PMNCH Executive Committee Meeting

Teleconference, Friday, 27 March, 2015, 15:30 Geneva time

(*09:30 NY/Washington, 14:30 London/ Dakar, 16:30 Johannesburg, and 20:00 New Delhi*)

Agenda

Welcome and opening remarks

ITEM 1 – Review of the action points and NfR of previous meeting — *For Approval*

Document:

- NfR of the EC meeting on 16 March, 2015.
- List of the last EC meeting action points and status of their implementation.

ITEM 2 – 16th PMNCH Board Meeting, 20-21 April, 2015, London — *For Review & Approval*

2.1 Board Meeting and Logistics

Presenter: Robin Gorna, PMNCH Executive Director

Document: Draft Board meeting agenda and logistics note

Background

The 16th Board meeting, 20-21 April, 2015, London, is a very significant one for PMNCH, and we are looking forward to welcoming all of our Board as well as an exciting range of partners, and we hope to have strong representation from all constituencies. There will be several side events to this meeting, including:

- The Strategy and Coordination Group meeting on the morning of the first day of the Board meeting: Monday, 20 April and at the same venue.
- Board reception on the evening of Monday, 20 April.
- A possible GFF Oversight Group meeting on the afternoon of Tuesday, 21 April. (Two versions of the Board meeting agenda proposed as we do not yet have confirmation)
- Pre-Board constituencies meetings, including the EC, will take place on the afternoon of Sunday, 19 April and the morning of Monday, 20 April. Schedules have been planned based on which constituencies will have members participating in the SCG meeting. Exact timing and venue of constituencies meetings will be shared soon.

The Board meeting will be hosted by FIGO at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, where the 20 April pre-Board constituencies meetings, RCG meeting, Board reception and possible GFF Oversight Group meeting will take place as well. The Radisson Blu Portman hotel has been booked for the group accommodation and meeting rooms have been secured at the hotel for the Sunday pre-Board constituencies meetings.
Based on availability of the Board Chair, it is suggested to hold the second Board meeting for this year on 13-14 October in Zambia. These dates will be two days after the International Day of the Girl Child (11 October).

EC required action:

- To review and approve the Board agenda as well as logistics matters of the meeting.
- To consider and hopefully approve the proposed dates and venue for the second Board meeting in 2015.

2.2 Board self-assessment questionnaire

Presenter: Robin Gorna, PMNCH Executive Director

Document: Draft Board self-assessment questionnaire

Background

The process for the Board to self-assess its performance was discussed during the EC meeting in Johannesburg on 29 June 2014. The idea was welcomed by the EC members as good practice for the Board to adopt. A draft self-assessment questionnaire was shared with the EC at the time and it was agreed to give the Board an opportunity to undertake the self-assessment exercise during the second Board meeting in 2014. In view of the fact that the second Board meeting was a Retreat, it is suggested that the EC considers recommending to the Board that this process is performed during the forthcoming Board meeting in London, 20-21 April 2015.

EC required action

- To agree that the Board self-assessment exercise be undertaken during the Board Meeting, 20-21 April 2015.

ITEM 3 – PMNCH Post-2015 Strategic Framework *For Review & Approval*

3.1 PMNCH Post-2015 Draft Strategic Framework

Presenter: Julian Schweitzer, PMNCH Consultant

Document: 1. PMNCH Post-2015 Draft Strategic Framework.

Background

The Post-2015 Draft Strategic Framework (Strategic Framework) presents the main pillars (Vision, Mission, Scope, Principles, etc.) that are proposed to frame the work of the Partnership in 2016 and beyond. It reflects the discussions at the Board Retreat in Dec 2014, EC discussions on previous documents, as well as extensive consultations undertaken by PMNCH consultants and Executive Director. The Strategic Framework therefore sets out the overarching basis for moving forward, whilst at the same time enabling the Partnership to align its eventual strategy to a more detailed implementation plan and the results of the governance review (Agenda Item 3.3 on PMNCH Governance Review) to the developing consensus around the Global Strategy, SDGs, and the emerging global health architecture more generally in 2015.

In discussing the presented draft Strategic Framework document, the EC is asked to consider:

- Other relevant discussions on shaping the global health architecture more broadly that are currently taking place, including on issues of accountability (e.g. iERG 2.0, Countdown beyond 2015), structure of Every Woman Every Child, etc. One specific issue is the GFF governance options (Agenda Item 3.2 on Plans for GFF Governance).

Once the EC has had an opportunity to review and shape the Strategic Framework, the intention is for the updated document to be presented by the EC to the Board at its next meeting in London, 20-21 April 2015, when the Board will have an opportunity to comment and potentially approve the document and any proposed next steps. The Strategic Framework document will need to be shared with the Board by 07 April, 2015.

EC required action

- To review and shape the draft Strategic Framework document.
- Agree on the next steps, including who from the EC will present the Strategic Framework to the Board.

3.2 Plans for GFF Governance

Presenter: Robin Gorna, PMNCH Executive Director

Document: 1. Presentation at the Oversight Group meeting, 13 March 2015: Global Financing Facility in Support of EWEC

Background

Interviews for developing governance options of the GFF have been undertaken by Christine Schrade (Seek Development: GFF Consultant) with the Oversight Group members. A first draft of governance options for the GFF was presented to the GFF Oversight Group meeting, on 18 March. There was emerging consensus that the preferred option (option 1) should be developed further. Some concerns were expressed, including the lack of engagement of country partners in the current discussions and the need to engage a broad range of partners in governance. Some Oversight Group members proposed a longer timeline to consider the options in the context of the broader discussions of the global architecture. The views of the EC are sought, including whether the question of GFF governance should be an agenda item for the Board meeting, 20-21 April, 2015, London.

EC required action

- To discuss GFF governance options and possible impact on PMNCH and its new strategy.
- To decide on whether the GFF governance plan should be an agenda item for the Board meeting, 20-21 April 2015.

3.3 PMNCH Governance Review

Presenter: Robin Gorna, PMNCH Executive Director

Document: Draft ToRs of PMNCH governance review

Background

The independent external evaluation of PMNCH, which was published in 2014 and considered the Partnership's operations between 2009 to 2013, recommended that once a new PMNCH post-2015 Strategic Framework is adopted, the PMNCH Board ought to commission an independent and detailed governance review of the Partnership so that the structure is amended to suit the newly proposed function. The Board agreed with this recommendation.

It is now proposed that a detailed Governance Review is commenced as soon as possible after the April 2015 Board meeting, so that the results of the review can be presented back to the Board at its next meeting, planned for the autumn of 2015. The governance review will be undertaken in parallel with the processes to build on the Strategic Framework and deliver a full Strategic Plan to the next PMNCH Board meeting in the autumn of 2015.

A draft Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the Governance Review are now presented to the EC for review and comment. Once adopted by the EC, the ToRs will be presented to the Board for approval during its 16th Meeting, London, 20-21 April 2015.

EC required action

- To review, comment and potentially adopt the draft PMNCH Governance Review ToRs.
- Agree on the next steps, including who from the EC will present the Governance Review ToRs to the Board.

ITEM 4 – HCPAs project on essential intervention *For Review & Decision*

Presenter: Hamid Rashwan, FIGO

Document:
1. Project brief to support Phase 2 of the joint HCPAs (FIGO, ICM, ICN, IPA and IECS) project "Improving the quality of maternal and newborn health care services through accelerated implementation of the essential intervention".
2. Final Report of Phase 1 of the HCPAs project.

Background

FIGO, on behalf of other HCPA implementing partners, is putting forward a request to PMNCH to fund Phase 2 of the essential interventions project (USD 400,000) in Uganda and Nepal in 2015-2017. This work follows on from phase 1 of the project, which was approved by the EC and therefore funded from PMNCH's 2013 workplan at USD 449,938. The project was implemented during the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, with the final report on the project is available and shared with the EC.
The HCPAs are now submitting a new proposal to PMNCH for a project on "*Improving the quality of maternal and newborn health care services through accelerated implementation of the Essential Interventions by the Health Care Professionals Associations*". The rationale behind the new request is to maximize the potential of investment made in phase 1 and to build on the continuity of successful engagement of national and international HCPAs who provide stability, structures, systems and commitment to reach health providers at all levels. The funding requested from the 2015 Workplan is USD 200,000, with further funding of USD 200,000 to be considered from 2016 Workplan.

EC required action

- To review and agree on a decision process on the proposed HCPAs Phase 2 essential interventions projects.

ITEM 5 – AOB

- **Update on PMNCH 2015 Workplan approval process**

Presenter: Nebojsa Novcic, PMNCH Strategy and Finance Officer

- **Update on PMNCH Membership**

Presenter: Abir Shady, PMNCH Governance and Project Management Officer

Document: A quarterly report to update the EC on new PMNCH members

EC required action

- Take note of the quarterly report.