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## Roundtable Event

### A Focus on Government Action for Nutrition in South Asia

September 7-8, 2017 | Kathmandu, Nepal | Hotel Yak and Yeti

**High-level summary:** The event will draw on the latest evidence and experience from current nutrition-sensitive and nutrition-specific programs, and will explore the implications for acting at scale with such interventions, including financing, return on investment, communication, advocacy, monitoring and evaluation dimensions.

**Objective:** Advance multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral national and subnational efforts to address nutrition as a priority and scale up nutrition efforts together. Additionally, address budgeting for nutrition at the regional, country and subnational level, including domestic, public and private financing.

**Outcome:** Key public sector, business, donor and civil society decision makers raise the profile of nutrition in their home countries and find effective ways to work together.

**Participants:** A mixed group of policy and program planners, and nutrition experts, working with the following institutions:

- The target participants are Chairs (or designated senior staff) of Planning Commissions at the national and subnational levels, or equally senior government officials who are responsible for addressing malnutrition for their government.
- Speakers/panelists should be drawn from government ministries, relevant research organizations, civil society, donor organizations, and private sector.
- Additional invitations will go to:
  - Policy makers/Politicians
  - Civil Society and Nutrition Focused Organizations (SUN, SNV, Nutrition International (NI), GAIN, etc.)
  - Donor organizations (DFID, EC, DFAT, USAID, etc.)
  - Relevant UN organizations (UNICEF, WFP, WHO, FAO, UNDP)
  - International and regional NGOs (SUN, LANSA, GFAR, SAARC, etc.)
  - Research institutions (LANSA, IFPRI, etc.)

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# September 7 | DAY 1

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## Inaugural Session: Welcome and Opening Remarks (8:00 – 10:20)

- **Registration** (8:00 – 8:50 am)
- **Arrival of chief guests: Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, Mr. Sher Bahadur Deuba** (8:50 – 9:00)
- **Traditional Nepali Lamp lighting by Chief Guest** (9:00 – 9:10 am)
- **Chair of the inaugural session**, Hon. Vice Chairman, National Planning Commission, Dr. Swarnim Wagle (9:10 am)
- **National Anthem** (9:12 am)
- **Welcome Address**, Hon. Member, National Planning Commission, Prof. Dr. Geeta Bhakta Joshi, (9:12 – 9:20 am)
- **Remarks by Chief Guest:** Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, Mr. Sher Bahadur Deuba (9:20 – 9:30 am)
- **Putting Nutrition on the Map in South Asia**, Mr. Roshan Bajracharya, SAFANSI- World Bank, (9:30 am – 9:45 am)
- **Remarks by SAARC Secretariat**, H.E. Amjad Hussain B. Sial, Secretary General (9:45– 9:55 am)
- **Remarks by Hon. Deputy PM, Ministry for Education**, Mr. Gopal Man Shrestha (9:55 – 10:05 am)
- **Closing Remarks** by Hon. Vice-Chairman, NPC, Dr. Swarnim Wagle (10:05 – 10:20 am)

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## Inaugural Session Coffee (10:20 – 10:40)

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### Session 1: Setting the stage: Progress to date and barriers to multi-sectoral nutrition at the policy level (11:00 – 12:00)

**Discussants:** Melissa Williams, Senior Rural Development Specialist, World Bank; and Jamie Greenawalt, Operations Officer, World Bank

- **Event Survey Overview** (15 min.)
- **Discussion/Q&A** (25 min.)
- **Table Introductions** (15 min.)

### Session 2: Advancing the multisectoral nutrition agenda, part 1 (12:00 – 1:15)

**Moderator:** Mr. Peter Newsum, Director, SNV

- ***Drawing on local leaders: strong horizontal integration in public nutrition action for districts, cities, and villages***
  - **Establishing and Defining Functionality of District Nutrition Coordination Committees in Lao PDR**, Mr. Peter Newsum, SNV Director, and Mr. Ranjan Shrestha, ENUFF Project, SNV (20 min.)
  - **Nepal Sunaula Hazar Din Project**, Dr. Manav Bhattarai, World Bank (20 min.)
- **Discussion/Q&A** (35 min.)

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## Lunch Break (1:15 – 2:15)

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### Session 3: Advancing the multisectoral nutrition agenda, part 2 (2:15 – 4:15)

**Moderator:** E. Gail Richardson, Practice Manager, Health, Nutrition Population, World Bank

- **What do decision-makers need at the subnational and national levels?**
  - **Sindh Case Study-Subnational Level Experience**, Dr. Shereen Mustafa, Government of Sindh (20 min)
  - **Can rural leaders play a role? A case of how agricultural workers lead research on women's work and nutrition**, Ms. Noorulain Masood, Director of Research to Action, LANSa (15 min)

#### Plenary Q&A (20 min)

- **Insights from the Farming System for Nutrition Study in India**, Dr. Bhavani RV, Project Manager, LANSa, MSSRF (15 min.)
- **Advancing a Multi-sector Nutrition Plan, Nepal**, Hon. Member, National Planning Commission, Prof. Dr. Geeta Bhakta Joshi (20 min.)

#### Plenary Q&A (20 min.)

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## Afternoon Tea (4:15 – 4:30)

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### Session 4: Advancing the multisectoral nutrition agenda, part 3 (4:30 – 5:30)

- **SAPLING: Promoting Cooperation Between South Asian countries and the Potential for Upscaling Local and Sub-national Strategies**. Dr. Manu Raj Mathur MPH PhD, Senior Research Scientist & Associate Professor, Public Health Foundation of India (10 min)
- **Regional Opportunities for Collaboration- Next Steps** (40 min.)
  - **SAFANSI, SecureNutrition, SUN**
  - **Other platforms**
  - **Ideas for collaboration**

#### Wrap Up (5:30 – 6:00)

**Discussant:** Catherine LeBlanc, Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition

#### Cocktail Reception (6:00 – 7:30)

# September 8 | Day 2

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## Session 1: (8:30 – 8:45) Opening Remarks and Day 1 Review

**Discussant:** Dr. Shobha Shetty, Practice Manager, World Bank

## Session 2: Developing an enabling environment for progress and change: how to catalyze high-level leadership and support for action. (8:45 – 9:55)

**Moderator:** Dr. Harriet Torlesse, Regional Nutrition Adviser, UNICEF

- **Maharashtra State, India: Role of the State Nutrition Mission in strengthening nutrition governance**, Rajlakshmi Nair, Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF India (20 min.)
- **Financing of Nutrition Specific Interventions: Implications for Program Decision Making**, Dr. Deepika Chaudhery, Nutrition Specialist, World Bank (20 min.)
- **Discussion/Q&A** (30 min.)

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## Morning tea (10:00 – 10:15)

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## Session 3: How to Budget and Plan for Public Spending to Support Nutrition: understanding operational challenges, lessons learned and resulting best practices (10:15 – 12:45)

- **USAID SPRING work in Nutrition Planning and Budgeting**, Amanda Pomeroy-Stevens, USAID/SPRING, (20 min.)
- **Investment Framework for Nutrition: Afghanistan Case Study**, Michelle Mehta, World Bank (20 min.)
- **The Cost of Achieving Nutritional Security and the Cost of Calories in India**, Dr. Anjani Kumar and Dr. Avinash Kishore, IFPRI (20 min.)
- **Discussion/Q&A** (20 min.)

**Break Out Session- Costing and Budgeting**, Amanda Pomeroy-Stevens and Michelle Mehta (1 hr.)

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## Lunch Break (12:45 – 1:45)

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## Session 4: Break Out Session: Multi-sectoral Action Planning (1:45 – 4:00)

### *How can governments ensure nutrition impact from public sector services?*

**Moderators:** Dr. Alam Khattak and Dr. Patrizia Fracassi, Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement Secretariat

- **Introduction** (10 min.)
- **Interactive game.** Based on their multi-sectoral action plans and using the Quality Checklist, country teams will identify one area and a maximum of two criteria where they would most like to make progress and would appreciate constructive feedback from other country teams. (1.10 hr.)
- **Report Out** (40 min.)

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## Afternoon Tea (4:00 – 4:15)

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## Wrap Up (4:15 – 5:15)

**Moderator:** Melissa Williams, Senior Rural Development Specialist, World Bank; and Jamie Greenawalt, Operations Officer, World Bank

- Reflections from participants
- What will they commit to doing?
- What are they taking back?

**Acknowledgment of Partners and Organizers** (5 min.)

## Closing (5:15 – 5:45)

**Discussant:** Hon. Member, National Planning Commission, Prof. Dr. Geeta Bhakta Joshi