

Scaling up Dutch Efforts for Global Nutrition

10th March 2015 - 16:00 to 19:00 - Unilever R&D Vlaardingen

We warmly welcome you to share your knowledge, views and practical experiences!

Background

In 2014 nutrition has been high on the international political agenda. With only one year left before the end of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), there was a strong global call to prioritize food and nutrition security in the successor of the MDGs, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In October and November 2014 a number of relevant [key global events](#) on nutrition security took place, including the two major happenings in Rome, the second [International Conference on Nutrition](#) (ICN2) and the launch of the first [Global Nutrition Report](#) (GNR).

At the same time in the Netherlands a letter was sent to the Dutch Parliament, called [“Dutch effort towards global food security”](#), written by the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation (Mrs. Ploumen) and the Minister for Agriculture (Mrs. Dijkema), highlighting the importance of nutrition security. The cabinet calls for a joint action: “based on the strength of the Netherlands, to end global hunger in one generation, and creating a foundation to feed 9 billion people by 2050 in a sustainable way”.

The [Netherlands Working Group on Nutrition](#) (NWGN) is happy to see the increased attention for nutrition and the call for joint action and feels the responsibility to participate in this journey. The NWGN believes that it is of major importance to inform the targeted audience about these current food and nutrition developments and stimulate dialogue on how to contribute to global food security and end malnutrition.

The NWGN, together with the [Food&Business Knowledge Platform](#) and the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#), would like to take this opportunity to organize a series of action-oriented discussion events, starting with a broader kick-off meeting on the 10th of March, followed by several specific sessions further throughout the year.

Aim of the event

The aim of this event is to make policy makers and practitioners aware of the findings presented in the Global Nutrition Report and to find practical ways to scale up Dutch efforts towards achieving Nutrition Security.

Expected participants include UNICEF, ICCO Cooperation, Unilever, WRR, GAIN, ETC, DSM, SPAR, Save the Children, Friesland Campina, Wageningen UR, Micronutrient Initiative, Wemos, Access to Nutrition Index and World Food Program.

Program

15:15 Registration and refreshments

16:00 Welcome and opening remarks

Prof. dr. Rob Hamer

*VP R&D Discover Foods and Director
Unilever R&D Vlaardingen*

Mr. Paulus Verschuren

Chair & Dutch Nutrition Champion

16:15 Key-note speakers to set the scene

Global Nutrition Report 2014

Prof. Lawrence Haddad

*Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI
Co-Chair Global Nutrition Report*

Policy on Food & Nutrition Security

Mrs. Reina Buijs

*Deputy Director-General
International Cooperation of the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

Followed by a Q&A session

17:00 Networking session with nutritious snacks

17:30 Interactive debate – Practical action to scale up Dutch Efforts for Global Nutrition

By means of “propositions”, introduced by a couple of organisations and companies who briefly share their good practices, the audience is encouraged to debate about various aspects of the nutrition situation in developing countries and the role that “The Netherlands” (Dutch diamond partners: government, NGOs, knowledge institutes and private sector) can and should play.

Roderik van den Bos

Moderator from the Debat Academie

18:50 Conclusion + follow-up sessions

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We warmly welcome interested people from private sector, civil society, knowledge institutes and public sector to join the discussion!

To register for the event, please send an e-mail to the NWGN secretariat

nlworkinggroupnutrition@gmail.com

Registration will close on Tuesday 3th of March

This event is kindly hosted by Unilever R&D Vlaardingen – route description attached



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