



PRESS RELEASE

Changes to the leadership of the Global Nutrition Report Stakeholder Group

20 January 2021 – Shawn Baker, Chief Nutritionist for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has been appointed as the new Co-chair of the Stakeholder Group of the Global Nutrition Report, the world’s leading independent assessment of the state of global nutrition.

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Shawn Baker has been appointed Co-chair of the Stakeholder Group, which provides strategic leadership and builds support for the Global Nutrition Report. In this role, he will lead the Stakeholder Group to provide effective governance of the Global Nutrition Report. Baker is Chief Nutritionist for USAID, where he chairs the Agency’s Nutrition Leadership Council, oversees the vision and strategy of its Center for Nutrition in the Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, and coordinates related efforts across USAID. Baker has over 30 years’ experience in the field of global public health nutrition, including 25 years living in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. Baker will work closely with Dr Renata Micha, who remains Chair of the Independent Expert Group. A second Co-chair is expected to join in the coming period.

Lucy Martinez Sullivan steps down as Co-chair of the Stakeholder Group

Sullivan served in the role of Co-chair alongside Abigail Perry, Senior Nutrition Advisor at the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, who stepped down in 2020. Stakeholder Group Co-chairs rotate every two years to ensure a fresh perspective on issues in a changing context.

Dr Francesco Branca, Director of the Department of Nutrition for Health and Development in the World Health Organization, said: *“Lucy Sullivan has shown great leadership as Co-chair of the Global Nutrition Report Stakeholder Group, working intently and with dedication. She has been an astute listener to Stakeholder Group members and to voices in the global nutrition community in general, bringing the different groups together and offering vision to the Global Nutrition Report.”*

Lucy Sullivan, Executive Director of Feed the Truth and former Chair and Co-chair of the Global Nutrition Report Stakeholder Group, said: *“With a distinguished track record of driving positive change in public health nutrition around the world, I am confident Baker has the breadth of experience and depth of knowledge needed to bring renewed direction to the Global Nutrition*



Report. In a context where COVID-19 is threatening to reverse decades of progress on nutrition and tens of countries risk facing famine or global food emergencies in the coming months, his appointment to the Global Nutrition Report could not be more needed.”

NOTE TO EDITORS

The Global Nutrition Report is the world’s leading independent assessment of the state of global nutrition. We provide the best available data, in-depth analysis and expert opinion rooted in evidence to drive action on nutrition where it is urgently needed.

A multi-stakeholder initiative comprised of global institutions, the Global Nutrition Report is led by experts in the field of nutrition. It was established in 2014 following the first Nutrition for Growth summit, as an accountability mechanism to track progress against global nutrition targets and the commitments made to reach them.

Through a comprehensive report, interactive Country Nutrition Profiles and Nutrition for Growth Commitment Tracker, the Global Nutrition Report sheds light on the state of nutrition. We aim to highlight progress and working solutions to tackle poor diets and malnutrition around the world.

The Global Nutrition Report is leading coordinated efforts to develop an independent and unified accountability framework for nutrition, known as the Nutrition Accountability Framework. This framework will make use of existing mechanisms to strengthen global accountability for nutrition, driving faster and fairer progress to improve nutrition.

We are a unifying voice, designed for and with the communities who can act. By informing the nutrition debate, we inspire action to create a world free from malnutrition in all its forms.

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