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PMNCH Executive Committee Meeting

UNFPA Conference Room 4B, New York, 22 September, 2014, 08:30-10:00 NY time
(08:30 Ottawa, 09:30 Buenos Aires, 13:30 London, 14:30 Geneva/Johannesburg, & 18:00 New Delhi)

Draft Agenda

Welcome and opening remarks

ITEM 1 – Review of the action points and NfR of previous meeting

For Approval

Documents:

- NfR of the EC meeting on 31 July, 2014
- List of the last EC meeting action points and status of their implementation.

ITEM 2 – Financing and governance

For Review and Discussion

Discussion:

- Update on the recruitment of PMNCH new Executive director
- Update on constituencies definitions and members rotation
- Draft NfR of the 15th Board Meeting

ITEM 3 – Post-2015 PMNCH Strategy Development Process

For Review and Approval

At its July 2014 meeting in Johannesburg, PMNCH Board mandated the PMNCH Secretariat to begin the Post-2015 PMNCH Strategy Development Process. To this effect, a number of workstreams have already commenced, including: (i) issuing a request for proposals to procure consultancy support for this work (proposal submissions on 26 September, 2014); (ii) planning for a Board retreat to discuss emerging directions for the strategy; and (iii) development of an initial Issues Paper and key questions to stimulate discussion at the Board, EC, and within constituencies. The Issues Paper, as presented to the EC at this meeting, has been shared with the Board on 07 August, 2014, for comments. Some comments were received and incorporated into the present draft. As agreed, this draft would then be shared with the whole PMNCH membership for any further comments. The purpose of this Issues Paper is to facilitate a discussion of key issues which need to be borne in mind during the preparation of the post-2015 PMNCH strategy, and it will be an input into the work undertaken by consultants eventually selected to take this work forward.

Discussion:

- Comments on the Issues Paper and next steps
- Board Strategy Retreat

Documents:

- PMNCH's Post 2015 Strategy - Issues for discussion

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ITEM 4 – Board response to the evaluation report

For Review and Approval

The Board received the final report on the external evaluation of PMNCH on 06 August, 2014. The objective of the evaluation was to assess the Partnership's overall performance and achievement of its goals and strategic objectives, for the period 2009 to 2013. The Board welcomed the very positive conclusions, and constructive recommendations, of the evaluation and requested the Secretariat to facilitate the Board's response to the evaluation. A draft response document was shared with the Board also on 06 August, 2014, with a request for it to be shared by Board members with their respective constituencies. Some comments were received on the document; these were incorporated into the version that is now presented to the EC for review and approval. Once the EC approves this document, it will be published on the PMNCH website together with the final evaluation report.

Discussion:

- Review and approval of the Board's response to the evaluation report.

Documents:

- Board response document.

ITEM 5 – Reflections on accountability: PMNCH 2014 Accountability Report

For discussion and possible forwarding for decision to the Board

The PMNCH 2014 Accountability Report on Tracking Financial Commitments to the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health is to be launched at the PMNCH Accountability Brunch on 21 September, 2014, in New York. This agenda item is a good opportunity for the EC to: (i) reflect on the Accountability Brunch and the main conclusions that emerged; and (ii) discuss and provide guidance about PMNCH's role in the rest of 2014 and into 2015 as related to the accountability workstream. With respect to the latter, the current proposal is that the PMNCH embarks on closer collaboration with WHO and the UNSG Executive Office in structuring a more sustainable accountability platform (potentially web-based), which would have as an aim to strengthen, hopefully by mid-2015, the sustainability of the accountability mechanisms, reduce duplication of effort, and make data more available to the entire RMNCH community. This would in turn mean that PMNCH would not be developing a separate PMNCH 2015 Accountability Report (which was also one of the recommendations from the evaluation).

Discussion:

- PMNCH engagement in the work on developing an accountability platform.
- In this context, agreement that PMNCH will not undertake a separate 2015 Accountability Report.

Documents:

- Executive Summary of the PMNCH 2014 Accountability Report on Tracking Financial Commitments to the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health.

ITEM 6 – AOB