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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
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 21st 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 polices,
- 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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