

INDEPENDENT EXPERT PANEL ON NUTRITION

Inform the “Nutrition for Growth” Summit

On the road to the N4G Summit

The N4G (Nutrition for Growth) Summit stands as a global platform dedicated to addressing all forms of malnutrition and food insecurity. Inaugurated in 2013, the N4G Summit has convened two significant gatherings, in London in 2013, coinciding with the Olympic Games, and Tokyo in 2021. These summits bring together key stakeholders from across the globe to deliberate on challenges and solutions on the theme of nutrition. Subsequent gatherings have been characterized by tangible commitments, including substantial financial pledges from governments, businesses, and philanthropic organizations to support large-scale nutritional initiatives.

The next edition of the N4G Summit is scheduled to take place in France, with the exact location to be confirmed, in March 2025. As a partner of the N4G and member of its steering committee, the Paris Peace Forum will play a pivotal role in its organization, facilitating the active participation and contribution of the private sector and civil society, thereby enhancing the impact of efforts aimed at improving global nutrition.

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The Forum will bring together a group of high-level personalities to support and contribute to the agenda and mobilization around the Summit. The group is made up of opinion leaders and experts in the field from the Global North and the Global South in order to convey the views of experts and inform the negotiations. Many players in the ecosystem have identified a lack of such a structure in previous N4Gs, particularly to help prioritization by policy-makers.

Therefore, the objective of this panel is twofold: support the identification and then prioritization of essential actions to improve nutrition in all its aspects; and champion a broad mobilization of relevant actors for the N4G Summit. This panel will enable scientists, experts in their various fields of nutrition, to address policy-makers directly, setting out priorities for action in each of the areas covered. The panel's work will be guided by the scientific evidence available and by internationally agreed goals such as the Global Nutrition Targets, with the purpose of facilitating the execution of actions needed to combat malnutrition effectively on a global scale. The panel will jointly address the issues of undernutrition (stunting, anemia, wasting) and overweight/obesity, taking into account the double burden that this places in many contexts.

It will consider all the key sub-themes and sectors in the field of nutrition: health and social protection, agriculture and food systems, climate, while taking into account cross-cutting issues such as financing and gender.

A document, which could be in the format of a policy paper, will be produced on the basis of contributions from panel members, in order to bring together the recommendations from the group's meetings. These recommendations will be presented by the PPF to the N4G secretariat to inform the negotiations through the official working groups within the summit governance.

Timeline of the Independent Expert Panel on nutrition

The first meeting of the Independent Expert Panel on nutrition was held on 10 June in Ben Guerir, Morocco. The first policy recommendations, regarding health and social protection, will be made public during the World Health Summit in Berlin (15 October). The set of recommendations, regarding financing and accountability, and food systems, will be presented during the 7th Edition of the Paris Peace Forum (11-12 November). The final presentation of all set of recommendations will then be presented at the SUN Global Gathering in Kigali (25-28 November).

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| 25 July 2024 | Virtual meeting | Plenary session - presentation of the calendar and the outcomes expected from this working group. First private plenary. |
| 29 August | Virtual meeting | One full day Plenary session followed by first meeting of the thematic working groups animated by chairs. |
| Between the end of August and the 23/09 | Virtual meetings (members of thematic groups will meet online) | Second meeting of the thematic working groups animated by chairs. |
| 24 September 2024 | Hybrid meeting during the UN General Assembly in New York | One full day Last meeting of the thematic working groups animated by chairs, followed by a private plenary where the set of recommendations will be approved. |
| 15 October 2024 | Hybrid meeting - Side event at the World Health Summit in Berlin | 1° Private plenary session to validate the set of recommendations of the different thematic groups. 2° Public plenary session where the members of the thematic group working on “Health and social protection” will present their set of recommendations. |
| 11 November 2024 | Hybrid meeting during the PPF7 | Plenary session where the thematic groups working on “Food systems” and on “Financing and accountability” will present their set of recommendations. |
| 25-28 November 2024 | Hybrid meeting in Kigali during the SUN Global Gathering | Plenary session where all the thematic groups will present their set of recommendations. |

At the end of November, the members of Independent Expert Panel on nutrition will be having a set of communication tools in order to promote, on their own initiative, the set of recommendations and the deliverables before the N4G Summit in March 2025.

List of members

Chair: Shawn Baker, Chief Program Officer, Helen Keller Intl

Officials:

- Victor Aguayo, Director of Nutrition and Child Development, UNICEF
- Francesco Branca, Director, Department of Nutrition and Food Safety, WHO
- Afshan Khan, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement
- Lynnette Neufeld, Director, Food and Nutrition Division, FAO
- Abigail Perry, Director of Nutrition, World Food Programme
- Meera Shekar, Global Lead, Health, Nutrition & Population, World Bank

Civil society:

- Greg S. Garrett, Executive Director, Access to Nutrition Initiative
- Lawrence Haddad, Executive Director, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition
- Dr. Mercy Mwangangi, Director, Health Systems Strengthening, Amref Health Africa
- Rahul Rawat, Deputy Director, Maternal, Newborn, and Child Nutrition and Health, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Scientists:

- Zulfiqar Bhutta, Founding Director, Institute for Global Health and Development, Aga Khan University and University of Toronto
- André Briend, Nutritionist (formerly at IRD and WHO)
- H el ene Delisle, Emeritus Professor at the University of Montreal, President of the Scientific Council of Action contre la Faim
- Shibani Gosh, Research Associate Professor, Food and Nutrition Programs and Policy Division, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University, Global Nutrition Report Independent Expert Group Co-Chair
- Elizabeth Kimani, (Head of Unit, Maternal and Child Wellbeing, APHRC)
- Nancy Krebs, Professor, Pediatrics-Nutrition, University of Colorado
- Anna Latrey, Professor of Nutrition, University of Ghana
- Carlos Monteiro, Professor of Nutrition and Public Health at the School of Public Health University of Sao Paulo
- Bhavani Shankar, Professorial Research Fellow in Food Systems, Nutrition and Sustainability, Institute for Sustainable Food, University of Sheffield
- Emorn Udomkesmalee, Senior Advisor, Institute of Nutrition, Mahidol University
- Giacomo Zanello, Professor, University of Reading, Global Nutrition Report Independent Expert Group Co-Chair

