



JOINT FAO/WHO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NUTRITION 20 YEARS LATER (ICN+20)

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ICN+20 Background and Rationale



Joint FAO/WHO 1992 ICN

- Adoption of a World Declaration and Plan of Action for Nutrition
- Participation of 159 countries + EU pledged to eliminate or reduce substantially:
 - starvation and famine
 - widespread chronic hunger
 - undernutrition, especially among children, women and the aged
 - micronutrient deficiencies, especially iron, iodine and vitamin A deficiencies
 - diet related communicable and non-communicable diseases
 - impediments to optimal breast-feeding
 - inadequate sanitation, poor hygiene and unsafe drinking water
- Outcome - NPANs showing country priorities and strategies for alleviating hunger and malnutrition

ICN+20 Background and Rationale (contd.)



Two decades since the ICN - progress in reducing hunger and malnutrition unacceptably slow

- **925 million people** undernourished in 2010 (1.02 billion in 2009) – FAO estimates
- **10 million children** die before their 5th birthday every year - WHO estimates
- **171 million children** are stunted due to chronic malnutrition
- **148 million children** are underweight
- **2 billion people** affected by micronutrient deficiencies
- **43 million children under 5** are overweight
- **500 million adults** affected by obesity

ICN+20 Background and Rationale (contd.)



Malnutrition

- acts as a brake on development
- places intolerable burden on national health systems and on the entire cultural, social and economic fabric of nations
- greatest impediment to the fulfillment of human potential

Investing in nutrition not only a moral imperative but...

- improves productivity and economic growth
- reduces health care costs
- promotes education, intellectual capacity, social development

ICN+20 Background and Rationale (contd.)



ICN+20 jointly organized by FAO and WHO, in collaboration with sister agencies and other global stakeholders in nutrition (partners in the UNSCN and in the SUN movement)

Why an ICN+20?

- revitalize the role of nutrition at international level, including political and policy coherence and coordination and international cooperation
- strengthen governance for nutrition by supporting other initiatives (SUN, 1000 days, REACH etc)

ICN+20 Purpose



The Conference will:

- bring food, agriculture and health together to improve nutrition
- mobilize the political will and resources for improving nutrition
- reach consensus around a global multisector nutrition framework indicating concrete steps to improve nutrition for all

ICN+20 Specific Objectives



- Review progress made since the 1992 ICN in the collective effort to address nutrition problems, identify major constraints encountered in the implementation of National Plans of Action for Nutrition
- Review the achievements at country level for scaling up nutrition through direct nutrition interventions and nutrition-sensitive development policies and programmes
- Identify policy measures in health, agriculture, trade, consumers' policies and social support to improve global nutrition and develop consensus around a global multi-sectoral nutrition framework
- Strengthen political and policy coherence and coordination for improving global nutrition and raise the political will necessary to mobilize the resources needed for achieving nutrition-related MDGs through a balanced multi-sector approach

Process



- ICN+20: a high-level political event and the first global intergovernmental conference devoted solely to addressing the world's nutrition problems in the 21 century
- Three day event in 2013, including plenary meetings of high-level government officials and thematic roundtables held as parallel events
- Preparations will include:
 - Regional meetings and synthesis reports
 - Expert meetings
 - Stakeholder Consultation
 - Country case studies and SUN early riser countries

Regional meetings to be held from 2011-2012



Purpose:

to develop Country Strategy Papers for Scaling up Nutrition and regional/sub-regional synthesis papers

- involve countries in preparations for the ICN+20
- discuss country progress and perspectives, needs and commitments to scale up nutrition
- facilitate exchange of good practices in national policy and strategy development, innovative institutional arrangements, capacity development for better management
- explore commitments and partnerships to implement proposed actions

Expert Meetings and Stakeholder Consultation



4 Expert meetings to be held:

nutrition-sensitive agriculture, agriculture and trade policies, social protection and nutrition education

Purpose: to assemble the state-of-the-art scientific knowledge on each topic

1 Stakeholder Consultation:

NGOs, CSOs and private sector

Purpose: to bring together views and experiences from civil society, non-governmental and private sector organizations

Country Case Studies



Country case studies will be prepared by selected Early Riser countries of the SUN movement and the REACH initiative

Purpose: to discuss best practices and lessons learned in improving nutrition for replication in other countries

Three-day Conference (main event)



- Based on regional and expert meetings and stakeholder consultation, actions to be undertaken by all stakeholders (countries, regional entities, international agencies, NGO/CSO, academia, private sector) in their efforts to improve nutrition will be identified
- Each sector and actor will determine how it can best address nutritional problems, taking into account the specific needs and conditions in each country
- A global multi-sector nutrition framework indicating steps to improve nutritional status

Participants to the ICN+20



- Delegates at ministerial level of Member States of the sponsoring Organizations
- Observers at the highest level from the United Nations System Organizations
- other Intergovernmental Organizations
- Experts and programme planners from NGOs, CSOs, academic institutions and the private sector involved in food and nutrition



Thank you!

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