

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE TITLE	Nutrition Dialogue with International Geneva
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CONVENED BY	SUN Movement Secretariat, 4SD Foundation, World Vision International, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) Event announced on behalf of the Convenor by: Arne O'Donoghue. Project Manager
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The outcomes from Nutrition Dialogues will contribute to developing and identifying the most urgent and powerful ways to improve nutrition for all, with a focus on women and children and young people. Each Dialogue contributes in four distinct ways:

- Published as publicly available PDFs on the Nutrition Dialogues Portal
- Available as public data on the Nutrition Dialogues Portal "Explore Feedback" page
- Available publicly within a .xls file alongside all Feedback Form data for advanced analysis
- Synthesised into reports that cover which nutrition challenges are faced, what actions are urgently needed and how should these be taken forward – particular, in advance of the Nutrition for Growth Summit in Paris, March 2025.

SECTION ONE: PARTICIPATION

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

46

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0	0-11	0	12-18	1	19-29
23	30-49	22	50-74	0	75+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

34	Female	12	Male	0	Other/Prefer not to say
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NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

1	Children, Youth Groups and Students	15	Civil Society Organisations (including consumer groups and environmental organisations)
0	Educators and Teachers	1	Faith Leaders/Faith Communities
1	Financial Institutions and Technical Partners	0	Food Producers (including farmers)
0	Healthcare Professionals	0	Indigenous Peoples
0	Information and Technology Providers	0	Large Business and Food Retailers
0	Marketing and Advertising Experts	9	National/Federal Government Officials and Representatives
0	News and Media (e.g. Journalists)	0	Parents and Caregivers
3	Science and Academia	1	Small/Medium Enterprises
0	Sub-National/Local Government Officials and Representatives	13	United Nations
0	Women's Groups	2	Other (please state)

OTHER STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

There were two networks representing the private sector present.

ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON PARTICIPANT DIVERSITY

SECTION TWO: FRAMING AND DISCUSSION

FRAMING

The numbers of people experiencing food insecurity and malnutrition in our world are on the rise. A result of the impacts of climate change, and conflicts and their impact on agriculture and food systems. Combined with the recent cost-of-living crisis and constrained national budgets being experienced by governments of many low-income countries make them unable to respond to their people's needs. 2025 is a super year of opportunity to act for nutrition, kicking off with the Nutrition for Growth Summit (N4G), and culminating with the SUN Global Gathering. These moments, in addition to the WHA, UNFSS+4, COP30 and others offer opportunities to spotlight the role of nutrition to decision makers. Nutrition Dialogues World Vision International and 4SD Foundation, with support of partners, are helping to ensure that the experiences of people who risk experiencing hunger and malnutrition (especially women and children from low-income settings) are considered in discussions on policies that impact them directly. They have established the Nutrition Dialogues - a major effort to include, involve those at risk. By bringing their perspectives and lived experiences to N4G, and beyond, the Nutrition Dialogues programme provides opportunities for their perspectives, and the perspectives of those working with them, to be heard by decision-makers. A Nutrition Dialogue in Geneva The objective of this Nutrition Dialogue in Geneva is to explore how the benefits of investing in good nutrition can be better acknowledged, operationalized, and prioritized as a cross-sector priority by 2030. What contributions might participants, and the entities they represent, make to this outcome? International Geneva, with its many public-private partnerships, innovative financing initiatives, multilateral entities, and diplomatic community, offers a special opportunity for collective action on nutrition. This Dialogue is an opportunity to share, collectively explore and forge new partnerships.

DISCUSSION

How can the constellation of organizations (within International Geneva) best contribute to people's good nutrition becoming a policy and programmatic priority in nations, cities, schools, universities, and workplaces by 2030? Facilitators were offered the following prompt questions as well: • What can I do? What can my organisation do to support these changes? • Who will need to be involved? • What are the tensions we have identified and how can we manage them? • How will progress be fed back to those most in need?

SECTION THREE: DIALOGUE OUTCOMES

CHALLENGES

Participants identified several challenges to supporting nutrition outcomes:

1. Attention given to nutrition across sectors is inconsistent within, and across development and humanitarian entities, and also within other sectors such as trade, digital and nature. This fragmentation limits the effectiveness of collective action for nutrition outcomes.
2. Nutrition information is usually presented technically and lacks a compelling, inclusive narrative. Such information does not resonate much outside the nutrition community, and may limit its impact and leave important audiences unmoved.
3. Relevant stakeholders are often not included when actions that could impact on people's nutrition are planned.
4. There are very different perspectives on whether and how to engage with businesses on nutrition.
5. Nutrition is often overlooked in humanitarian responses to crises. Also, only a small proportion of humanitarian funding is directed towards prevention of malnutrition, nutrition education, and local production of nutritious food.

Challenges relevant to International Geneva:

1. Visibility: Nutrition issues are insufficiently visible in Geneva especially among those who are involved in humanitarian responses, those who are working on trade or making financial investments and in nature and conservation.
2. Lack of space for sharing that can facilitate information sharing and collaboration on nutrition issues among international multilateral organisations, Permanent Representations of Member States, as well as Geneva-based NGOs and businesses (or those that represent them).
3. Coordination between key hubs (New York, Rome, Nairobi and Bangkok) is insufficient when it comes to information sharing and actions around nutrition.
4. Civil Society Organizations are under-resourced (financial and human capacity) to be able to leverage their contribution so that they strengthen the local nutrition support eco-system.

The attachment includes additional detail.

URGENT ACTIONS

Participants identified several urgent actions that can support nutrition outcomes more broadly:

1. Strengthen appreciation of nutrition's importance in existing processes and encourage greater collaboration across sectors.
2. New Nutrition Narratives should be clearly understandable, based on evidence, and be developed as inclusively as possible. They should draw from the lived experience of persons at risk of malnutrition and framed as a human right.
3. Communication and Advocacy should highlight successful nutrition programmes, such as in reducing stunting and promotion of breastfeeding. Better mapping of who is doing what and using champions who can push nutrition to higher political levels. The role of civil society organisations is also highlighted.

See the appendix for more.

4. A framework for principled private sector engagement should emphasize a corporate responsibility that aligns with public-interest goals. The finance sector should be better engaged in explorations of how investors can better engage too.
5. Nutrition is a key tool in humanitarian, crisis and development settings, complementing other basic needs. There is a need to advocate more explicitly about this, at key moments (conferences etc), as well as to donors.

Participants identified several actions to support nutrition outcomes by International Geneva:

1. Establish an informal alliance that can continue to convene diverse stakeholders (including trade, business and investors, nature, digital, youth etc) to share, learn and connect on nutrition issues.
2. Provide additional resources, as well as capacity building, to Geneva-based CSO's.
3. Advocate for the integration of nutrition into broader humanitarian, health, and rights-based agendas (including in budgetary discussions).
4. Celebrate and highlight what is happening locally in Geneva.

The attachment includes additional detail.

AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

A challenge remains to explore options and find an equilibrium across different interests – specifically people's good nutrition and health, business and market dynamics within the context of geopolitics, conflicts and climate change.

There remains a divide between how nutrition is understood and addressed in developed versus developing countries, especially regarding budgeting, programming, and resource allocation.

International Geneva brings a global perspective on nutrition, yet participants acknowledged that nutrition's challenges, and how we respond to them are local and context specific.

OVERALL SUMMARY

This Nutrition Dialogue was an opportunity to bring together International Geneva to focus on how and what they can do to support positive nutrition outcomes. Most participants were based in Geneva.

The dialogue was carefully planned, with special attention to the composition of participants, the framing of both the dialogue more broadly, as well as the discussion topic and choice of prompt questions used by the experienced facilitators. These were specifically designed in a manner to help participants move beyond the current situation or their existing preoccupations and consider something that is altogether better – this was especially important as most participants have considerable experience and knowledge of nutrition issues.

The dialogue itself was dynamic and inclusive. There was a palpable sense of urgency, and a common sense of purpose.

Participants engaged constructively and explored collectively – there was shared appreciation of the challenges, but also a commitment to identify more systemic solutions. Participants spent most of the time allocated discussing at a technical level the challenges and actions related to nutrition. Only half of the discussion groups explored ways that they, as 'International Geneva', can support the actions identified.

The feedback from participants has been positive, highlighting the value of this way of engaging, whilst also acknowledging the need to practically operationalise the actions identified.

There were several overarching themes which emerged:

- Investments in nutrition make very good social, environmental and economic sense.
- There is a lack of funding, as well as a lack of political will to invest in nutrition, despite funding going into sectors that may perpetuate poor nutrition and exacerbate health problems.
- People are more interested in food than in nutrition – the focus needs to be on making healthy food more accessible and affordable.
- Nutrition is technical, but the narrative around it does not need to be.
- A paradigm shift is needed where economic incentives are ultimately aligned with people's (and the planets) health and wellbeing.
- Building multisector partnerships, including those that are often left behind, is critical.
- Private sector is important, but a framework for more principled engagement is needed. This includes financial investors too.
- Words are not enough - decision makers must be held accountable for the commitments they make.

In the attachment to this Feedback Form the challenges and urgent actions that were identified by the participants are elaborated on in more detail.

SECTION FOUR: PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT & METHOD

PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

Particular attention was given to always respect the Principles of Engagement.

METHOD AND SETTING

This Nutrition Dialogue followed the standardised method outlined in the Reference Manual. The Dialogue took place in the office of the SUN Movement Secretariat in the Palais de Nations, Geneva. After several framing remarks from the co-convenors, the participants were seated around 6 discussion tables. There were 7-9 participants at each table, as well as a Facilitator and a Notetaker. The language of the dialogue was English and Chatham House rules applied throughout the dialogue.

ADVICE FOR OTHER CONVENORS

FEEDBACK FORM: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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ATTACHMENTS

- <https://nutritiondialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Attachment-Nutrition-Dialogue-Geneva-docx>