

Secretariat Hosted by the World Health Organization and Board Chaired by Mrs Graça Machel

PMNCH Executive Committee (EC) Meeting

Teleconference, 5 June, 2014

Note for the Record

PRESENT

EC Members: Flavia Bustreo, WHO (FB); Jennifer Goosen, Canada (JG); Francesco Aureli, Save the Children (FA); José Belizán, Institute of Clinical Effectiveness and Health Policy (JB); Craig Friderichs, GSM Association (CF); Rafael Cortez, World Bank (RC); and Magda Robert, Office of Mrs Graça Machel (MR).

PMNCH Secretariat: Andres de Francisco (ADF); and Abir Shady (AS).

Speakers and observers: Bernadette Daelmans, WHO (BD), John Good, IPPF (JG), Anna Pigazzini, Consultant (AP), and Marta Seoane, WHO.

Apologies: Sabaratnam Arulkumaran, (FIGO); and Mr C.K. Mishra, (India).

AGENDA

Chair: Flavia Bustreo

- ITEM 1 – Review of NfR of previous meeting
- ITEM 2 – Financing and governance – Speaker: Andres de Francisco (ADF)
 - Partners Forum
 - Board Meeting
- ITEM 3 – PMNCH 2015 workplan and potential post-2015 strategic framework: Draft Process May to December 2014 – Speaker: Andres de Francisco (ADF)
- ITEM 4 – Update on PMNCH Evaluation – Speaker: John Good (JG)
- ITEM 5 – AOB

1. Review and approval of NfR from the EC call on 28 April, 2014

Note for the record was approved by all members

4. Update on PMNCH evaluation

This item was discussed first at the request of JG. JG updated the EC on the current status of the PMNCH evaluation. He indicated that progress is on track as expected. PWC carried out more than 33 interviews and a survey to which PWC received 20% responses. The draft evaluation report is currently being reviewed by the Evaluation Committee.

The Committee would share the draft report with the Secretariat only on 12 June for any factual corrections to be received by 20 June. The draft report would then go to the Board on 25th June in advance of the Board Meeting. This draft report is not to be shared widely with other partners.

The EC thanked JG for being on the call and providing this update. MR indicated that Mrs Machel was interviewed as part of this process and is open to continue engaging with the evaluation process after the 2 July board meeting if needed.

EC members made the following comments:

- It is important to give adequate time to the Board to review the draft report to enable it to have substantial discussion during the Board Meeting. Therefore, the EC requests the Committee to share an executive summary with key points of the report or at minimum a presentation earlier than 25th June.

Secretariat Hosted by the World Health Organization and Board Chaired by Mrs Graça Machel

- The EC emphasized the importance of not having the evaluation report made public until the Board had a chance to review and discuss it at its meeting in June/ July, and so that the report can be made public together with the Board's response.

Action:

John Good: To discuss with the Evaluation Committee the above two points and get back to the EC.

2. Financing and governance

➤ Partner's Forum

An update was provided by ADF on the progress of the Partners' Forum and MR indicated that Mrs Graça Machel is looking forward to welcoming the Forum's co-hosts and participants in Johannesburg. The following points were made:

- It is expected that over 800 participants will attend the Forum, including eight ministries of health, eight deputy ministers of health, Norway's Prime Minister and other UN MDGs advocates. South Africa as the host country is very engaged.
- The Forum's agenda is currently being updated and will be circulated to the EC members soon.
- It is important to link the different global and regional events to the Forum and its outcomes, e.g. the recent Canada's High level Summit on MNCH.
- There will be no side events during the hours of the Forum's proceedings.
- A draft Forum communiqué is being prepared.

The EC thanked ADF for the hard work to prepare for the Forum

Actions:

- Secretariat: To circulate the updated Forum agenda to EC members.

➤ Draft Board Meeting Agenda:

An updated Agenda was provided by ADF based on comments received from the EC members. The following comments were made:

- Include a discussion of outcomes of important and relevant global events, e.g. WHA and Canada's Summit among others and impact in PMNCH's future.
- It is vital to have internal briefing among EC members about individual plans/strategies for RMNCH, particularly beyond 2015.
- The EC finds two hours too long to discuss a process for the future of PMNCH, noting that real inputs to this process would not be explicit till later in September, 2014
- Add to the item on reflections on the Forum for the last 500 days to the MDGs, also a reflection beyond 2015, and post-2015 development agenda, including
- how to increase partners engagement around the policy processes and discussions of the OWG on the Post-2015 debate using different tools and interventions to influence the future global development agenda.
- There is a special event for the Board on 1 July evening, which is intended for Board members to exchange views on different vital issues prior to the Board meeting.
- The 29th May there will be a pre-Board civil society event and possibly other constituency meetings.

Actions:

- Secretariat: To update the Board Meeting Agenda with comments and circulate to the EC for final review.
- EC Members/Constituencies: To increase focus and engagement in the Post-2015 debates to ensure that women's and children's health is in the Post-2015 Agenda.

Secretariat Hosted by the World Health Organization and Board Chaired by Mrs Graça Machel

3. PMNCH 2015 workplan and potential post-2015 strategic framework: Draft Process (May – December 2014)

ADF presented the proposed draft process (May – December 2014) to develop the PMNCH 2015 workplan and potential post-2015 strategic framework for 2016 to 2018. The process will include an “inputs” period leading up to September, with consultations up to end of October. The results will be presented to the EC/Board during a Retreat in November and final documents would be presented to the Board for its approval in December 2014. It is suggested that (an) independent facilitator(s) lead(s) this process.

The EC members made the following points:

- The draft process was commended as extremely helpful and well thought through, including the timeline allocated.
- The EC agreed to have an independent facilitator(s) to lead this process.
- It was suggested that the retreat in November includes the full Board.
- The EC is inquiring about the venue of the Retreat, but this was not decided yet.
- It was suggested that between the 02 July and September 2014, there is an EC call to further discuss this process, also to respond to the evaluation and look at . the outcomes of the Forum.
- Consideration should also be given to the PMNCH structure and partnership development to fit the post-2015 environment and agenda.
- It was suggested that in order to arrive at a vision for PMNCH post-2015, a wider number of stakeholders need to be consulted, , beyond current members of the Partnership, Including other sectors.
- In light of the need for quite extensive consultations, the EC felt that it would be more realistic to expect the work on any post-2015 strategic framework for the partnership to extend into 2015 and not stop in December 2014. As such, there should be two timelines – one for the 2015 workplan and one for the post-2015 strategic framework.
- While preparing the 2015 workplan and budget, considerations should be given to how this aligns with the broader strategic process and what should the Partnership be doing in 2015 to support the end of the MDGs era.
- PMNCH has commitments for 2015. However in delivering these commitments, the work will be structured to feed into a potential post-2015 strategic framework.

Action:

- Secretariat: To revise the proposed process based on the above comments of the EC.
- Secretariat to prepare for an EC call in July to further discuss this agenda items based on new inputs from the PMNCH evaluation and Forum outcome.

5. AOB

No other business was raised by the EC members.

FB thanked everyone and the EC call ended.