

Note for the Record

PMNCH Executive Committee (EC) Meeting

7 May, 2013

Present: Flavia Bustreo (co-Chair); Will Niblett (DFID), Sabaratnam Arulkumaran (FIGO), José Belizán (IECS), Tinu Taylor, Sharon d'Agostino (J&J)

PMNCH Secretariat: Carole Presern, Andres de Francisco, and Abir Shady

Regrets: Nicole Klingen (World Bank)

Guests: Marta Seoane (WHO)

AGENDA

Chair: Flavia Bustreo

1. Board meeting agenda, list of participants and meeting organization
2. Post-2015 development agenda
3. PMNCH 2013 commitments report
4. PMNCH results framework and evaluation
5. Advisory group on RMNCH financing
6. Governance and funding
7. AOB

The Chair welcomed the participants and reviewed the agenda.

1. Board meeting agenda, list of participants and meeting organization

A draft provisional agenda and list of participants have been shared with EC members for their comments. The topics to be included in the agenda have been discussed and the following comments have been made:

- For agenda items tackling RMNCH initiatives and financing, countries views and perspectives should be included, especially low income countries;
- The agenda item on Post-2015 development agenda should focus on the way forward, especially for the African region;
- It is important to include in the agenda implementation of the essential intervention project; and
- The agenda item on RMNCH financing should tackle how RMNCH initiatives could be better coordinated and the role of PMNCH in this process and in making information available to all countries.

Regarding the list of observers who may be invited to the Board meeting, it has been agreed that PMNCH should strategically plan well for this meeting and who to invite. An example is the Chair of the African Union and having a special event where African ministries of health may be invited.

2. Post-2015 development agenda

Carole Presern updated the EC members about progress made through PMNCH advocacy efforts on Post-2015 development agenda. Up till now PMNCH succeeded in obtaining more than 250 signatures on the Summary Statement. Preparations are being carried out to publish articles on the Post-2015 sustainable development goals.

In the meantime, Germany is closely involved in the process. TORs preparation and composition of the new working group on the Post-2015 agenda is being carried out.

3. PMNCH 2013 commitments report

Andres de Francisco gave a brief introduction to this agenda item, pointing out that progress is on time as scheduled. There is 40% response to the web-based questionnaire and qualitative evaluation of the responses is being undertaken. Also, interviews with key partners are sought.

It is expected to have a first draft of the report towards end of May, which will be circulated for comments. It is planned to provide the iERG with a first draft by mid-July and a the final report by 23 August.

4. PMNCH results framework and evaluation

Carole Presern briefed the group about the process the Secretariat went through to develop the results framework, which has been principally requested and thoroughly reviewed by BMGF. The framework is output/outcome driven versus previous PMNCH approach of activity driven workplans.

EC members agreed that the framework looks good but would like to review it again and provide some comments within the coming two weeks.

Carole then tackled PMNCH evaluation, which is a prerequisite by several donors and included in PMNCH 2013 workplan under outcome four. Draft TORs for the evaluation have been developed, which will be shared by the EC members for their comments.

EC members highlighted the importance of including two elements in the evaluation, one looking backwards starting 2008 evaluation up till 2013, i.e. have a 5-year evaluation of achievements. A second important element is looking forward for the next five years, beyond 2015.

5. Advisory group on RMNCH financing

Carole Presern briefed the EC members on the first meeting of the Advisory Group on RMNCH Financing, during which the need to expand the group and include more stakeholders was indicated. Also, the TORs of the group have been discussed during the meeting and the TORs are currently being revised based on the comments received during the meeting.

EC members emphasized the importance for this Advisory Group to review spending on RMNCH alongside of RMNCH financing and hence to check the gap.

6. Governance and funding

The Chair emphasized the importance of providing EC members with the agenda of the EC call and relevant documentation maximum on the Friday before the call. It is still confirmed that the EC calls will take place on the first Tuesday of every month.

Action List			
No.	Action	Agenda Item	Focal Point
1	To revise Board meeting agenda and list of observers.	Item 1	The Secretariat
2	To share first draft of the 2013 commitments report with EC members for their comments	Item 2	The Secretariat
3	EC members to provide comments on PMNCH results framework within two weeks	Item 4	EC members
4	To share PMNCH evaluation TORs with EC members for comments	Item 4	The Secretariat