

Participation of Andris Piebalgs in the Scaling Up Nutrition Senior Level Meeting

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Andris Piebalgs, Member of the EC in charge of Development, delivered a speech at the meeting of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement on 14 March 2013. The European Commission has adopted a new strategy aimed at improving maternal and child nutrition, thereby reducing mortality and morbidity, as well as the barriers to growth and development resulting from undernutrition. This new strategy, set out in the communication “Enhancing Maternal and Child Nutrition in External Assistance: an EU Policy Framework” was presented on 14 and 15 March at the meeting of the Scaling Up Nutrition Movement. The new strategy aims to reduce the number of children under five who are stunted (who are too small for their age and who suffer mental development problems). It will achieve this by respecting the EU’s commitment to help partner countries reduce the growth delay in this age group by at least 10% (or 7 million children) by 2025. The new strategy will also address wasting among children (characterised by low weight for height as a result of malnutrition).



HEURE	DESCRIPTION	DUREE
00:00:00	Statement by Andris Piebalgs, Member of the EC in charge of Development, (in ENGLISH) that since the launch of the movement in Brussels in September 2010, Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) has become the international forum for nutrition; the European Union should take the lead in combating malnutrition; the European Commission has adopted a new nutrition strategy; this new strategic framework is structured around two goals: to reduce the number of children under five who are stunted and to address wasting among children; as a complement to these two goals, the strategic framework of the EC outlines a certain number of strategic priorities: first of all, the EC will continue to mobilise political commitment to nutrition at national and international level; secondly, it must be ensured that nutrition receives attention when it is a question of setting national budgets and priorities; thirdly, the EC will continue to invest in applied research and provide technical expertise to implement nutrition programmes; on the question of accountability; a good system for monitoring expenditure on nutrition is the foundation of a solid accountability framework; one of the anticipated outcomes of this meeting is to be able to reach an agreement on common principles that should apply to monitoring resources.	00:14:37

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