

Working Group on Micronutrients

29th Session of the UN System
Nutrition Forum
Berlin, Germany

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A call for abstracts may be a good mechanism to solicit the best material for this discussion

Agenda

- o Update on trends
- o Multiple micronutrients reports
- o Food-based approaches- evidence for impact and plusses and minuses
- o Iron secretariat including folate, vit. B12 etc
- o IDD update of sustainability
- o Questions & issues for next session

UN World Summit on Children Micronutrient Goal

‘Achieve sustainable elimination of iodine deficiency disorders by 2005 and vitamin A deficiency by 2010; reduce by one third the prevalence of anaemia, including iron deficiency, by 2010; and accelerate progress towards reduction of other micronutrient deficiencies, through dietary diversification, food fortification and supplementation’

Anticipated Outcomes

- o Update on where we are
- o Consensus that complementary approaches are more effective
- o Food-based approaches are part of this approach and the discussion can be largely laid to rest
- o That other micronutrients need to be addressed-again in complementary ways
- o Remaining scientific questions & programmatic issues be identified for next (30th) session