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# JOINT FAO/WHO SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NUTRITION (ICN2)

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- Technical preparatory meeting 13-15 November 2013
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- Participants to the ICN2



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#### ICN2 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









#### ICN2 Background and Rationale (contd.)

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

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



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#### ICN2 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

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#### ICN2 Background and Rationale (contd.)

ICN2 jointly organized by FAO and WHO, in collaboration with several UN and non UN partners

#### Why an ICN2?

- 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)

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#### **ICN2** 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

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#### **ICN2** 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 nutritionsensitive 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 multisectoral 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 nutritionrelated MDGs through a balanced multi-sector approach



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#### Outcome

- Tools, guidelines, and knowledge updates will be used by Member States and other stakeholders to develop policies, programmes and plans in food and agriculture, trade, health, social welfare and education for nutrition improvement
- Identification of priority areas, setting of nutrition development goals and the policies required to achieve them will help to inform the post-2015 UN development agenda
- Contribute to the UN Secretary-Genereal's call for a higher degree of policy cohererence at global, regional, national and subnational levels and to take up the "Zero Hunger Challenge"

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## The UN Secretary General's Zero Hunger Challenge

"I have made food and nutrition security one of my top priorities."

"I challenge all of you to join me in working for a future with zero hunger."

"Within my lifetime, I want to see...

Every man, woman and child enjoy their right to adequate food; Food systems that are sustainable and resilient; Increasing support to family farming; Reductions in poverty, through agriculture and rural development; Good nutrition especially from the start of pregnancy to age two."

"Eliminating hunger will contribute to peace and stability all over the world."



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#### World Health Organization



### The UN Secretary General's Zero Hunger Challenge

### Zero Hunger Challenge

100%

access to adequate food all year round Zero

stunted children under 2 years All

food systems are sustainable 100%

growth in smallholder productivity and income

Zero

loss or waste of food

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#### **Process**

ICN2: a high-level political event and the first global intergovernmental conference devoted solely to addressing the world's nutrition problems in the 2l century

#### Preparations will include:

- Regional meetings
   country nutrition papers and case studies
- Expert meetings and e-conversation on nutritionsensitive food and agriculture and on social protection and nutrition
- Stakeholder consultations (NGOs, CSOs and the private sector)
- Preparatory technical meeting November 2013
- High level main event November 2014

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#### Regional meetings 2011-2013

#### Purpose:

to develop Country Nutrition Papers for identifying lessons learned for scaling up nutrition to feed into and inform the ICN2

- involve countries in preparations for the ICN2
- 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



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#### **Expert Meetings and** Stakeholder Consultation

#### 2 Expert meetings to be held:

Nutrition-sensitive food and agriculture systems Social protection and nutrition

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

#### **Stakeholder Consultations:**

Civil Society Organizations and the private sector

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

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#### **Country Case Studies**

Country case studies will be prepared by interested countries (including SUN countries)

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

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### Technical Preparatory Meeting 13-15 November 2013

Lessons on how to create nutrition-sensitive food and agricultural systems that achieve results from regional preparatory meetings, country nutrition papers, selected country case studies, technical papers and e-conference discussions will be synthesised into issues papers for presentation and discussion

The programme will have a series of thematic sessions such as:

- Policy and institutional initiatives to improve nutrition
- Building nutrition-sensitive food and agriculture systems
- Managing the dietary transition
- Social protection for nutrition
- Measuring malnutrition operational and policy-relevant measures, indicators, data and statistics









#### High Level ICN2 Conference 19-21 November 2014

A flexible policy framework to address nutrition challenges as well as priorities for enhanced international cooperation on nutrition issues

A combination of panel discussions and presentations on specific themes similar to the approach adopted by the World Economic Forum for generating and exchanging knowledge will lead to recommendations for actions to be undertaken in efforts to improve nutrition

identify policy priorities on how national and global food and related systems can improve nutritional outcomes;

Strengthen political and policy coherence and coordination for improving nutrition, and commit to mobilize the resources needed to achieve nutrition-related MDGs.

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#### Participants to the ICN2

- Delegates at ministerial level of Member States of FAO and WHO and other high-level representatives of agriculture, health and other ministries, policy-makers and advisors
- Leaders international organizations and Regional Intergovernmental Organizations
- Development experts, researchers and planners from academic institutions, civil society, the private sector and consumers



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### Thank you!

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