



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

4 December 2020

Dear Colleagues,

I write to you regarding the establishment of UN-Nutrition, which would be created through the merger of the United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN) and the United Nations Network for Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN).

As you know, a nutritious diet is essential for all people to lead healthy and productive lives. Yet, for far too many, this remains out of reach. Accelerating and enhancing our work to support countries and communities to end all forms of malnutrition by 2030 has become all the more urgent in light of the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The merger is intended to reduce overlap and better harmonize efforts to improve nutrition and food security at global and country levels in a manner fully aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the repositioning of the United Nations development system. The recommendation is the result of an extensive consultation and evaluation process jointly led by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, International Fund for Agricultural Development, World Health Organization, United Nations Children's Fund and World Food Programme. Their respective principals have jointly recommended this step change in our approach.

I am also pleased to share with you the proposed Terms of Reference and will count on your support to UN-Nutrition.

I thank you for your commitment to advancing this important issue. Together we can end malnutrition in our lifetime.

Yours sincerely,

with my warmest personal regards
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'António Guterres', written in a cursive style.

António Guterres

All Members of the United Nations System
Chief Executives Board for Coordination