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The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health

Executive Committee meeting

Wednesday 22 June 2022, 14:30 to 16:30 CET (120 min)

DRAFT NOTE FOR THE RECORD

Attendance	
Board Vice-Chair and EC Chair	Darren Welch
Board Vice-Chair under 30	Aditi Sivakumar
ART	Marleen Temmerman
AYC	David Imbago
D&F	Susan Clapham
GFM	Thiago Luchesi, for Anuradha Gupta
HCPA	Franka Cadee and Errol Alden ¹
IGO	Martin Chungong
NGO	Maria Antonieta Alcalde
Partner Government	Roli Singh
Private Sector	Boladale Akin-Kolapo and Paula Quigley, for Caroline Quijada
UN Agencies / WHO (host)	Anshu Banerjee, for Zsuzsanna Jakab
Chairs of Standing Committees	
Governance and Ethics Committee (GEC)	Dorothy Shaw, for Flavia Bustreo
Partner Engagement in Countries Committee (PECC)	Joy Phumaphi and Roli Singh
Strategic Advocacy Committee (SAC) including Knowledge and Evidence Working Group (KEWG) Accountability Working Group (AccWG)	Githinji Gitahi Mark Hanson, Merette Khalil Jennifer Requejo
Observers: Meena Ghandi; Sena Ar-Rikaby; Vania Kibui; Caitlyn Mitchell; Thiago Luchesi; Aleksandra Blagojevic; Tammy Esho and Foluke Olusegun	
Secretariat: Helga Fogstad; Lori McDougall; Nebojsa Novcic; Anshu Mohan; Mijail Santos; Etienne Langlois; Sue Mbaya; Vivian Lopez; Dina El Hussein and Giulia Gasparri.	

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

[22 June 2022 - Executive Committee Meeting \(who.int\)](#)

¹ Dr Alden attended for the first 30 minutes in Franka Cadee's absence.



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 in advance. The EC noted that quorum was achieved.

The EC was very pleased to welcome Roli Singh, Additional Secretary and Mission Director, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, representing the Government of India on the EC and the Partner Engagement in Countries Committee (PECC).

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
1.1	Quorum was achieved.	n/a
1.2	- EC Agenda approved with a minor modification in relation to the Board Agenda item, 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 27 April 2022. - EC noted that all actions agreed upon at the 27 April 2022 NfR have been or are on track to be delivered EC-06-2022; 01a, Agenda, June 22 EC-06-2022; 01b, Exec Memo, June 22 EC-04-2022; 01c, Draft EC NFR, April 22 EC-04-2022; 01d, Monitoring of actions, April 2022	n/a

ITEM 2 – Management Report

Presentation / Speakers

- Helga Fogstad, PMNCH Executive Director, gave a [presentation](#) providing the EC members with an overview of the highlights of the 2022 workplan to date, the 2021 Annual Report, how PMNCH is prioritizing its deliverables for increased impact and efficiency, a resource mobilization update, and a summary of priority actions moving forward.
- Helga's presentation included a summary of recent discussions among committee, working group and constituencies, focusing on the need for greater prioritization of deliverables. Accordingly, she proposed that the EC consider reducing the 2022-23 workplan from 14 to 10 deliverables to promote efficiencies and synergies. This proposal, which includes reducing the scope and size of deliverables where possible (e.g., number of events, reduction of sub-deliverables, etc.), was appreciated by EC members.
- Overall, EC members acknowledged and appreciated the Secretariat's support for the extensive work undertaken in 2022 to date, as well as the inclusive 2022-23 work-planning processes and



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extensive efforts in resource mobilization. Members expressed particular appreciation of how outputs and activities were shown in the context of the PMNCH Results Framework.

- EC Chair Darren Welch thanked all those supporting the work of the Partnership, whether it be through grants, in-kind-support, joint efforts on events, and engagement in the workplan delivery processes more generally.

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
2.1	Expresses appreciation for work done to date, noting the considerable parallel efforts undertaken in 2022 on resource mobilization, work planning and prioritization, and actual implementation, with the pro-rata implementation rate of 100% against budget.	n/a
2.2	Agrees to streamline the 2022-23 Workplan from 14 to 10 deliverables, and to focus on the following priority deliverables given budget constraints: • Global Forum for Adolescents – with strong engagement by partners at national / community level. • Global Leaders Network – 10 Heads of States to champion WCAH issues. • Mobilizing and following up on commitments: engaging with 20+ countries at ministerial or higher level, and establishing partner-led national multi-stakeholder platforms to take this work forward (through PECC). • Evidence-based advocacy briefs, reports, tools, media commentaries ○ MNCH: Born Too Soon and advocacy briefs; ○ SRHR: Consultations on SRHR Global Strategy update; ○ Adolescent WellBeing: BMJ papers, investment case, MAYE; ○ Cross-cutting issues: Health workforce, WCAH financing, humanitarian and fragile settings, climate change, sexual and gender-based violence, people's voices. • PMNCH flagship + supported events (max. 16-20/year) and media products and engagement (focus on Board priorities). • Digital Advocacy Hubs for partner engagement.	• Coordinating structures • Secretariat
2.3	Agrees on having eight output indicators and related metrics and targets for the 2022 Results Framework.	Secretariat
2.4	Encouraged by the Resource Mobilization efforts to date, calls on all partners to continue to support the work of PMNCH through grants, in-kind contributions, engagement in the delivery of work, etc.	All partners

ITEM 3 - Progress to Date and Major Priorities

Presentation / Speakers

- Darren Welch introduced this agenda item by highlighting that a great deal of progress has taken place in the first half of 2022. The Chairs and Co-Chairs of the Standing Committees provided updates on work and progress across PMNCH's workplan, with proposed priorities going forward. To this end:



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- Githinji Githahi, SAC Co Chair, shared a [presentation](#) on behalf of the SAC;
- Joy Phumaphi, PECC Co-Chair, shared a [presentation](#) on behalf of the PECC; and
- Dorothy Shaw, GEC Vice Chair, shared a [presentation](#) on behalf of the GEC.
- The three presentations were well received, and EC members reflected on a number of issues raised through the presentations, including:
 - the options of supporting countries in WCAH commitment-making and follow-up processes;
 - opportunities to streamline PMNCH's workplan for greater effectiveness and prioritize (cut down on numbers and type of sub-deliverables), recognizing the financial challenges;
 - importance of the Global Adolescent Forum and maintaining partner inclusion and momentum around this, especially at national and community level;
 - further developing PMNCH narratives and progress reports to enable greater emphasis on progress made with the three thematic goals (MNCH, SRHR, Adolescent Wellbeing), highlighting outcomes and results; and
 - appreciation of largely positive results from the first phase of the "light touch" assessment of the PMNCH governance reform, and good governance/management evaluation, finding that PMNCH has gained new energy and engagement from its reform efforts (some issues are yet to be explored in the second phase of the assessment, including the roll-out of the first phase of the PMNCH Digital Advocacy Hubs and enhanced partner engagement at national and regional level).

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
3.1	Recognizes the "triple C" threat of COVID, climate change and conflict, and agrees that it is right and urgent for PMNCH to continue in its existing workplan endeavors to support countries in increasing commitments to and visibility of WCAH through better UHC and PHC policies, more resources and improved services, building forward better and fairer.	SAC
3.2	Agrees to PECC's proposal to focus on mobilizing and following up on commitments: engaging with 20+ countries at ministerial or higher level, and establishing partner-led national multi-stakeholder platforms to take this work forward. Efforts should also be made to use these national platforms in engaging in Global Form for Adolescent national efforts.	PECC
3.3	Agrees to the SAC's proposed selection criteria for up to 20 events per year – to result in fewer, more powerful, activities aligned with Board-agreed priorities and PMNCH 2022-23 thematic advocacy roadmaps.	SAC
3.4	Agrees to integrated messaging on adolescent wellbeing that also builds from the contributions of SRHR and MNCH. Calls for the continued evolution of the narrative relating to the Global Forum for Adolescents. PMNCH to develop a concise, engaging description of the Global Forum for Adolescents ("elevator pitch") that all PMNCH members can own and share, enabling broad engagement.	SAC



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	Decision / Action	Responsibility
3.5	Calls on all constituencies to work together in planning and delivering the Global Forum for Adolescents, through: • participating in GFA committees and sub-committees; • amplifying messages about the GFA, globally, regionally and nationally; • mobilizing partners and partner governments to develop national events integrated with the GFA in October 2023; • engaging champions and influencers to talk about the GFA through their respective channels; and • co-funding of the GFA and funding activities in kind.	PMNCH constituencies
3.6	Looks forward to seeing the proposed work on country engagement, including the horizon scanning across noted regions, further development of multi-stakeholder platforms, and parliamentary engagement to strengthen national advocacy for commitments to MNCH, SRHR and Adolescent Health and Well-Being.	PECC
3.7	Suggests for consideration re-structuring (or including in addition in) in the workplan progress report (not necessarily the workplan itself) to focus more on the three thematic areas of MNCH, SRHR and Adolescents, and the connections among them. Ensure we do not lose balance in advocating for our three themes equally. Consider producing case studies to enrich this narrative.	• Coordinating structures • Secretariat
3.8	Expresses gratitude to the current Board Chair, Rt Hon Helen Clark, for her leadership and commitment to date. Agrees unreservedly with the proposal to have Rt Hon Helen Clark continue in her Board Chair role for another three years and asks the Secretariat to arrange subsequent communication to be sent to the Board members for electronic approval of this proposal before the next Board Meeting.	• GEC • Secretariat
3.9	Notes the emerging findings from the LTA and Good Governance / Good Management work, which is showing 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. Also notes that the assessment has identified areas for course correction to improve, streamline and strengthen the efficiency, partner engagement and meaningful collaboration within and between governance structures, and agrees with the GEC's plan for work to streamline the timelines and ensure that the lessons learnt from one sub-deliverable feed into the other.	• GEC
3.10	Overall, notes and agrees with the efforts to further rationalize and prioritize work for the rest of 2022, as presented by SAC, PECC and GEC, subject to available funding and partner/Secretariat capacity. Encourages Secretariat and all partners to continue Resource Mobilization efforts to support the 2022-23 workplan.	• Coordinating structures • Secretariat



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ITEM 4 – Proposed PMNCH Board Agenda

Darren Welch suggested that the Secretariat share the PMNCH Board Agenda electronically and that EC members provide inputs by correspondence.

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
4.1	Asks the draft Board Agenda to be circulated after the meeting to EC members for decision by correspondence.	• Secretariat • EC members

ITEM 5 – Any other business

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
5.1	Darren noted that he will be stepping down from his role as Chair of the EC, as he is taking a new position overseas with FCDO. He put on record his appreciation for his positive experience as EC chair and noted that FCDO will be proposing an excellent replacement as Chair. Helga, on behalf of PMNCH governance bodies and members, expressed immense gratitude to Darren for his excellent leadership, clear direction and abundance of energy with which he has led the work of the EC over the years, and wished him all the best in his new position.	• GEC • Secretariat