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Towards food and nutrition security for all

UNSCN/CFS linkages
Progress in the last 12 months

**United Nations System
Standing Committee on Nutrition**



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UNSCN Mandate

The UNSCN is mandated to be **a point of convergence** in harmonizing nutrition policies and activities and providing initiative in the development and harmonization of concepts, policies, strategies and programmes in response to nutritional needs of countries.

UNGA, ECOSOC, 1977



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UNSCN Core Functions

- 1. Harmonization of concepts, policies, strategies across the UN agencies**
- 2. Enhancing dialogues, linkages and partnerships between constituencies**
- 3. Knowledge exchange of practices and networking**
- 4. Monitoring and tracking progress**
- 5. Provide strategic leadership in nutrition**



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selected work streams last 12 months

1. **Nutrition and Climate Change (COP 17)**
2. **Nutrition and NonCommunicable Diseases (High-Level meeting at UNGA)**
3. **Scaling Up Nutrition Movement (technical and secretariat support provided)**
4. **Nutrition and Agriculture e.group**
5. **Nutrition Information in Crisis Situations**



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**selected work streams
last 12 months**

6. Member of the Advisory Group of CFS

- nutrition-focused consultation on GSF**
- task team on RT Gender, Food Security and Nutrition**
- nutrition side-event on CFS 37:**

Towards Food and Nutrition Security: how to strengthen nutrition in CFS (19th Octobre 14h00)

Connections between food security, agriculture and nutrition are still very weak and need strengthening



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Scaling Up Nutrition Movement



progress last 12 months

1. **Being built by countries – 20 countries engaged as "early risers".**
2. **Greater donor alignment in these countries and globally**
3. **Civil society and private sector engagement mechanisms being developed**
4. **One UN support through UNSCN ExCom and REACH**
5. **High-level SUN 1 year meeting at UNGA (20th September 2011) reinforced commitments for this collective endeavor**



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How to strengthen connections

1. **Better understand and articulate linkages between food security, agriculture, social protection and nutrition to see increased investment on food security and agriculture translate into better nutritional outcomes.**
2. **Do more work on:**
 - **what 'nutrition-sensitive' food security and agriculture look like (examples)**
 - **how they can be implemented at the field level (guidance)**
 - **how a nutrition impact assessment should be conducted at early stages of agriculture and food security programming (guidelines)**
 - **how to monitor and evaluate these efforts (M&E)**

The UNSCN will facilitate work of UN agencies on these.

3. **Ensure Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (in drafting) of the CFS promotes a well-defined and coherent approach to 'nutrition-sensitive' agriculture and food security.**



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