Outcomes of the
Second International
Conference on Nutrition (ICN2)

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Why ICN2?

- Unacceptably high and persistent levels of malnutrition millions lifted out of poverty and hunger but many have been left behind

- **Global problems require global solutions**
  Malnutrition is a global problem requiring coordinated multi-sector action

- **Only an intergovernmental conference can legitimately commit stakeholders** to address malnutrition

- Keep nutrition high up the development agenda leave no one behind
Participants

Over 2,200 people participated in the ICN2

- Eminent personalities
- 162 Member States of FAO and WHO + 1 Associate Member + EU + 3 Observers
  - 85 Ministers and 23 Vice-Ministers from Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Health and other sectors
  - 82 Ambassadors and 114 High-level government officials
- Accredited Observers
  - 27 UN and other IGOs
  - 164 civil society and private sector organizations
- Parliamentarians, opinion leaders, researchers and development experts
Process

Preparatory Technical Meeting (Nov 13-15, 2013)

Joint Working Group

Open Ended Working Group

Rome Declaration on Nutrition

Framework for Action

ICN2 (Nov 19-21, 2014)

Public on-line consultations
Informal consultations with NSAs

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ICN2 events

Pre-ICN2 events

✓ Civil society meeting
   17-18 November
✓ Private sector meeting
   18 November
✓ Parliamentarians’ meeting
   18 November

ICN2 proceedings
19-21 November

✓ 5 Plenary sessions
✓ 3 Thematic Roundtables
✓ 9 Side Events
Outcome documents

Rome Declaration on Nutrition and Framework for Action contain commitments and recommendations which need to be translated into firm national action.
Ten ICN2 commitments

1. Eradicate hunger and prevent all forms of malnutrition
2. Increase investments
3. Enhance sustainable food systems
4. Raise the profile of nutrition
5. Strengthen human and institutional capacities
6. Strengthen and facilitate, contributions and action by all stakeholders
7. Ensure healthy diets throughout the life course
8. Create enabling environment for making informed choices
9. Implement commitments through Framework for Action
10. Integrate vision and commitments into post-2015 agenda
Framework for Action

- 60 policy and strategy recommendations to achieve better nutrition for all
  - Enabling environment – with multi-sector engagement
  - Sustainable food systems for healthy diets
  - Nutrition-enhancing investment and trade
  - Nutrition education and information
  - Social protection
  - Strong and resilient health systems, including actions on:
    - breastfeeding, wasting, stunting, childhood overweight and obesity, anaemia in women of reproductive age and health services to improve nutrition
  - Water sanitation and hygiene
  - Food safety
  - Accountability

- Governments primary responsibility to take action, in dialogue with a wide range of stakeholders
Follow-up activities

ICN2 not an end but part of a process...

- DGs of FAO and WHO requested UN Secretary-General for the UNGA to:
  - *a) endorse the Rome Declaration on Nutrition and the Framework for Action*
  - *b) consider declaring a Decade of Action on Nutrition from 2016 to 2025*

- Preparation of concept notes and policy briefs to facilitate the process in New York through which the UNGA would be in a position to declare a Decade of Action on Nutrition

- Work on the **substantive contents** of the proposed Decade of Action on Nutrition, within existing structures and available resources

- Improve coordination for nutrition: Committee on Food Security (CFS) discussions

- Discussions among UN agencies, of UN activities in follow-up to ICN2

- Contribution to the Post-2015 Development Agenda
FAO’s commitments

39th session FAO’s Conference, June 2015:

- The Conference **endorsed** the ICN2 outcome documents and **urged** FAO Members to implement the commitments set out in the Rome Declaration and the recommendations in the Framework for Action.

**Follow-up actions:**

- Mainstreaming nutrition as a cross-cutting theme under the FAO reviewed Strategic Framework

- Identification of priority activities in support to member countries, covering different areas of the FFA

- Strengthening FAO’s capacity to enhance its role on nutrition

- Establishment of the **Action for Nutrition Trust Fund**
  - *Support governments in transforming the ICN2 commitments, recommendations and strategies into concrete actions*
FAO’s commitments

- Reports on ICN2 follow-up to FAO Governing Bodies

- Activities to facilitate the endorsement by the UNGA of the ICN2 outcome documents and the declaration of a Decade of Action on Nutrition

- Inter-agency coordination and collaboration on nutrition:
  - With other UN partners, develop a mechanism for monitoring progress on the implementation of ICN2 outcomes
  - Improve coordination for nutrition based on existing mechanisms (CFS)

- Efforts to include nutrition in the SDGs, reflecting ICN2 outcomes in the Post-2015 Development Agenda

- Linkages with EXPO Milan 2015 “Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life”
Endorsement by the 68th WHA

SIXTY-EIGHTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
WHA68.19
Agenda item 13.1
26 May 2015

Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition

The Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition,¹

1. ENDORSES the Rome Declaration on Nutrition, as well as the Framework for Action, which provides a set of voluntary policy options and strategies for use by governments;

2. CALLS on Member States² to implement the commitments of the Rome Declaration on Nutrition through a set of voluntary policy options within the Framework for Action;

3. REQUESTS the Director-General, in collaboration with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization and other United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and other relevant regional and international organizations, to prepare a biennial report to the Health Assembly on the status of implementation of commitments of the Rome Declaration on Nutrition.

Ninth plenary meeting, 26 May 2015
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WHO’s commitments

1) Technical assistance to Member States
2) Supporting the engagement of other sectors than health in country nutrition plans
3) Contribution of the Secretariat to joint United Nations mechanisms
4) Facilitation and enhancement of coordination of activities, multistakeholder engagement and action across sectors
5) Mobilization of financial resources for the implementation of nutrition policies and programmes
6) Development of an accountability framework
7) Reporting progress on implementation of the outcomes of the Conference
8) Endorsement by the UNGA
9) Contribution to the post-2015 sustainable development agenda
UN General Assembly support

- ICN2 called on UN General Assembly (UNGA) to:
  - **endorse** Rome Declaration on Nutrition and Framework for Action
  - **consider declaring** a Decade of Action on Nutrition from 2016 to 2025

- Draft resolution process underway in New York

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Why a Decade of Action on Nutrition?

- Catalyze sustained momentum needed national and global levels to address all forms of malnutrition to ensure good nutrition for all

- Provide a platform for national commitments to address all forms of malnutrition

- Mobilize focused, concerted, coordinated, complementary national and international, especially UN system efforts

- Articulate common vision, multi-sectoral approach to address all forms of malnutrition involving all relevant sectors and stakeholders