

11 October, 2011

Sir,

You have received the attached invitation from Amb. Herman Schaper (Netherlands) to attend a meeting of the Group of Friends on Food and Nutrition Security which is scheduled to take place at the Dutch Mission tomorrow, 12 October, at 1:15 p.m.

However, you had agreed to have lunch with the PR of Sri Lanka at that same time tomorrow.

I will convey your regrets to the Netherlands.

Thanks,
Janice

Yes thank you

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*Regretted
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Reminder / Group of Friends on Food and Nutrition Security / Nutrition / Oct 12

NYV-RSVP to: sgcentral@un.org

10/10/2011 10:20 AM



Dear Maria,

Further to our telephone conversation, I herewith send you a reminder of the meeting of the Group of Friends on Food and Nutrition Security addressed to Mr. Vijay Nambiar, Chef de Cabinet.

Kind regards,
Roos Petersen

From: NYV-RSVP

Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 6:15 PM

Subject: Reminder / Group of Friends on Food and Nutrition Security / Nutrition / Oct 12

Dear colleagues,

As indicated before, Mr. Anthony Lake, Executive Director of UNICEF, will introduce the subject 'Nutrition' to the Group of Friends on Food and Nutrition Security on Wednesday, October 12, 1:15-2:45, at the Dutch mission.

You will receive an invitation for that meeting beginning of next week, including

- The agenda
- A concept note by UNICEF
- The list of invitees
- A report of our last meeting.

Warm regards,
Herman

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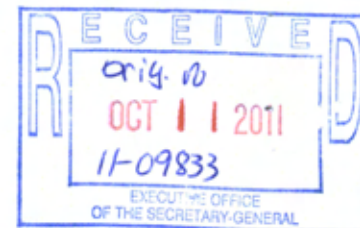
Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the
Netherlands to the United Nations

Group of Friends on Food and Nutrition Security

12 October 2011, 1:15-2:45 pm

A light lunch will be served

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17th Floor



Dear colleague,

As announced in our Save the Date, you are invited to the meeting of the Group of Friends on Food and Nutrition Security on Wednesday, October 12, 1:15-2:45, at the Dutch mission. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Anthony Lake, Executive Director of UNICEF, who will address the issue of 'Nutrition'.

Please find included

- The agenda
- A concept note, kindly provided by UNICEF
- The list of invitees
- A report of our last meeting, kindly provided by the French mission

Warm regards,

Herman Schaper
Permanent Representative
Mission of the Netherlands

Kindly RSVP to nyv-rsvp@minbuza.nl by Wednesday 12 October 10 am.

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Agenda 12 October 2011

Theme: Nutrition

1. *Welcome by Ambassador Herman Schaper*
2. *Introduction by Anthony Lake, Executive Director of UNICEF*
3. *Discussion*
4. *Topics for next meetings of the Group of Friends*
5. *Conclusions by Herman Schaper*

FOOD & NUTRITION SECURITY

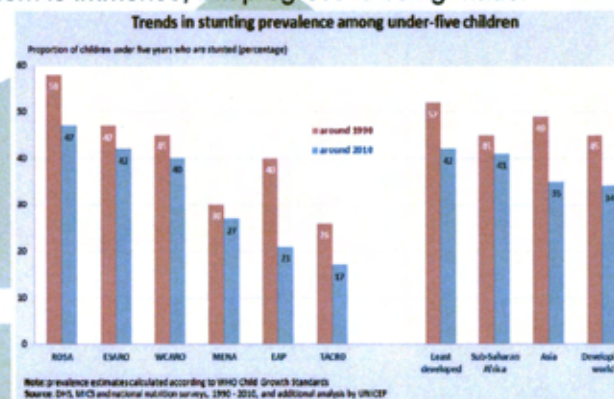
Undernutrition continues to be widely prevalent, especially in the developing world. It is brought about by a lack of adequate food intake often aggravated by frequent attacks of infectious diseases and deficient care (see attached Framework). It is important to note that undernutrition among children is not uncommon in countries or communities which are food secure. In these countries and communities inadequate caring and feeding behaviour are the main determinants of undernutrition.

Nutritional deficiencies are particularly harmful while a woman is pregnant, and during the first two years of a child's life. During this period they pose a significant threat to mothers and children's survival (about one-third of child mortality has undernutrition as an underlying cause), and irreversibly limit a child's growth and development. This in turn negatively affects children's ability to learn in school, and to work and prosper as adults.

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The problem is immense, but progress is being made.



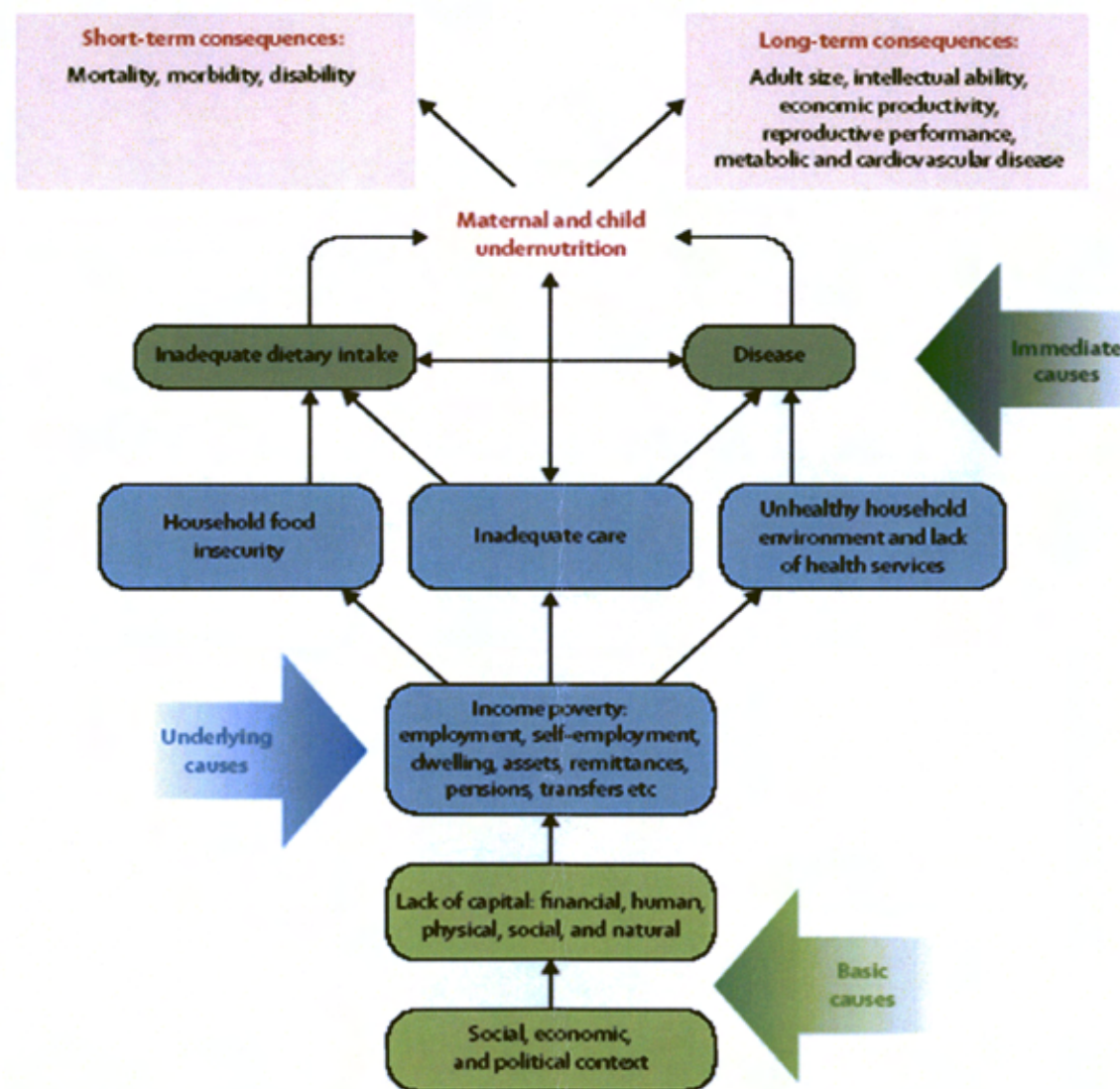
Undernutrition greatly impedes countries' socio-economic development and potential to reduce poverty. Reduction of undernutrition in women and children should therefore be an important issue in national development policy and strategies. A lack of action to tackle undernutrition is extremely costly because it leads to missed opportunities to save the lives of millions, it causes non communicable disease in later life (eg cardiovascular disease) and many children do not thrive to their full (economic) potential. Undernutrition can reduce GDP by 2-3%.

Chronic undernutrition (inadequate nutrient absorption on a daily basis) during pregnancy and the first 2 years of life is indicated by stunted growth. Around 180 million children suffer from stunting. The majority of these children live in just 21 countries in Africa and Asia. In many of these countries more than 40% of the children under the age of 5 years are stunted (see Figure on page 1). In situations of acute food shortage sometimes combined with infectious disease outbreaks, children are exposed to a higher risk to suffer from severe acute malnutrition. A typical example is the current situation in Somalia, where around 200,000 children need immediate and lifesaving treatment for severe acute malnutrition. Worldwide there are more than 20 million children suffering from this condition.

It is important to note that undernutrition can be prevented through relatively simple and highly-cost effective interventions such as breastfeeding, micronutrient supplementation, timely feeding of adequate complementary food, added to interventions such as hand washing, immunization. Severe acute malnutrition can be treated using therapeutic food.



Lancet 2008: Causal pathways in undernutrition, UNICEF 1991:





List of Invitees

Argentina	H.E. Mr. Jorge Argüello	Russia	H.E. Mr. Vitaly I. Churkin
Bangladesh	H.E. Mr. Abulkalam Abdul Momen	Rwanda	H.E. Mr. Eugène-Richard Gasana
Brazil	H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti	South Africa	H.E. Mr. Baso Sangqu
Canada	H.E. Mr. Guillermo Rishchynski	UK	H.E. Sir Mark Lyall Grant
China	H.E. Mr. Li Baodong	US	H.E. Ms. Susan E. Rice
Dominican Republic	H.E. Mr. Héctor Virgilio Alcántara Mejía	Yemen	H.E. Mr. Jamal Abdullah Al-Sallal
Egypt	H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz		
Ethiopia	H.E. Mr. Tekeda Alemu		
EU	Mr. Ioannis Vrailas, Chargé d'Affairs a.i.	EOSG	Mr. Vijay Nambiar, Chef de Cabinet
France	H.E. Mr. Gérard Araud	FAO	Ms. Lila Ratsifandrihamanana
Haiti	H.E. Mr. Léo Mérorès	HLTF	Mr. David Nabarro
Ireland	H.E. Ms. Anne Anderson	IFAD	Ms Xenia von Lilien-Waldau
India	H.E. Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri	IFC	Mr. Lars H. Thunell
Indonesia	H.E. Mr. Hasan Kleib	UNDESA	Mr. Sha Zukang
Italy	H.E. Mr. Cesare Maria Ragaglini	UNDP	Ms. Helen Clark
Japan	H.E. Mr. Tsuneo Nishida	UNICEF	Mr. Antony Lake
Mali	H.E. Mr. Oumar Daou	WFP	Mr. Pedro Medrano



Briefing on the work of the G20 Development Group on Food Security

Mr. Sujiro Seam, Deputy Director Global Public Goods and the French co-Facilitator on Food Security under the G20 Development Working Group after the G20 Ministerial Meeting on Development (Washington DC, September 23, 2011)

**Group of Friends on Food Security and Nutrition
September 26, 2011**

Concrete progress was made on the 4 priority areas of the food security agenda of the G20 during the G20 Ministerial Meeting on Development held in Washington DC on September 23:

1/ Research and innovation. Agreement on:

- The development of a platform for tropical agriculture, during the first G20 Conference on agricultural research (Montpellier, 12-13 September 2011);
- The launch of a global agriculture foresight hub;
- Further studying high-level public-private partnerships that will attract the private sector towards research and innovation in agriculture (Agricultural Pull Mechanisms, AGPM);

2/ Agricultural production and productivity:

- Joint action plan for multilateral development banks including specific and coordinated actions in the field of food security;
- Development of a high level public-private partnership platform on food security with, among others, the World Economic Forum;

3/ Risk management:

- Launch of a risk management consultancy mechanism aiming at improving coordination among multilateral, regional and national development agencies;
- Presentation of an agriculture and food security risk management tool box;
- Support of a NEPAD initiative aimed at integrating risk analysis and price volatility management in pilot projects at the national and/or regional level in the context of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP);

4/ Reduction of the effects of price volatility on the most vulnerable:

- Support of the pilot project conducted by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) for a targeted regional humanitarian food reserves system;
- Development of a code of conduct for responsible regional or national emergency food reserves management responsible management of the national or regional emergency food stocks.

Price volatility of agricultural commodities, another important aspect of food security, is also on the agenda of the Ministers of Agriculture and Finance:

- Launch of the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS);
- Exemption of export restrictions for food purchased for non-commercial humanitarian purposes by WFP;
- Transparency on financial markets;
- Work on position limits;
- Better coordination between physical and financial regulators on the various markets.

A final compromise among G20 members on these issues should be reached during the Ministers of Finance G20 meeting on October 15th.

Method of work and follow-up: the G20 benefited from the collaborative work of international organizations (UN, UNCTAD, Bretton Woods institutions, OECD, FAO, IFAD, WTO, IFPRI, WFP). They will also be involved in the implementation of these initiatives, according to a division of labour based on the comparative advantage of each organisation.

As for the French presidency of the G20, the objectives of the coming weeks will be:

1/ Ensure that the question of food security is adequately reflected in the final statement of the Cannes Summit;

2/ Follow up with the upcoming Mexican presidency of the G20 – who has confirmed that food security would be one of its priorities.