brief introduction and background on SUN 3.0. The [10 years SUN Movement](#) and [Message by ED Henrietta Fore](#).

### 4. Seizing opportunities for SUN Country Progress and renewed Global Commitment.

The SUN Movement Coordinator presented an update on N4G and presented a proposal to the ExCom for all Networks to jointly present renewed commitments to the SUN Movement as the SUN Global Support System. The ExCom embraced the idea but emphasized that efforts should not distract from the ongoing work to support the development of country or individual institutional/organizational commitments, to avoid any duplications and to ensure they are meaningful despite the short timeframe. The ExCom also emphasized that this is a unique opportunity for SUN Networks to renew their commitment –in up to three concrete commitments- to the SUN Movement to advance the Strategic Objectives of the SUN 3.0 strategy and make it part of the N4G commitment making. Country representatives flagged that there could be an emphasis on setting up additional CSN, SBN, UN or Donor networks if they don’t yet exist in a country, better engagement of the private sector, focus and support on local governance, national nutrition plans and support for national multi-sectoral platforms.

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<sup>1</sup> Mathews Mhuru won 3 votes and Matt Kovac won 2 votes.

The Coordinator reflected the shared view of ExCom members of the urgency for the SUN Movement Global Support System to continue to support countries to make concrete commitments. The governance bodies of each of the four SUN Networks are invited by the ExCom to make a commitment for N4G while avoiding a distraction of the development of country and/or individual institutional/organisational commitments. It was proposed that, if feasible, each network could share three SMART commitments, endorsed by their networks' governance body, which can be presented renewed commitments to the SUN Movement to advance the Strategic Objectives of SUN 3.0. The Coordinator flagged that the Government of Japan has welcomed the idea. Ideally these are proposed at N4G 7 and 8 December, but alternatively a moment in Q1 of 2022 could be considered.

Patricia N'Goran presented an update on the proposal for the AU African Year on Nutrition for 2022. The proposed theme is *"Building Resilience in Nutrition: accelerate the human capital and socio-economic development on the African continent"* and the general objective of the AU Nutrition year for 2022 is to celebrate gains made in recent years and to secure greater political commitment and investment in nutrition to address ongoing challenges. It is led by the government of Côte d'Ivoire, AUDA-NEPAD, the African Development Bank and African Leaders for Nutrition and the SUN Movement. The official adoption and launch of the African year on Nutrition will be at the AU conference in February 2022. Full presentation available ([EN](#) | [FR](#)).

## 5. Scheduling and plan of work for the SUN Movement Executive Committee

The Coordinator informed the ExCom that a SUN Movement Lead Group meeting will take place the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 and that the Co-Chairs will be invited to participate. She also thanked all those who have supported the work of the Ops Group to date. This has resulted in an updated proposal of definitions of success and a mutual accountability framework that requires endorsement by the Lead Group to build ownership for the work. In terms of future meetings of the ExCom, the Coordinator proposed consideration of a two-day face-to-face retreat, provided it is safe to travel, in the first quarter of 2022.

Augustin Flory, the Finance Expert on the ExCom, provided a brief update on the status of the draft ExCom Finance Task Team terms of reference. He committed to working with the rest of the ExCom to make final revisions and secure endorsement as soon as possible. Once the terms of reference are in place, a selection process for members of the Task Team- including country and network representation and technical experts- can be launched. ExCom members were invited to reach out to discuss in further detail and can connect via Maria and Renée.

## 6. Any Other Business (AOB)

- A question was raised on the organization of regional hubs as indicated in the functional review with a request for a more details briefing on the process to date and next steps. The Coordinator clarified that discussions are ongoing and that Arnhild Spence (seconded from WFP) supports the transition of the SMS staff (according to the functional review outcomes), including the establishment of SMS regional hubs. Arnhild will reach out to the networks. Suggestions are welcome and those who would like to discuss can reach out to Maria and Renée to be put in touch with Arnhild.
- The Coordinator informed the ExCom that all previous members, including the previous Chair and Vice Chair, have offered their support to new ExCom members and the co-chairs. In case, ExCom members are requested to reach out to Maria and Renée to connect with previous ExCom members.