

Note for the Record

PMNCH Executive Committee (EC) Meeting

2 April, 2013

Present: Flavia Bustreo (co-Chair); Ruth Lawson (DFID), Sabaratnam Arulkumaran (FIGO), Francesco Aureli (Save The Children – India), José Belizàn (IECS), Craig Friderichs (GSM),

PMNCH Secretariat: Carole Presern, Andres de Francisco, Abir Shady, Nebojsa Novcic

Regrets: Anuradha Gupta (India), Nicole Klingen (World Bank)

Guests: Elizabeth Mason (WHO), Marta Seoane (WHO)

AGENDA

Chair: Flavia Bustreo

1. Review of 2 April EC Teleconference Minutes
2. EC discussion on the revised concept note for the 2013 commitments report
3. Post-2015 development agenda and update on Bali
4. Secretariat/HCPAs update on status of Implementation of Essential Interventions projects
5. Secretariat update on membership of the PMNCH Advisory Groups
6. Governance and funding
7. AOB:

The Chair welcomed the participants and reviewed the agenda.

1. Review of 2 April EC Teleconference Minutes

The minutes were accepted as submitted without any changes.

2. EC discussion on the revised concept note for the 2013 commitments report

Nebojsa Novcic a brief introduction on this item requested by the iERG to inform their report that will be published in September 2013. The report concept note has been revised based on the EC comments during March call. The report is currently being handled as follows:

- Seek Development to undertake the financial analysis aspects of the report; and
- Cambridge Economic Policy Associates (CEPA) to carry out the thematic analysis, country case studies and overall project management and coordination of the report.

The report will focus on four thematic analyses, namely adolescents, family planning, newborn health and advocacy. The first draft is anticipated early June and a revised draft would be send to Richard Horton at the iERG in July.

An online survey has been setup for this purpose and it is also intended for future online self-reporting by committers if it proves successful in 2013. The survey is different from the previous one, as it is tailored to different constituencies, e.g. the private sector. Also, alignment is being made with other reports going to the iERG.

EC members indicated that more active response is expected to this year's survey and it has been mentioned that PMNCH commitments made in last year's report should be reviewed and updated accordingly in the 2013 report.

3. Post-2015 development agenda and update on Bali

Carole Presern gave an update on the Bali high level meeting on the Post-2015 development agenda, as well as the communique that was produced subsequently. PMNCH Summary Statement needs to be more concise with three key messages. Individual letters will be sent to all involved in preparation for the New York meeting. The Post-2015 advisory group will thus take a different approach more of a political

advice and advocacy. Therefore, the TORs of this group and membership may change and such revisions will be submitted to the EC during May call.

4. Secretariat/HCPAs update on implementation status of the Essential Interventions

Andres de Francisco and Sabaratnam Arulkumaran (FIGO) gave an update on implementation of the Essential Interventions project. The revised project proposal was presented based on comments received from the EC following the multi stakeholders meeting that took place in London, 28 February – 1 March. The following points were made:

- The three leading health care professional associations, namely: FIGO, ICM and IPAs are committed to rolling out the essential interventions tools in selected countries.
- Implementation in each country will be tailored to the local settings, trends of maternal and newborn care and existing stakeholders in the selected country for implementation.
- Initially two countries will be selected, one in South-east Asia: either India or Indonesia; and one country in Africa: either Burkina Faso, Ethiopia or Uganda.
- The focus in those two countries would be implementing 17 interventions for child care and post-neonatal care in two referral facilities. It is intended to have such facilities as future centres of excellence replicable in other countries.
- Letters have been sent to the five countries to ascertain interest.
- WHO will be contacted to approach Ministers of Health to work in this project jointly with the governments.
- The next step is to revise the proposal within the coming week based on the conclusions and recommendations made at the London meeting.

Flavia Bustreo pointed out the importance of coordinating with other multilateral organizations and NGOs working on similar areas, especially quality and continuity of care. Also requested the Secretariat to share the projects proposal and framework once revised.

Hamid Rashwan and Andres de Francisco confirmed that implementation in countries will follow a multi-stakeholder approach. WHO will play a key role working with Ministers of Health. A steering committee will be established in each country taking forward such coordination as a key factor for the project's success.

5. Secretariat update on membership of the PMNCH Advisory Groups

Nebojsa Novcic gave an update on the current status of membership to PMNCH Advisory Groups, namely:

- Advisory Group on strengthening the harmonization of financing for RMNCH
- Technical Advisory Group for the 2013 Report on the Implementation of Commitments to the Global Strategy
- Partner Advisory Groups (PAGs)
- Advisory Group on ensuring women's and children's health is reflected in post-2015 development agenda
- Working Group of Partners for developing PMNCH adolescent engagement strategy
- Global Investment Case - Study Group / Advisory Panel

All efforts are being made to ensure that there is representative membership from all constituencies while adding value to the TORs of the particular advisory group. Currently priority is being given to the Advisory Group on strengthening the harmonization of financing for RMNCH. A teleconference is being organized for this Advisory Group and an update will be provided to the EC during May call.

6. Governance and funding

The Chair gave a brief introduction to this topic. The discussion was led by Carole Presern, indicating that currently the Secretariat is still trying to get members from the different constituencies to be among this particular Advisory Group. The Secretariat intends to finalize this exercise by end of March and to have a meeting for the Advisory Group by mid-April.

7. Constituency update on engagement plans for Women Deliver Conference in Kuala Lumpur

Carole Presern gave a brief introduction to the Women Deliver agenda and a consultation which is planned along the forthcoming WHA on the global investment framework for women's and children's health. Also, it was noted that different constituencies members may support in the Women Deliver event and the visibility of PMNCH advocacy efforts during the event.

8. PMNCH Governance and Funding

Carole Presern updated the EC on the new Chair of PMNCH Board. Also, she indicated that following the EC call she will be sending out the new dates of the next Board meeting in June, while the venue will be decided by End of March.

9. AOB – 9.1 Proposed PMNCH country engagement strategies

The EC co-Chair introduced the topic and Ruth Lawson explained the importance of PMNCH engagement with partner countries. She also indicated that DFID, who is currently funding PMNCH is reviewing PMNCH workplan and achievements and it is important to ensure that PMNCH has this kind of reach out.

Ruth Lawson indicated that there are two levels of engagement for PMNCH: (1) the ministerial level, which is already taking place; and (2) the working level at the governmental operational programmes and focal points, which is the current weak engagement area for PMNCH.

It was agreed by the EC members that this topic is important and needs revisiting. It was recommended that a subgroup may have some discussions and recommendations for the EC to consider in future.

Ruth Lawson and Tinu Taylor indicated their readiness to brainstorm on this issue. The Secretariat may prepare some points on the operational level of PMNCH country engagement and coordinate a subgroup discussion on this topic.

9. AOB – 9.2 PMNCH private sector clearances

Carole Presern indicated that the current practice to clear a membership from the private sector was not an effective process. The current practice to have due diligence from different multilateral institutions for the same membership application was causing unnecessary delay.

The EC members recognized the issue and recommended that multilateral EC members to take this matter forward for discussion during the forthcoming H4+ meeting. A proposed solution may be submitted to the EC members during the next call.

Action List

No.	Action	Agenda Item	Focal Point	Deadline
1	To send EC members the revised 2013 report concept note based on the results of the Friday 15 March meeting with selected candidates.	Item 2	The Secretariat	22 March 2013
2	To send EC members the revised project proposal based on the London meeting conclusions.	Item 4	The Secretariat	15 April 2013
3	To send EC members the	Item 5	The Secretariat	18 March 2013

	final Post 2015 one-pager.			
4	To send EC members some suggestions on a strategic plan in preparation for the NY negotiations on SDGs	Item 5	The Secretariat	22 March 2013
5	To send Board members the next Board meeting dates.	Item 6	The Secretariat	15 March 2013
6	To send a proposal on PMNCH operational country level engagement and coordinate a subgroup discussion on the topic (Ruth Lawson and Tinu Taylor)	Item 9.1	The Secretariat	22 March 2013
7	To discuss PMNCH private sector membership clearance during the next H4+ meeting and to propose a solution during the next EC call.	Item 9.2	Multilaterals	31 March 2013
8	To send "Save the Date" notification for the next EC call on Tuesday 2 April at 15:00 Geneva.	General	The Secretariat	18 March 2013