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## 29<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting – virtual (TEAMS)

14 July 2022, 13:00 – 16:00 CET

15 July 2022, 13:00 – 16:00 CET

# NOTE FOR THE RECORD

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## Objectives:

The PMNCH 14-15 July 2022 Board meeting took place at an increasingly fragile time for women, children, and adolescents. The combination of COVID-19, climate change, and growing conflicts around the world has interrupted progress in sustainable development, with consequences to be felt for generations to come.

Protecting the 2030 SDG agenda requires a robust effort by all PMNCH partners to align behind country leadership in mobilizing for policy, financing and service delivery commitments to protect the most vulnerable.

This Board meeting focussed discussion on four strategic opportunities for country-led action, supported by all PMNCH constituencies:

1. Securing greater women's, children's and adolescents' (WCA) health and well-being national, regional and global commitments, especially in times of COVID, conflict, and climate change.
2. Upholding Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights.
3. Galvanizing a global movement for adolescent well-being.
4. Maintaining momentum on maternal, newborn and child health

## PARTICIPANTS

Please see list of participants in Annex 1. Participants are kindly asked to review the list and add their name or names of their colleagues who attended for any part of the meeting, so that we have an accurate record of all those who participated.

## DOCUMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

All Board documents and presentations are to be found on the [PMNCH Website](http://www.pmnch.org)

## RECORDING OF THE MEETING

The Board meeting was livestreamed and available for public viewing. In addition, the Board meeting was recorded. The recording of the meeting is available on [PMNCH's website](http://www.pmnch.org) for reference.



## Summary of decisions

### ITEM 1 – Introduction

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
1.1	Board meeting agenda approved	n/a
1.2	No conflicts of interest noted	n/a
1.3	Recording of this Board meeting and uploading on PMNCH website agreed	Secretariat
1.4	Decisions/guidance document reflects Board meeting from 7 and 8 Dec 2021	n/a

### ITEM 2 – Protecting and Promoting Women, Children and Adolescent Health (WCAH) through Commitments

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
2.1	<b>Advocacy and accountability for existing WCAH related commitments as well as securing new ones, especially as we resist a roll back on rights</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instead of soliciting PMNCH-branded commitments, create a digital commitment compendium of existing commitments (e.g., FP2030; UHC, etc.,) and prioritize advocacy and accountability for these, highlighting WCAH.</li> </ul>	Knowledge & Evidence WG, Accountability WG, Partners Engagement in Countries Committee (PECC) Action Plans 1.3; 2.2; 3.2
2.2	<b>Lead partners in countries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify lead partners in key countries who could convene partners locally and identify opportunities – advocacy and accountability for WCAH.</li> </ul>	PECC, Strategic Advocacy Committee (SAC). Action Plan 2.2
2.3	<b>Civic voices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the capacity of and support to Civil Society Organisations and young people to play powerful roles in country and regional accountability processes, including through multi-stakeholder platforms, dialogues, products and events.</li> </ul>	Constituencies, with PECC, SAC Action Plans 2.2 and 2.3
2.4	<b>Regional policy and global discussions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop evidence-based advocacy briefs and evidence-based messaging to advocate for supportive policies and adequate investments and funding for WCAH, including exploring the issue of blockages in contraceptive supplies being caused by the Ukraine conflict and determine whether advocacy would be helpful.</li> </ul>	K&EWG, PECC Action Plans 1.1 and 1.2
2.5	<b>Advocacy for improved financing for WCAH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus more tightly on return on investment and financial advocacy, including innovative financing, fiscal space for WCAH in domestic finance, protection of ODA for WCAH and financing for access to commodities and supplies, working closely with GFF.</li> </ul>	K&EWG, SAC, PECC Action Plans 1.1, 2.2, 3.2 and 3.3
2.6	<b>Celebrate success, amplify and share lessons learned.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amplify positive developments on how countries are successfully addressing the 3C's (COVID, conflict, climate change), to feed into effective advocacy towards supportive policies, adequate investment and greater service coverage for WCAH.</li> </ul>	K&EWG, SAC, PECC Action Plans 1.2; 2.2, 3.1-3.3
2.7	<b>Capacity of UHC/PHC systems to address WCAH needs.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase advocacy on supporting primary health care systems, including WCAH self-care practices, mental health and adolescent well-being, through whole-of-government approaches – ensuring that UHC/PHC deliver for WCA.</li> </ul>	SAC Action Plan 3.2 & 3.3
2.8	<b>Multidimensional threats to WCAH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on implementation of commitments that address the multidimensional and inter-related threats of COVID-19, climate change and conflict as well as some broader aspects of mental health, migration, cost of living / inflation, conservatism and the food crisis.</li> <li>Seek ways to promote / support Alliance for Transformational Action on Climate &amp; Health.</li> </ul>	K&EWG, Acc.WG Action Plan 1.2, 3.2-3.3



### ITEM 3 – Mobilizing for SRHR in Universal Health Care

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
3.1	<b>Technical update of SRHR Global Strategy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the technical update of the Global Strategy on SRHR (led by SRH/WHO) through facilitating consultations among all PMNCH constituencies and ensuring effective advocacy by PMNCH champions and partners on key messages, including through events (e.g., ICFP), social media and multi-stakeholder platforms.</li> </ul>	SAC, K&EWG, PECC, Acc.WG Action Plans 1.2, 2.2, 3.1-3.3
3.2	<b>SRHR related knowledge / information.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate SRHR policy influencers and stakeholders' (e.g., CSOs, parliamentarians, media) access to easy-to-use data, accountability and advocacy tools.</li> </ul>	K&EWG, SAC, AccWG Action Plan 1.2, 2.1-2.3, 3.1-3.3
3.3	<b>Global and regional policy and financing platforms to secure SRHR support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support political advocacy efforts at the global and regional levels (e.g., UN multilateral processes, G7/G20, AU) to protect and promote SRHR and gender equality, including in collaboration with GFF.</li> </ul>	Constituencies, supported by PECC, SAC. Action Plans 2.1-2.2, 3.1-3.2
3.4	<b>SRHR-focused partnerships for joint action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate collaboration, communication and joint action across and among sectors and PMNCH constituencies through digital means (e.g., Digital Advocacy Hubs, Chatbots) to amplify progressive voices and support joint advocacy and accountability actions.</li> </ul>	SAC, PECC, all Constituencies Action Plans 1.2, 2.2 and 3.2
3.5	<b>SRHR definition(s)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amplify and disseminate the agreed Guttmacher-Lancet Commission's SRHR definition to ensure greater clarity and comprehensiveness, as well as consensus among PMNCH partners (Knowledge &amp; Evidence WG) and amplify widely (SAC)</li> </ul>	K&EWG, SAC Action Plan 1.2

### ITEM 6 – Progress report from the PMNCH Executive Committee

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
6.1	<b>Executive Committee report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved the Executive Committee (EC) report.</li> <li>Congratulated the immense effort and substantial success to date in securing resources for PMNCH's work, given most difficult of global circumstances.</li> </ul>	n/a
6.2	<b>Operational flexibility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reflecting the uncertainty in the external environment, important that the EC continues to lead PMNCH's flexible approach to delivering on its overall objectives, ready to adjust the details of the workplans as needed.</li> </ul>	Executive Committee
6.3	<b>Resource mobilization efforts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to implement the Resource Mobilization strategy.</li> <li>Called upon all partners to actively engage in resource mobilization efforts – making introductions and advocating for PMNCH, etc.</li> <li>Country governments are invited to talk about the value they see in PMNCH and advocate for the brand globally to support resource mobilization efforts.</li> <li>Working with UNICEF and other partners, PMNCH to advocate for alternative uses of ODA resources originally intended for COVID-19, including redirecting some of these resources to WCAH issues.</li> <li>Consider how partners (e.g., NGOs, private sector, etc.) can engage in co-funding and / or in-kind contributions.</li> </ul>	Constituencies, Executive Committee
6.4	<b>Future prioritization</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depending on the level of resources secured, EC to continue to prioritize the</li> </ul>	Executive Committee



	workplan as needed and taking into consideration Board priorities.	
6.5	<b>Collaboration with GFF</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to collaborate closely with GFF, whose focus on SRHR and adolescents' health provides good opportunities and synergies for further collaboration, as well as co-funding opportunities.</li> </ul>	Executive Committee, Secretariat Action Plans 1.1-1.3, 2.2 and 3.2

## ITEM 7 – Strategic Dialogue III - Global Forum for Adolescents

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
7.1	<b>Vision, objectives and goals of the Forum</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board members agreed that there is a need for the EC to oversee the development of an operational plan to ensure that PMNCH can tap the full power of the partnership for delivery, including through CSOs and youth constituencies within other global platforms (Gavi, GFF, GFTAM, COP27, etc.).</li> <li>Vision of the Forum to be widely communicated through a strapline and elevator pitch, linked to rich calendar of events in 2022-23, e.g., curtain raiser on International Day of the Girl Child, ICFP and SRHR link, etc.</li> <li>Important to frame this <b>not</b> only as a single event/conference: It is a civic movement, supported by highly visible flagship events like the curtain-raiser and the Forum itself, the UNGA events, G20 Summit and into 2024, post-Forum including ICPD in 2024.</li> <li>Identify key asks (<b>Agenda for Action for Adolescents</b>) to drive political advocacy and commitment generation and identify effective accountability mechanisms for the Agenda, complementing other accountability mechanisms to ensure action and accountability at the country level e.g., the SDG review process.</li> </ul>	EC, GFA structures, with Strategic Advocacy Committee, adolescents & youth constituency Action Plan 3.1
7.2	<b>Partner engagement at the country level</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate in-country coordination and leadership to follow up on implementation of adolescents' wellbeing related policies and programmes.</li> <li>Partners to help mobilize necessary resources and accountability for these efforts at country level, including through small grants to strengthen youth-led coalitions.</li> <li>Put in place strategies to bridge the digital divide to reach the most vulnerable.</li> <li>Country partners to be supported by PMNCH with advocacy resources that can be adapted and tailored for context specific national events and activities aligned with the Global Forum, including national advocacy agendas developed from the input of young people (supported by analysis of data generated by Chatbots).</li> </ul>	GFA structures, with Partners Engagement in Countries Committee, adolescents and youth constituency Action Plan 3.1 and 2.2
7.3	<b>Programming and features of the Forum</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global Leaders Network to advocate for Agenda for Action for Adolescents (e.g., leading the Sept 2023 in-person side event at UNGA).</li> <li>Private sector partners to contribute to the Global Forum (e.g., Innovation Marketplace, Digital Advocacy Hubs, sponsorship, Chatbot, media, etc.).</li> <li>Engage with large public-facing advocacy organizations (e.g., Global Citizen) for advice and partnership and secure support of high-profile champions to front the #Adolescents2030 campaign.</li> </ul>	GFA structures, with private sector and adolescents & youth constituencies Action Plans 2.1, 2.2 and 3.1
7.5	<b>Resourcing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essential to ensure that adequate resources are made available to deliver on the ambition of the project, including a Secretariat team that is properly supported and staffed.</li> <li>All constituencies, including NGO and private sector constituencies, to tap their networks to contribute in-kind and through cash / sponsorship.</li> </ul>	Secretariat, Executive Committee, GFA structures, adolescents & youth constituency Action Plan 3.1



## ITEM 8 – Governance Reform implementation and next steps

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
8.1	<b>Renewal of Board Chair term</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supported and strongly welcomed the renewal of Board Chair term for Rt Hon Helen Clark to serve for another three-year term until Nov 2025.</li> </ul>	n/a Action Plan 2.4
8.2	<b>Governance Reform achievements, challenges and opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Took note of the status of governance reform implementation and acknowledged the great progress which has been made since early 2020 in response to the External Evaluation, thanking the GEC and EC for their leadership and management of this process.</li> <li>Noted also challenges and opportunities, as well as the plans to address these as part of the good governance and light touch assessment work.</li> </ul>	Governance & Ethics Committee Action Plan 2.4
8.3	<b>Governance Manual</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Important to finalize the Governance Manual to provide greater clarity and transparency on the diversity, inclusion and good governance policies, as well as mechanisms for nominations and leadership transitions.</li> </ul>	Governance & Ethics Committee Action Plan 2.4
8.4	<b>Possible move towards a partially virtual Secretariat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Options to be explored on the need, modalities and feasibility (including in WHO-hosting context) of potentially moving towards a partially virtual Secretariat, building on working practices from COVID-19 and the governance reform processes.</li> </ul>	Governance & Ethics Committee, Executive Committee, Secretariat, Action Plan 2.4
8.5	<b>Secretariat workload</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledged the immense work done by the Secretariat to facilitate partner engagement, acknowledging that the transition to partner-led delivery is still in process and to be accelerated with Digital Advocacy Hubs.</li> <li>Secretariat workload remains very high, and partners are encouraged to provide any possible support (e.g., secondments, staff time, etc.).</li> <li>Explore options for simpler and further streamlined governance structures to reduce process intensity, which is one of the key drivers for a very high workload at the Secretariat.</li> <li>Continue to prioritize the workplan wherever possible.</li> </ul>	Governance & Ethics Committee, Executive Committee, Secretariat Action Plan 2.4, as well as 1.2, 2.2 and 3.1-3.2
8.6	<b>Light Touch Assessment (LTA) and Good Governance (GG) work</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Took note that the emerging findings from the Light Touch Assessment and Good Governance work show that the PMNCH governance has new energy, broader participation (especially of young people), greater clarity of roles, and is already proving to be more effective.</li> <li>Recognizing that LTA and GG processes are internal learning and course-correction exercises and not external evaluation processes, and an integral part of a 'learning organization'.</li> </ul>	Governance & Ethics Committee Action Plan 2.4



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Health Care Professional Associations (**HCPA**)

Inter-Governmental Organizations (**IGO**)

Non-Governmental Organizations (**NGO**)

Partner Governments (**PG**)

Private Sector (**PS**)

United Nations Agencies (**UNA**)

**EC** - Executive Committee

**GEC** - Governance & Ethics Committee

**PECC** - Partner Engagement in Countries Committee

**SAC** - Strategic Advocacy Committee

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#### Board Leadership

<b>BOARD CHAIR</b>	<b>Rt. Hon. Helen Clark</b> Former Prime Minister of New Zealand
<b>BOARD VICE CHAIR</b> <b>Government of India</b>	<b>Rajesh Bhushan</b> Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Government of India
<b>BOARD VICE CHAIR</b> <b>Foreign, Commonwealth and</b> <b>Development Office (FCDO) UK</b> <b>Government</b>	<b>Darren Welch</b> Director of Global Health Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
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#### Board Membership

<b>Aga Khan University (AKU)</b>	<b>Marleen Temmerman</b> Director of the Centre of Excellence in Women, Children and Adolescents Health Aga Khan University
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DF	<b>Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) UK Government</b>	<b>Susan Clapham</b> Health Adviser Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
GFM	<b>Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance</b>	<b>Anuradha Gupta</b> Deputy CEO Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance
HCPA	<b>International Confederation of Midwives</b>	<b>Franka Cadée (Apologies sent)</b> President International Confederation of Midwives (ICM)
	<b>International Pediatric Association</b>	<b>Errol Alden</b> President International Pediatric Association (IPA)
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	<b>UNFPA</b>	<b>Diene Keita, Willibald Zeck and Rachel Snow (attending on behalf of Natalia Kanem)</b> UNFPA
	<b>World Health Organization</b>	<b>Anshu Banerjee (attending on behalf of Zsuzsanna Jakab)</b> WHO

### Standing Committee Chairs

SC Chairs	<b>Governance and Ethics Committee Chair</b>	<b>Flavia Bustreo</b> Vice President Fondation Botnar
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### List of observers

(Granted full participation rights for Item 3 on Day 1)

<b>WHO SRH Department</b>	<b>Pascale Allotey</b> SRH/WHO Director
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### Invited Guests

Invited guests for the whole duration of the Board meeting	
<b>Government of Argentina</b>	Minister of Health Government of Argentina represented by Dr. Marcelo Bellone
<b>Government of Burkina Faso</b>	Minister of Health Government of Burkina Faso represented by Valérie Sanon
<b>Government of Chile</b>	Minister of Health (apologies) Government of Chile
<b>Government of Ethiopia</b>	Minister of Health Government of Ethiopia represented by Dr. Munir Kassa
<b>Government of Mexico</b>	Minister of Health Government of Mexico represented by Karla Berdichevsky Feldman
<b>Government of Senegal</b>	Minister of Health Government of Senegal, Ibrahima Seck
<b>Government of Sierra Leone</b>	Minister of Health Government of Sierra Leone, Austin Demby
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