

PMNCH Executive Committee Meeting

Teleconference, Monday, 28 April, 2014, 15:30 Geneva time

(11:30 Buenos Aires, 16:30 Johannesburg, 14:30 London, 09:30 New York/Ottawa/Washington D.C., & 20:00 New Delhi)

Draft Agenda

Welcome and introductions

ITEM 1 – Review of NfR of previous meeting

For Approval

Documents:

- NfR of the EC call on 24 February, 2014

ITEM 2 – Financing and governance

For Discussion & Recommendation

- Partners Forum: Logistics and Contents
- Consolidated Feedback on PMNCH 2014 Workplan
- Draft Board Meeting Agenda

Presenter: Carole Presern

Documents: (a) Draft Board agenda; and (b) consolidated feedback on the workplan

Background on the Partners' Forum:

On June 30th and July 1st 2014, PMNCH will host its 3rd Partners' Forum at the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa. This event will be co-hosted by the Government of the Republic of South Africa, A Promised Renewed, the independent Expert Review Group and Countdown to 2015. The Partners' Forum will welcome over 800 participants from the health and non-health sectors including representatives from countries, multilateral organizations, health care professional organisations, UN agencies, civil society, academia and the private sector. The Forum aims to take stock of progress and accelerate action for women's and children's health, and set out a vision for the world we want beyond 2015.

The Countdown to 2015 –2014 report and the Every Newborn Action Plan will be launched at the Partners' Forum. Work is currently underway to develop the 5 plenary and 20 parallel sessions, finalise the invitation list and optimise advocacy and communications for the event. A PR company is engaged to manage the messaging and PR and a South African Event Management company has been appointed to manage the logistics. Speaker invitations have already been sent. Currently, three Ministers of Health have accepted these invitations, from Bangladesh, Nigeria and South Africa. CEOs of the United Nations Foundation, Save the Children and Becton, Dickinson, and Rajiv Shah, Dr Amina Mohammed, Chris Elias, Princess Sarah Zeid of Jordan, Jeffrey Sachs, among others, have agreed to speak.

EC required action/feedback:

- To note the update of the Partners' Forum organization
- To note the feedback provided on PMNCH 2014 workplan
- To provide guidance on PMNCH draft Board Meeting Agenda

ITEM 3 – 2014 Tracking of RMNCH Commitments Web Platform*For Consultation & Recommendation***Presenter:** Nana Taona Kuo, Every Woman Every Child, Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General**Documents:** Draft concept note Sustainable and harmonized reporting platform for tracking financial and non-financial commitments to Every Woman Every Child initiative.**Background:**

Accountability for commitments made has from the start been central to the UN Secretary General's Global Strategy and the Every Woman Every Child effort. It underpins our joint efforts to date and keeps us all – global, regional, and national stakeholders – accountable for our commitments to women's and children's health. As a result, many of the initiatives that have emerged under the auspices of the Global Strategy have put in place their respective accountability processes. Whilst this energy has been welcomed, it has inevitably resulted in the emergence of a number of different information collection workstreams, each of which is contacting commitment makers annually or otherwise, seeking information on progress related to implementation of their respective commitments. Commitment makers are therefore facing multiple data collection requests, often asking for similar information but by using different methods and survey approaches, increasing the already significant reporting burden for partners.

After discussions between PMNCH, UN Secretary General's executive office, UN Foundation, FP 2020 and others, a proposal has emerged to start developing in 2014 a more centralised approach to gathering and analysing commitments and progress against such commitments, across all efforts engaged in the work towards achieving the Global Strategy objectives. Such a centralised, most likely web-based, platform would reduce fragmentation and reporting burden, and is likely to result in improved quality and reliability of data. The ambition to have post-2015 development agenda include a continued emphasis on women and children as one of the continued development goals also necessitates better tracking of its commitments as early as possible to establish a sound baseline.

EC required action/feedback:

- To approve PMNCH's engagement and investment in the development of a centralised and harmonised web-based accountability platform

ITEM 4 – PMNCH Strategy & Funding Beyond 2015*For Discussion & Recommendation***Presenter:** TBD**Background:**

The EC members are kindly requested to start discussing PMNCH future prospects beyond 2015, including its strategy, structure and funding options. This discussion is necessary in preparation for the 2014 Partners' Forum and the forthcoming Board meeting. PMNCH Executive Committee and the Board need to consider the different possibilities in the Post-2015 development arena and discuss how best to plan and prepare for them.

The current external evaluation of the Partnership will add perspective to this endeavour, particularly as the findings of the evaluation will be shared with the Board, during its meeting, on 2 July 2014. PMNCH resource mobilization efforts are affected by its future strategy; it is not possible to raise funds beyond 2015. However, if PMNCH continues, it means that many major grants will all be finishing at the same time, leading to a funding crunch if this issue is not addressed well in advance.

The donors and foundations community would like to see what direction the Partnership will take in the new strategic period. This shows that PMNCH needs to earlier anticipate a smoother transition into any post-2015 strategic period for the Partnership, with work on defining that value added for PMNCH commencing in 2015 and beyond.

EC required action/feedback:

- To initiate discussions on possible scenarios for PMNCH strategy and funding beyond 2015, in preparation for an EC Call in May.

ITEM 5 – Update on PMNCH External Evaluation*For Information***Presenter:** Gary Darmstadt, BMGF and Chairman of the PMNCH External Evaluation Committee**Documents:** None**Background:**

The independent evaluation of PMNCH's since 2009 is currently underway and is being conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers consultancy, as has already been communicated to the EC at the last meeting. The EC will recall that the evaluation is expected to balance both retrospective aspects (in terms of assessing PMNCH's activities and measuring the results achieved) and forward looking aspects in terms of the identification of any key lessons learned and recommendations for future action. Thus, the future of the Partnership, in addition to its past, is the overall context and focus for the evaluation.

The work of the consultants has been closely overseen by the Board-established Evaluation Committee, as Chaired by Gary Darmstadt (BMGF). The inception report for this work has been submitted to the Evaluation Committee in February 2014, and the evaluation work is underway.

EC required action/feedback:

- To note the update as provided by Gary Darmstadt on the PMNCH external evaluation

ITEM 6 – AOB

If time allows:

- Every Newborn Action Plan
- Success Factors for Women's and Children's Health