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The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health

Executive Committee meeting

Teleconference, Wednesday 27 April 2022, 16:00 to 17:30 CET (90 min)

DRAFT NOTE FOR THE RECORD

Attendance	
Board Vice-Chair and EC Chair	Darren Welch
ART	Marleen Temmerman
AYC	David Imbago
D&F	Susan Clapham
GFM	Anuradha Gupta
HCPA	Franka Cadee
IGO	<i>Martin Chungong (apologies)</i>
NGO	Veronica Cruz Aragon, for Maria Antonieta Alcalde
Partner Government	Ashok Babu, for Vikas Sheel
Private Sector	Caroline Quijada
UN Agencies / WHO (host)	Anshu Banerjee, for Zsuzsanna Jakab
Chairs of Standing Committees	
Governance and Ethics Committee (GEC)	Flavia Bustreo
Partner Engagement in Countries Committee (PECC)	Joy Phumaphi, Vikas Sheel <i>(apologies)</i>
Strategic Advocacy Committee (SAC)	Ann Starrs and Githinji Gitahi
Observers: Meena Ghandi, Sena Ar-Rikaby, Vania Kibui, Caitlyn Mitchell, Thiago Luchesi, Victoria Spencer.	
Secretariat: Helga Fogstad; Lori McDougall; Nebojsa Novcic; Anshu Mohan; Mijail Santos; Dina El Hussein; Giulia Gasparri; Etienne Langlois, Sue Mbaya, Vivian Lopez	

Documents and presentation(s) relevant for the Executive Committee meeting can be found on PMNCH's website at the following link:

[27 April 2022 Ad Hoc Executive Committee Meeting \(who.int\)](#)



ITEM 1 – Adoption of the Agenda and Note for the Record from previous meeting

Introduction from the Chair

On behalf of the Executive Committee (EC), the Chair thanked all those involved in preparing the focused agenda for this meeting, and all the supporting papers that were shared well in advance. The EC noted that quorum was achieved.

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
1.1	Quorum was achieved.	n/a
1.2	- EC Agenda approved with a few minor modifications, as per the update Agenda document on PMNCH's website. - EC Note for the Record (NfR) approved without changes, as related to the EC meeting on 20 February 2022 - EC noted that all actions agreed upon in the 20 February 2022 NfR have been or are on track to be delivered - EC-04-2022; 01a, Agenda, April 2022 - EC-02-2022; 01b, EC NFR, February 2022 - EC-04-2022; 01c, EC Monitoring of Actions, April 2022	n/a

ITEM 2 – Update on nominations process

Presentation / Speakers

- Flavia Bustreo, GEC Chair, shared a presentation updating the EC members on the process for selecting the Board Vice Chair under 30. She highlighted that the selection panel and the process itself was led by the Board Chair as per the Board Chair's Terms of Reference.
- As a result of this process, an exceptional candidate, Ms Aditi Sivakumar, has been identified as the preferred candidate and is recommended to the EC for approval.
- She also noted that the updated PMNCH governance guidelines, pertaining to Board seat rotations and other issues will be shared with the EC for approval as soon as they have been finalized.
- Additionally, the GEC Chair re-iterated that going forward, processes will be increasingly streamlined. This means that the EC will receive recommendations for any governance position changes / rotations electronically at set intervals (e.g., every quarter or every six months) for its review and approval.

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
2.1	GEC Chair is asked to thank the Board Chair and the selection panel for the work undertaken. Recommendation for Ms Aditi Sivakumar to take up the PMNCH Board Vice Chair under 30 position for the next three years is approved and GEC Chair is asked to finalize the process and make the relevant announcements, with the support of the Secretariat.	GEC Chair



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	Decision / Action	Responsibility
2.2	GEC to send to the EC governance guidelines related to Board seat rotations and governance position changes for review and approval.	GEC Chair Secretariat

ITEM 3 – Global Forum for Adolescents (GFA) – Presentation and discussion

Presentation / Speakers

- Darren Welch, EC Chair, introduced this agenda item by highlighting that:
 - GFA is one of the main recommendations of the Call to Action for Adolescents and a platform for sharing the work being done on evidence, investment case and monitoring framework on Adolescent Wellbeing;
 - The next 18 months leading up to the Forum will focus on building consensus through political advocacy and building a youth movement demanding political and financial commitment and action for this population group that is so critical to 'building back better'; and
 - The Forum will set the tone for the PMNCH agenda beyond 2030, through announcement of intergovernmental initiatives, such as those led by the G20.
- Gitinji Githaji, SAC Co-Chair introduced the Global Forum for Adolescents by noting that:
 - This is a flagship deliverable that demands the full attention of all PMNCH constituencies and members;
 - The Forum will be guided by the priorities of young people through the leadership of the Adolescent and Youth constituency, with a role for all partners;
 - The SAC, working closely with the PECC, and supported by the Knowledge & Evidence Working Group and the Accountability Working Group, will act as coordinating structure for the Forum; and
 - The SAC will report to the EC on progress on organisation of GFA over the coming 18 months.
- David Imbago, AYC Chair, shared a comprehensive [presentation on the Global Forum for Adolescents](#). He additionally thanked the Government of India for its immensely important contributions in helping to move the GFA agenda forward through the mechanism of the G20.

Discussion

The presentation was very well received and was followed by a rich discussion centred on the following points, including the overarching sentiment that the Forum provides adolescents and young people with the resources they need to be healthy, and also empowers and enables them to be beacons of change themselves.

- **Scale of ambition and the need for clear asks.** Given the scale of ambition for the Forum, it will be essential to establish early on and very clearly what does the GFA want to change and what success looks like, including through the creation of concrete and concise advocacy "asks";



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- **Importance of accountability mechanisms.** Commitments to adolescents need to be backed up by a robust accountability framework.
- **Need for a multi sectoral approach.** The impact of the Forum will be magnified by all partners working across and within the PMNCH platform.
- **Using adolescents as “agents of change”.** The energy of young people, coupled with their use of social media platforms, has made them effective agents of change for their own health and wellbeing, that of other populations, and the planet itself (e.g., [Stockholm+50](#)).
- **Supporting HCPA youth groups.** Those present encouraged specific work to be done with all young HCPAs, and to listen to the voices of the traditional female healthcare professions who are often less well organised in global organisations, in particular young midwives and nurses, as important agents of change.
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- **Focus on policy and financing and need to integrate global financing mechanisms into the GFA processes.** These mechanisms (e.g., G20) will continue to play an important and catalytic role in unlocking domestic resourcing to support the goals of the Forum for and beyond 2023
- **Equity focus needed by including adolescents who suffer from compounded vulnerabilities.** It was agreed that adolescents who suffer from compounded vulnerabilities need to be integrated and included in the Forum, ensuring no one is left behind.
- **Bridging the digital divide.** Building on the equity focus cited above, it was noted that that much of the Forum will be virtual and therefore will rely on digital tools and platforms. It will therefore be critical to consider how to ensure that everyone across the digital divide has the opportunity and space to be involved. Consideration could be given to having smaller in-person meetings supporting the GFA, perhaps around at the UN GA meeting e.g. the ministerial conclave at the side of the GA as well as smaller in-person national meetings.
- **Need to socialize the GFA among the national political leadership and UN Agencies more generally.** There is a need to socialize the Forum at high political levels and within Ministries in order to ensure buy in, and to strengthen linkages with existing UN processes (e.g., WHO's [Youth Council](#)).
- **Form should follow function.** The structures around the GFA should be explicitly linked to the intended outcomes. For example, if key outcomes include country commitments, private sector involvement and youth leadership then these need to be addressed in the organizational structures.

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
3.1	SAC to act as the PMNCH coordinating structure for the planning and delivery of the GFA	SAC
3.2	SAC to convene a process of creating/updating agenda for action for adolescents to provide clear advocacy asks; to be launched at the October 2022 "curtain-raiser" event for the GFA	SAC
3.3	EC members to send inputs to PMNCH Secretariat on where and how they wish to engage GFA planning and implementation	EC members



	Decision / Action	Responsibility
3.4	The agreed to the presented objectives and draft structures to deliver the GFA, although it was noted that these may be refined as the objectives evolve.	EC SAC Secretariat

ITEM 4 – Update on Action Plans

Helga Fogstad, PMNCH ED, shared a presentation [summarizing PMNCH's work planning and budgeting processes to date](#), particularly focusing on:

- work undertaken by partners and committees/working groups to date on developing draft 2022 Action Plans;
- highlighting a few limited changes to the 2022-23 Workplan and Budget, which emerged from partners' work on 2022 Action Plans;
- updates to the 2021-25 Results Framework, also emerging from the collective work on the 2022 Action Plans; and
- potential implications of the difficult global economic situation on PMNCH finances.

Discussion

The EC acknowledged the considerable and excellent work to date undertaken by all partners and committees/working groups, supported by the Secretariat, on moving these important planning documents forward. These documents provide important guidelines to steer the work of PMNCH forward.

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
4.1	Once partners/working groups/committees finish making further updates to the Action Plans, PMNCH Secretariat will share these documents with the EC. If EC members wish to comment, they can do so through relevant Committees / Workings Groups before Action Plans are published.	Committees/Working Groups Secretariat EC members
4.2	EC will reflect on the slightly updated 2022-23 Workplan and Budget, as per ED's presentation , providing any comments by 13 May 2022; if no objections are received, the document will be adopted.	EC members
4.3	EC will reflect on the updated 2021-25 Results Framework structure and 2021 values, as per ED's presentation , providing any comments by 13 May 2022; if no objections are received, the document will be adopted.	EC members
4.4	Secretariat to invite coordinating structures to review the 2021-25 Results Framework and complete the targets for 2022-25. First progress report will be shared with the EC at its upcoming meeting on 9 June 2022 together with work plan implementation.	Partner structures



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4.5	An update on PMNCH's Resource Mobilization efforts to be discussed at the upcoming EC meeting on 9 June 2022.	Secretariat

ITEM 5 – Any other business

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
5.1	PMNCH Secretariat to share the PMNCH 2022 Governance Calendar	Secretariat
5.2	PMNCH Secretariat to share information with the EC on WCAH side events, which are noted here: https://pmnch.who.int/news-and-events/events/item/2022/05/22/default-calendar/world-health-assembly-2022	Secretariat