**Side event application / Formulaire de demande de réunion parallèle**

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**Concept**

Description of proposed side event, including objective, expected results, proposed programme and speakers* / Description de la réunion parallèle proposée, y compris les objectifs, les résultats attendus, l'ordre du jour et les orateurs* :

**Country and institutions co-sponsoring the event**

Albania, Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Montenegro, Tunisia

**Title of the event:** “Nutrition4Health: a call to action network within the context of the UN Nutrition Decade”

**Background**

In November 2014, at the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), Member States and the global community committed themselves to eliminating malnutrition in all its forms and articulated a common vision for global action in the Rome Declaration on Nutrition.

In September 2015, Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, committing them to achieving a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centered set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets, indispensable requirements for sustainable development. They placed high priority on addressing malnutrition by committing to all the SDGs 3 in particular under SDG 2 to “End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture”. In April 2016, the UN General Assembly, through its Resolution 70/259-4 endorsed the ICN2 outcomes and proclaimed 2016-2025 the “United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition” (“Nutrition Decade”). The WHO/FAO Work Programme for “Nutrition Decade” identifies mechanisms through which Member States and other committed stakeholders should collaborate to achieve the aims of the Nutrition Decade, with a lot of items. Among others: “The Nutrition Decade is inclusive, addressing all forms of malnutrition, maximizing participation by all actors and ensuring that the needs of all people are addressed. To this end, the Nutrition Decade: involves all countries, regardless of their income, the nature of their malnutrition challenges and the characteristics of their food and health systems”.

The programme comprises 6 areas of intervention, one of which is “Sustainable, resilient food systems for healthy diets”. Concerning the means of implementation of this specific Programme, there are Action Networks, as catalytic way to create alliances of countries, to accelerate and align efforts about specific topics linked to specific areas of the Nutrition Decade, with the engagement of civil society, academia and the private sector.

More recently, in 2018, nutrition was at the center of discussions at the UN General Assembly, which adopted, with Resolution A/RES/73/2, the Political Declaration of the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of non-communicable diseases, which was held in New York on 27 September 2018, and, with Resolution A/RES/73/132, the text of the annual “Foreign Policy and Global Health” resolution, dedicated to the topic “Global Health and Foreign Policy”, which for the first time called “on member States to promote and preserve traditional healthy diets, food diversity and healthy eating habits and lifestyles, considering the importance of food as part of the cultural heritage and a vehicle to promote nutrition literacy”.

**Objective**

The Side Event aims at raising awareness on these topics and at launching an international initiative “Call to action network Nutrition4Health within the context of the UN Nutrition Decade. Participating countries, countries considering joining the initiative and all potential international stakeholders will be invited, in order to create a Multi Countries Alliance, for the purpose of spreading the principles of healthy eating, suggesting models of traditional and sustainable diets (for example on the basis of the Mediterranean diet).

This Side Event could be considered as an advocacy action, in full compliance with the UN Nutrition Decade Work Programme, aimed at offering a vision on Healthy Diet starting from traditional models and, at the same time, without demonizing any particular type of food.
This initiative could be the way to present cross-sectoral policies (win-win strategies) in the countries of the Alliance, in full compliance with the UN Nutrition Decade Work Programme.

**Expected results**
The Side Event could be considered the first meeting of an ACTION NETWORK on SUSTAINABLE, TRADITIONAL and HEALTHY DIETS and it could be the best opportunity, for all the participant countries, to draft a “shared and participated” ACTION NOTE. This will contribute to achieve the established health goals through the promotion of healthy and sustainable lifestyles, in line with the Agenda 2030, and through the dialogue and cooperation at all levels (political decision-makers, academia, third sector organizations and the private sector). The Network will contribute stimulating dialogue on the traditional and sustainable healthy diets and on the fight against the triple burden of malnutrition, based on an holistic approach.

**List of speakers**
- Secretary General of the Italian Ministry of health Dr Giuseppe Ruocco, CMO
- Professor Andrea Pezzana, University of Turin, Italy
- MAECI ....
- MIPAAF (CREA) ....
- Group of Friends of the MD ....
- Other Countries Ref

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**Event details / détails de la réunion**

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**Expected number of participants/Nombre de participants attendus :**

**Exact title of the event/Titre exact de la réunion:**

_Nutrition4Health: a CALL TO ACTION NETWORK within the context of the UN Nutrition Decade (UN resolution A/RES/70/259)^

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Yes/Oui ☑️ No/Non ☑️

(If yes, which languages?/Si oui, en quelle langue) ☑️

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Other language/autre langue: ☑️

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*Badges/ Badges d’accès
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