

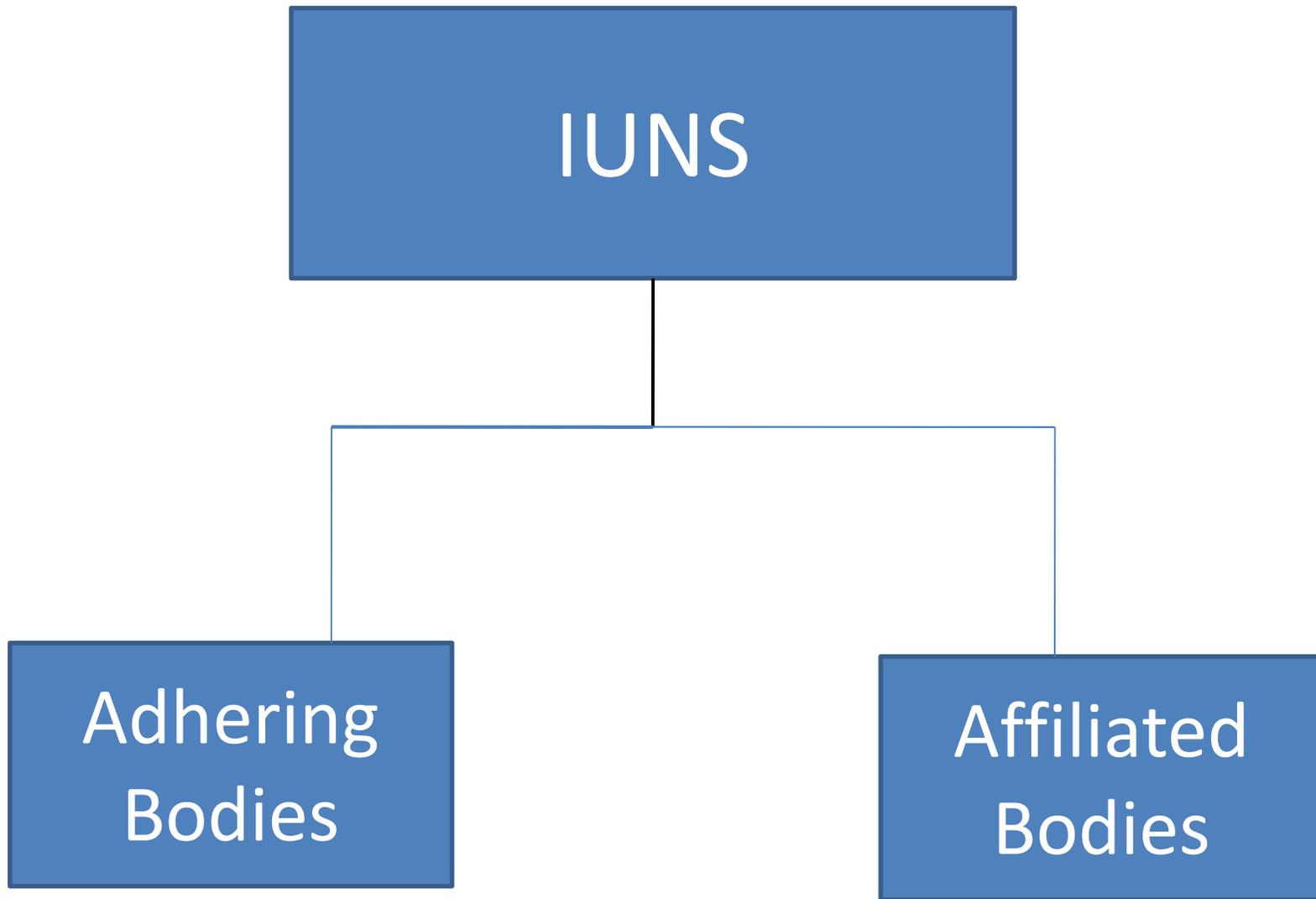
# International Union of Nutritional Sciences (IUNS)



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“The only Global Community of Nutritional sciences”

**Mission:**

Promote the advancement of the science  
of nutrition research and development  
through international cooperation

# International Union of Nutritional Sciences (IUNS): VISION

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***To live a life without malnutrition is a fundamental human right. The persistence of malnutrition, especially among children and mothers, in this world of plenty is immoral. Nutrition improvement anywhere in the world is not a charity but a societal, household and individual right.***

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## Activities

- 4-Yearly IUNS-International Congress of Nutrition scientific congresses (20<sup>th</sup> IUNS-ICN will be in Granada, Spain)
- Nutrition Leadership and capacity-building programs in the regions
- Serves as an advisory body of Nutrition scientists to organizations such as WHO, UNICEF, WFP etc
- Work in partnership with organizations to translate the scientific knowledge into practical actions to improve nutrition of vulnerable groups
- IUNS Council members are serving in various capacities on the Scaling-Up Nutrition (**SUN**) Movement

## **IUNS Task forces (2009-2013)**

1. Diet, Nutrition and long-term health (N Solomons)
2. Traditional, Indigenous and ethnic foods (H Kuhnlein)
3. INFOODS- (IUNS/FAO)
4. Prevention and control of malnutrition  
(A. Ashwood; A. Jackson)
5. Re-defining food quality (L Allen, S Murphy)
6. Harmonizing nutrient-based guidelines (I Elmadfa)
7. Capacity development and leadership in nutrition  
(I Elmadfa)
8. Nutrition security and rural-urban transition (O. Galal)
9. Gene-nutrient interactions: Knowledge to action (V. Ommen)
10. Assessing the benefits of nutritional and nutraceutical  
(V. Prakash)

## Guidelines to Taskforces

1. Encouraged to partner with international and regional organizations
2. Must endeavour to involve a young scientist in activities
3. Encouraged to publish their work (ANM will publish full articles and short communications from IUNS TFs)

# **IUNS Task and SUN**

# 2009

## Global Action Plan for Nutrition

- MDGs cannot be achieved without global **coordinated action on nutrition**.
- Special focus required on **mothers and young children**.
- **Solutions exist** that offer the highest possible returns to development.
- Nutrition **cannot be an afterthought** in development priorities.
- Nutrition should be **placed high** on the global and development agenda

# What is the global community doing to address undernutrition

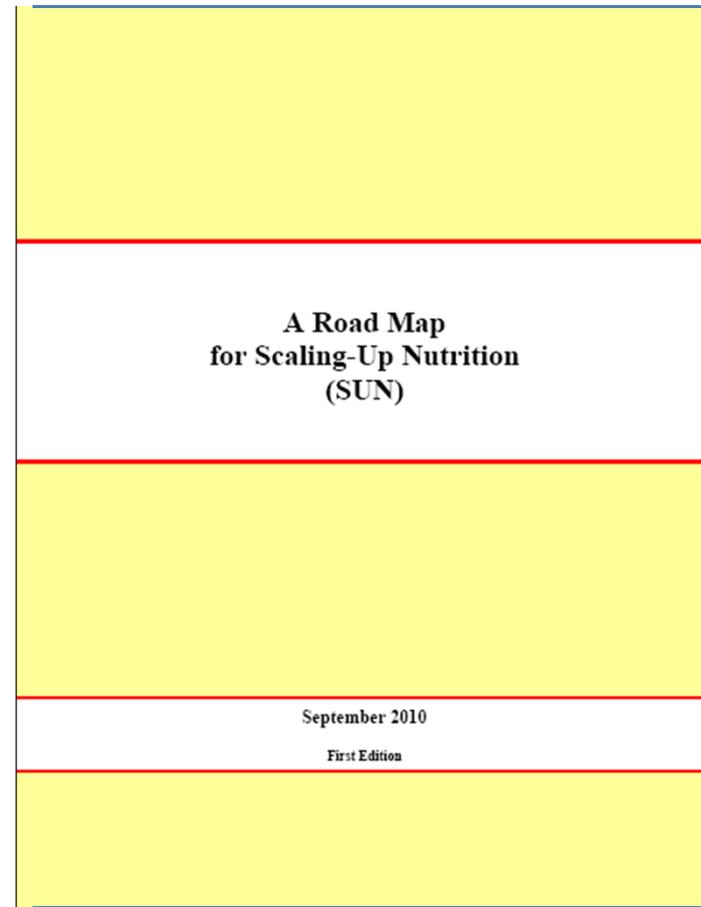
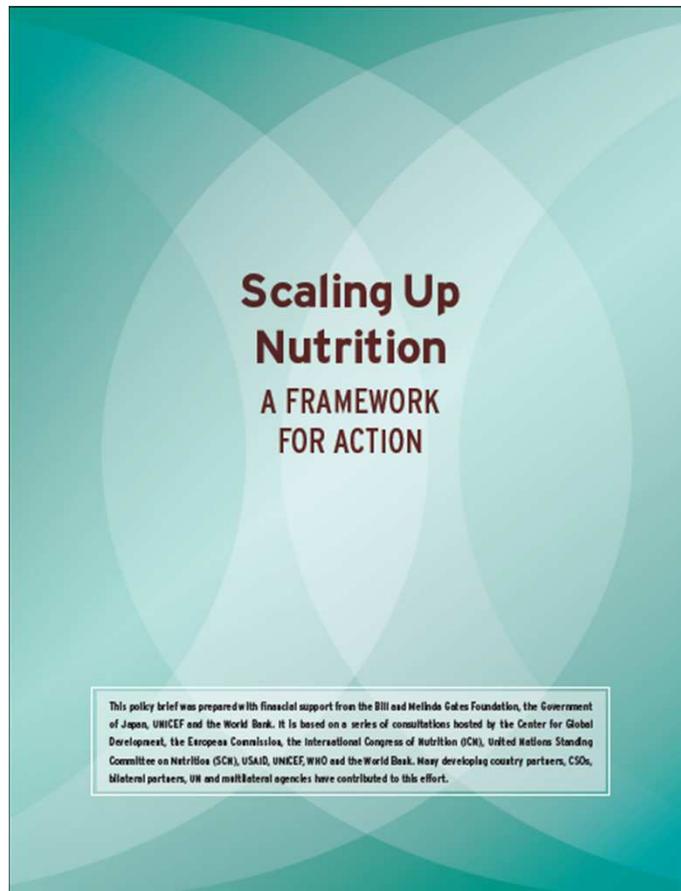
Coordinated efforts in the last 2 years:

UN agencies, EC, BMGF, Bilateral agencies, CSO to fight undernutrition has resulted in the release of the **SUN** documents (**SUN**=Scaling **U**p **N**utrition)

September 2010- Hi-level meeting involving UN Sec Gen and many World leaders and chaired by Hillary Clinton, committed to tackle undernutrition within the 1000 day window (pregnancy to 24 mo) by supporting the **SUN** document.

# The **SUN** Documents:

## **SUN**: Scaling Up Nutrition



# Scaling Up Nutrition: Framework For Action

What ultimately matters is what happens at the **country level**.

Sharply scale up evidence-based cost-effective interventions.

Priority: **minus 9 to 24 month** highest-return and window of opportunity.

Take a **multi-sectoral approach** that includes mainstreaming nutrition in related sectors.

Provide substantially **scaled up domestic and external assistance** for country-owned nutrition programmes and capacity.

# Nutrition is a Multi-Sectoral Problem with Multi-Sectoral Solutions



# The **SUN** Movement:

Is an coalition of international donors, civil society, development agencies, private sector, national actors with the passion and expertise to scale up actions to tackle undernutrition

# The **SUN** Transition Team:

David Nabarro, UN Special Representative on Food Security and Nutrition, is currently leading the 'Transition Team' working to put the SUN framework and roadmap into action in countries.

(**Emorn is a member of the TT**)

TT is supported by Task forces:

# Scaling Up Nutrition:

Transition Team

- **Task Force A:** Country capability and support
- **Task Force B:** Communication for Scaling Up Nutrition
- **Task Force C:** Civil society participation  
(A. Lartey & A. Rees are co-Facilitators of TF C)
- **Task Force D:** Engagement of development partners
- **Task Force E:** Engagement of the business community
- **Task Force F:** Monitoring and reporting on in-country progress

# SUN Early riser countries

These are countries that have formally applied to scale up nutrition and are working with the transition teams and task forces to scale up nutrition

Bangladesh

Ethiopia

Ghana

Guatemala

Malawi

Mozambique

Nepal

Peru

Senegal

Tanzania

Uganda

Zambia

Benin

Haiti

Mali

Niger

Rwanda

Sierra Leone

## Interested

Afghanistan

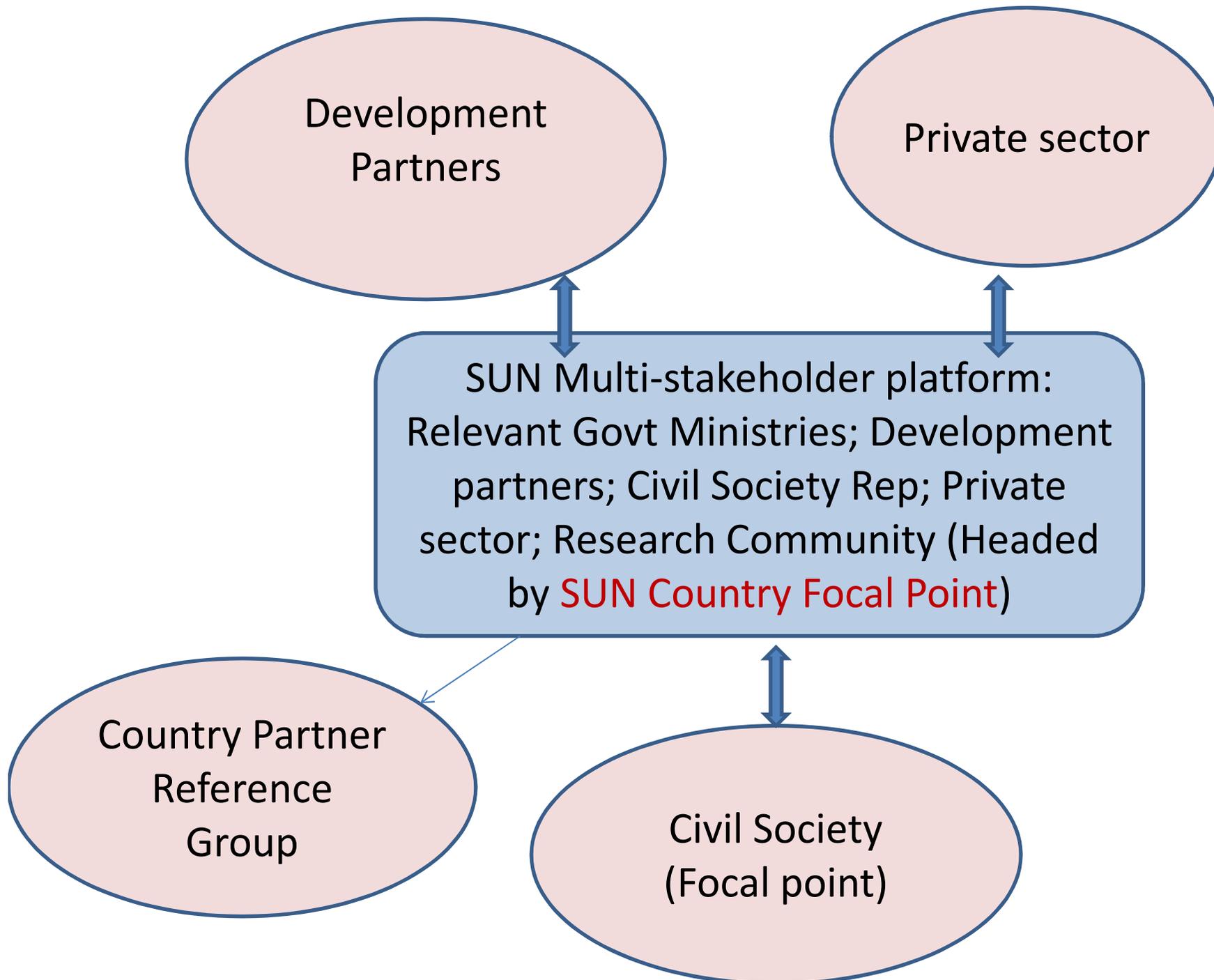
Burkina Faso

Indonesia

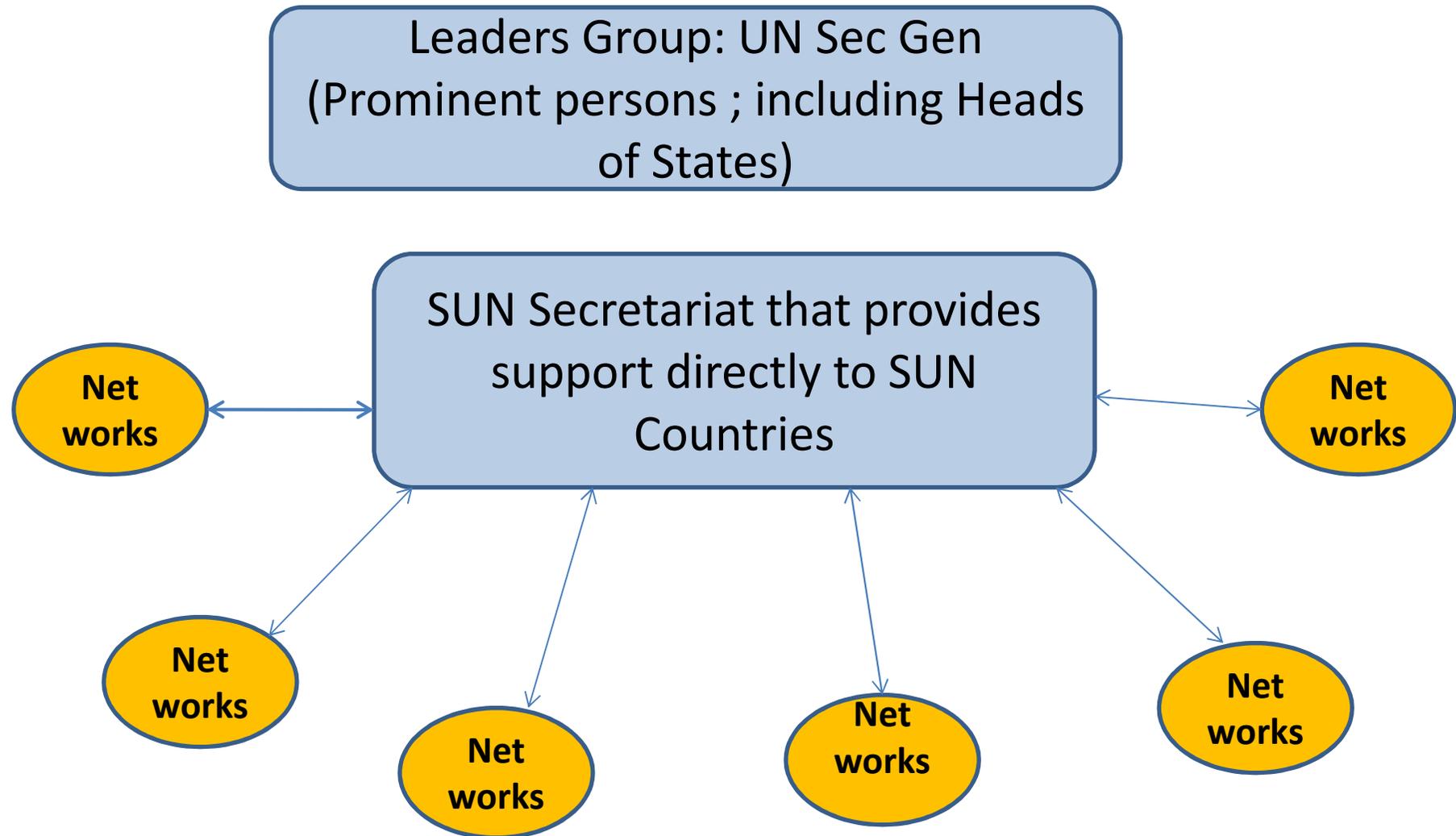
Laos

Mauritania

Pakistan



# New SUN Leadership structure



## IUNS involvement:

1. IUNS as a global nutrition Association should offer its opinion on efforts to scale up nutrition.
1. IUNS can come on board by as a member of TF C (civil society to offer guidance in the process)
2. Encourage Adhering bodies in SUN countries to participate fully in their country's SUN platform.

## Conclusion

IUNS has the global reach and is the partner to have when it comes to quickly scaling up nutrition activities