

Iodine Network Board Meeting Atlanta: Matrix of Decisions and Agreements

Subject/Issue	Background	Board Decision	Lead Member	Outline of Task	Ready by
Collaboration with GAIN	Mutual information exchange at the Network Board meeting in Atlanta	Exchange a representative as observer at each other's Board meetings	Network represented by MI (Venkatesh Mannar) at GAIN Board; ExDir of GAIN will inform who will represent GAIN at Network Board meetings	Observer status; Observers will keep other Board members informed	Immediate
Forming National Coalitions for Sustained Iodine Nutrition	See Draft Paper from a Subcommittee and discussed by the Board	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a draft work plan for the Network to stimulate national formation of NCs while building on what exists; 2. Make suggestions of minimum criteria for NCs to be met, if any 3. Assure that plan is ready at the time of the GAIN training clinic in Geneva, planned for end July 2003 	Kiwanis (Nettles Brown) with support from ICCIDD, SI, MI and Secretariat	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assemble and use the experience from active members; incl. "Leaderships" study commissioned by GAIN 2. Outline steps for members to take to stimulate NCs in selected countries 3. Have another look at what happened in LAC after the Miami meeting 	End June 2003
Support organizing a Network Summit in Beijing, 13-15 October 2003	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter of request written by ExDir of UNICEF to the Minister of Health of China 2. Concurrence by the new Minister and bureaucracy in China 3. Summit consists of two parts: a China re-advocacy event; and a Network Summit meeting 4. SARS scare makes definitive decision uncertain. YES/NO point in August 2003 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jack Ling is Network point man. Ray Yip is organizer in China 2. Work with UNICEF, WHO (Bruno de Benoist), ICCIDD, MI, Kiwanis and ChinaSalt, supported by secretariat 3. Seek funding for attendance by high-level leaders from the region 	ICCIDD (Jack Ling) with support of Network members as appropriate (see list in previous column)	A meeting, possibly on 23 May 2003 by the principal actors (largely by tele-conference initiated from UNICEF NY) will define the work plan	First decision by August on whether Summit is feasible given the present SARS scare
Expanding the Network	See Draft Paper from Subcommittee discussed by the Board	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Form a Working Group to address the options and modalities of expansion 2. Monitor formation and functioning of National Coalitions in the 4 GAIN supported countries (China, Viet Nam, Morocco, South Africa) 	CDC (Bob Baldwin) leads the Working Group and invites additional members	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assemble a WG (Bob Baldwin) 2. Explore groups and/or organizations to be invited to join the Network (Summit), the Board and/or National Coalitions 3. Submit a recommendation to the Board 	End June 2003

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Develop a Communications Plan	Need to improve linkages among the Summit, Board and National Coalitions	Formation of a Subcommittee to develop and submit a draft note to the Board	Not decided	To be following the above Working Group	Not decided
Priority National Challenges for the Network to tackle and reach the 2005 goal	See Draft Work Plan submitted by the Secretariat and reviewed by a Board Working Group. Only countries and situations where additional effort was considered needed are included	Agreement on (alphabetical): Afghanistan, Brazil, China, Dominican Rep., Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, Indonesia, Iraq, Pakistan, Philippines, Russian Fed., Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, [Harmonization - Europe, Africa], [India]	In some countries, lead partners already active, in others, lead partners yet to be identified. Secretariat to follow up with Partners, and to build a matrix of proposed action	Apply a "Network" rather than "single partner" approach; The challenge is to find ways to solve problems rather than perform an assessment; Seek ways to promote a National Coalition as part of each approach	N/A
Financing of the Network Secretariat	Financing should become a shared responsibility	Immediate: UNICEF, CDC and MI to provide for a 1-year bridge grant to Emory Long-term: Develop a Finance Plan	MI (David Haxton) to work with Secretariat and Board members on long-term plan	1. Assemble a working group. David will select other WG members 2. Develop a draft policy and plan, incl. potential sources of revenue	N/A
Assessment of the Network	Related to a long-term finance plan	The above WG should develop a Terms of Reference for an external assessment	MI (David Haxton) to work with Secretariat and Board members	Submit a proposed TORs to the Board and recommend a time plan for the assessment	Within 3 months
Improve ongoing communications among Network members and to the outside world	1. Need for more frequently shared information 2. Need to raise the profile of the Network	1. Secretariat to issue a monthly bulletin 2. Network to share an Annual Report widely	Secretariat to take a lead in consultation with members	Secretariat to submit a plan to the principal financers	By end June
Assessment of National Progress toward Optimum Iodine Nutrition	1. Official requests received by Network Chairman from a number of countries 2. A guideline was agreed upon and has been shared through Network affiliates 3. Consolidation of national background information being put together in Peru and Thailand. 4. Official requests are being expected from additional countries	1. Assessments are proceeding. They require extensive coordination, but this slows down the pace 2. Composing and fielding teams, and financing issues put a heavy time strain on UNICEF 3. Board insists on appropriate team composition. Also emphasis on building National Coalitions	ICCIDD (Jack Ling) with support of Network members	1. In coordination with UNICEF, respond to requests. 2. Internal discussion on future handling and generation of requests	N/A

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Tackling iodine deficiency in Europe	<p>1. Agreements reached at the end 2001 Board meeting in Amsterdam and a mid 2002 strategy planning meeting in Kiwanis SC Ghent</p> <p>2. ICCIDD/WHO reports on the iodine nutrition status in European countries</p> <p>3. Meetings between WHO and European Union</p> <p>4. Draft report on the EU position on food fortification</p>	<p>Proceed with agreed-upon strategy: (a) Hold Europe-wide Advocacy meeting, with UNICEF supply of advocacy part; (b) Pursue building National Coalitions in selected countries</p> <p>WHO to share the report on Europe (Ian Darnton-Hill assisted in its development) with Board</p>	WHO (Bruno de Benoist) collaborating with ESPA, UNICEF, ICCIDD, Kiwanis	<p>1. WHO to prepare a work plan for the Advocacy meeting</p> <p>2. UNICEF to develop advocacy element</p> <p>3. Summer seminar in San Sebastian, Spain. UNICEF, ESPA, Kiwanis, ICCIDD involved</p>	N/A
Salt-to-Salt Producer collaboration in Sub-Sahara Africa	Proposal by SI for a Salt Producer Conference this year in Africa, with support of affiliate in Senegal	Agreed. Linkage to a Regional Management Team meeting and obtain UNICEF senior executive attention	SI (Walter Becky) to solicit support of Network members and work with the Secretariat	<p>1. Find out RMT schedule from UNICEF</p> <p>2. Hold a plan development meeting (teleconference) and invite Network members into the WG</p> <p>3. Explore how to connect the effort with formation of National Coalitions</p>	Hold a planning meeting soon