

Concept Note

NIPN Global Gathering 2023

Date: from 6-8 June 2023

Location: Brussels, Stanhope Hotel Brussels by Thon Hotels, Rue du Commerce 9, 1000 Brussels

Context

The National Information Platforms for Nutrition (NIPN) initiative was launched by the European Union in 2015 to support partner countries that are part of the global Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) movement and are committed to delivering evidence-based programmes and interventions to improve human nutrition in their progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG). The main objective of the NIPN initiative is to **have better informed policies and programmes aimed at improving nutrition through country-led and country-owned information platforms for nutrition to strengthen countries' analysis of nutrition information and data**. Platforms are currently established in eight countries: Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Kenya, Laos, Niger, and Uganda. A 9th NIPN platform will start in 2023 in Zambia.

To support each country's implementation and to coordinate the technical assistance and capacity building, a Global Coordination (GC) unit was established in 2015. Since 2018, annual global gatherings (GG) with all NIPN countries have been organized by the GC team to align and take stock on country progress and facilitate experience and knowledge sharing as well as exchanges on lessons learnt.

In 2023, NIPN GC team will convene the country platforms in **Brussels**, from **6-8 June**.

Objectives

As countries have expressed the need to receive additional guidance on how to better communicate and disseminate their NIPN analyses, the theme selected for this year's GG is "**Communication for informed decision making**". The main objective of the event will be to **strengthen platforms' capacity to communicate to decision makers**.

The event will be structured in several sessions, plenary and focused working groups.

A presentation of the results from the NIPN Contribution Study, carried out by [N4D Group](#), will also be delivered. Finally, as a technical guidance note on gender was released in 2023, gender will be highlighted as a cross-cutting theme throughout the event. On-site simultaneous translation into **the 3 NIPN languages** (English, Spanish, French) will be provided.

Platform teams will have opportunity to:

- Present their progress toward implementation and sustainability of the NIPN;
- Acquire new insights on communication to inform decision makers;
- Exchange and learn with/from other countries;
- Learn from the NIPN Contribution Study and discuss ways forward.

Cost arrangements

C4N-NIPN Global Support will cover expenses related to **venue and catering**, as well as costs related to **facilitation, team building events and translation**.

Ideally, each NIPN country platform will be represented by **5 to 6 participants**.

Proposal is that each IP support all costs related to the platforms they support:

- **CATIE** to support travels, per-diem, accommodation for **Guatemala**.
- **C4N-NIPN** to support travels, per-diem, accommodation for **Niger, Ethiopia, Zambia and for the C4N-NIPN Global Support team**.
- **UNICEF** to support travels, per-diem, accommodation for **Burkina Faso, Cote D'Ivoire, Uganda, Kenya, and Lao PDR**.

External partners to be invited

Partners from the EC-NIS projects (WHO, UNICEF), Members of the [Expert Advisory Group](#), colleagues from the SUN Movement Secretariat will be invited to join the event on-site. Costs related to travel and accommodation will be at their own expense.

List of potential sessions

Implementing partners (CATIE, GIZ and UNICEF) are invited to list out the sessions that could be implemented during the GG to help with agenda preparation.

- *Data visualization*
- *Communication of NIPN analysis to different target groups*
- *Results from the Contribution Study*
- *Update on sustainability plans from country, exchange on best practice examples*
- *Working groups by expertise*
- *Working groups on selected topics to enable peer-to-peer exchanges requested by the platforms: Digitalization / IT tools (Guatemala) / dashboards, engagement with academia, data analysis, including aspects for gender, multisectoral coordination, formulation of policy questions, project management)*
- *Scaling-up of NIPN at sub-national level*
- *CD task force meeting*
- *EC-NIS meeting*
- *One advice from each "old" platform to "new" platforms (Zambia, Mali)*