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AGENDA

A global action network on Nutrition Labelling: taking action for better informed consumer's choices in the Decade of Action on Nutrition
6-7th February 2019
Ministry of Health, 14 avenue de Duquesne, 75007 Paris, France

Objective:

- to launch an Action Network aimed at accelerating and aligning efforts around Nutrition Labelling under the umbrella of the Decade of Action on Nutrition and in line with its Work Program. The network would perform the following functions: *host discussions and advocacy on nutrition labelling; provide platform for sharing knowledge and country experiences; support the implementation of nutrition labelling in countries.*

Expected outcomes:

- A global action network is established by interested countries from different world regions to promote the implementation of nutrition labelling.
- A joint work plan of the Action Network is developed by the members with concrete timelines and milestones.

DAY 1
Wednesday February 6th
Venue: Ministry of Health and Solidarities, Paris, France
Afternoon Session: 2:30 pm – 6 pm

Session facilitated by WHO or FAO.

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Opening ceremony (facilitated by the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition Secretariat)

- French Minister of Health (subject to availability) or Director General for Health.
- Dr. Lisa Studdert, Deputy Secretary, Department of Health, Australian Government (video message)
- UN Decade of Action on Nutrition Secretariat by Dr. Francesco Branca, Director, Department of Nutrition for Health and Development, WHO, Geneva

Official launch of the Action Network (group photo/ press release)

Introduction to the theme (facilitated by Australia):

3:15 pm – 3:40 pm

Global overview - labelling into a nutrition national policy by Chizuru Nishida, Coordinator of the Nutrition Policy and Scientific Advice Unit, WHO, Geneva

3:40 pm – 6:10 pm

Discussions on Nutrition Labelling: Exchange of country experiences in implementing nutrition labelling:

- **3:40 pm – 4:40 pm: 1st round table (facilitated by India)** : Implementing nutrition labelling policies (including information on types of policies/regulations, nutrients included, mechanism of implementing compliance and enforcement, elements for success and challenges faced): member countries (no PPT presentation – open discussion based on questions circulated beforehand).

4:40 – 4:55: Q&A

- **4:55 pm – 5:55 pm: 2nd round table (facilitated by Singapore):** Implementing FOPL (including information the process of determining specific FOPL systems, impact assessment if available, elements for success and challenges faced): member countries will discuss (no PPT presentation– open discussion based on questions circulated beforehand).

5:55 pm – 6:10 pm: Q&A

6:10 pm – 6:15 pm

Wrap-up and overview of the first day by WHO (Dr. Francesco Branca)

Introduction to the organization of the second day by France

6:15 pm – 7:30 pm

Cocktail

DAY 2
Thursday February 7th
Venue: Ministry of Health and Solidarities, Paris, France
Morning Session: 8:45am – 12:30am

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Working group sessions

Delegations will be divided in two working groups. The overall purpose of the working group session is to identify for each of the topics below, the issues faced by countries and translate this into action for the network.

- ✓ Group 1 will work in Room Jean Dausset **7275R**
- ✓ Group 2 will work in Room **7234R**

Each group will have the opportunity to reflect for about 1 hour 15 minutes on each of the following topics. Australia will facilitate the group discussion on topic 1; France will facilitate the group discussion on topic 2. The facilitators will move from one group to the next after 1 hour and 15 minutes.

First topic *(Facilitator: Australia): identification of bottlenecks and solutions to the implementation of nutrition labeling in countries*

- Bottlenecks & implementation challenges (legislation, enforcement, industry opposition)
- Capacity needs
- Potential solutions (sharing technical expertise in implementing, monitoring and evaluation of nutrition labelling, database of resources; webinars; web resources bilateral country support)
- Identify main messages on nutrition labelling using WHO Guiding principles
- Implications for the Codex Alimentarius
- What is the future of the Action Network

Second topic *(Facilitator: France – Chantal Julia): available evidence to support Front-of-the-Pack Labelling; analyze existing tools and resources.*

- Guiding principles on FOPL systems
- Nutrient profiling system(s) used for developing FOPL systems
- Protocols for evaluating the impacts of FOPL systems
- Identify main messages on FOPL using WHO Guiding principles
- Implications for the Codex Alimentarius
- What is the future of the Action Network

Lunch break

Afternoon Session: 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Room Jean Dausset – 7275R

Session facilitated by France and Australia

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Wrap-up of each morning session outcomes by each rapporteur

- Final session where the two groups will report from their morning session.

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Next steps

Operational aspects of the Action Network

The discussion will be based on two following sessions:

1. Joint work plan implementation and review (themes of actions and activities; products; statements; database; webinars; meetings and all next steps of the Action Network)
2. Governance (working methods; membership; commitments to working group; rotation of the role of convener; potential interactions with non-state actors; positions of CSOs and the private sector; how to interact with fora such as EC; ASEAN; CARICOM)

Closing remarks