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Executive Committee meeting

Wednesday 19 October 2022, 14:00 to 16:00 CET (120 min)

DRAFT NOTE FOR THE RECORD

Attendance	
EC Chair, Acting and Board Vice-Chair	Rajesh Bhushan
Board Vice-Chair	Chris Carter, for Darren Welch
Board Vice-Chair under 30	<i>Apologies from Aditi Sivakumar</i>
ART	Marleen Temmerman
AY	David Imbago
DF	Susan Clapham
GFM	Thiago Luchesi, for Anamaria Bejar
HCPA	Franka Cadee
IGO	Martin Chungong
Non-Governmental Organizations	Maria Antonieta Alcalde
Partner Government	Zoya Rizvi, for Roli Singh
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)	Gareth Jones, for Joy Phumaphi
Strategic Advocacy Committee (SAC) including Knowledge and Evidence Working Group (KEWG) Accountability Working Group (AccWG)	Ann Starrs and Githinji Gitahi (Co-Chairs SAC) Mark Hanson (Chair KEWG) Jonathan Klein (Vice-Chair AccWG) for Jennifer Requejo and Pauline Irungu.
Observers: Meena Gandhi; Caitlyn Mitchell; Aleksandra Blagojevic;	
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:

[Executive Committee Meeting - 19 October 2022 \(who.int\)](#)



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 EC Chair thanked all those involved in preparing the focused agenda for this meeting, and for all the supporting papers that were shared in advance through PMNCH's website.

ITEM 1	Decision / Action	Responsibility
1.1	Meeting quorum was achieved.	n/a
1.2	- Approved EC Agenda. - Approved EC Note for the Record (NfR) without changes, as related to the EC meeting on 26 July 2022. - Noted Monitoring of Actions documents related to EC meetings held in June and July 2022.	Secretariat to put on PMNCH website

ITEM 2a – Refining PMNCH's approach to WCA commitment mobilization and accountability

- Helga Fogstad (in lieu of a PECC representative) shared a [presentation](#) based on the EC background paper: *'PMNCH advocacy and accountability for commitments to Women's, Children's and Adolescents' health and wellbeing: A Refined Approach'*.
- The presentation highlighted the proposed refinements to the principles and approaches of PMNCH's advocacy and accountability for commitments in women's, children's and adolescents' health and well-being.
- The presentation was well-received, with members of the EC noting the following points:
 - The scoping exercise to identify existing commitments across the possible 30 priority countries could be very time and resource intensive. It will therefore be important to 'dock into' processes already underway and leverage mechanisms already in place (e.g., GFF), as well as ensure that adequate resources are available to complete this important piece of work. To support this effort, lead/ coordination partners in countries need to be identified quickly so as to enable constituencies to use these focal points to leverage their in-country networks.
 - Stakeholders involved in these processes need to be drawn from a broad range of sectors, including, for example, the private sector and adolescents and youth-led organizations, as all constituencies will have a key role to play in ensuring accountability for the delivery of existing commitments.
 - It is important to define what is a "quality" commitment, as well as a standardized core set of definitions to enable global and national comparisons to be made across commitments. This may call for a focus on a smaller number of commitment 'classes', which may focus on, for example, include financing, healthcare workforce, etc.
 - Care is needed to avoid this effort being overshadowed by too much process, which could cloud the vision for why this is being undertaken. Efforts therefore need to be streamlined to ensure a focus on results.



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- It was suggested that the existing Partner Engagement Strategy could be supported by additional resources that would reflect these important commitment-related refinements.

ITEM 2b - PMNCH Standing Committees and Working Groups Response to country commitment approach, including updates on workplan deliverables

- Githinji Githahi (Co-Chair of Strategic Advocacy Committee), Jonathan Klein (Vice-Chair of Accountability Working Group) and Mark Hanson (Chair of Knowledge and Evidence Working Group) shared a [presentation](#) summarizing their respective structures' response and reflections to the proposed refined approach to advocacy and accountability for WCAH commitments.
- In doing so, they reflected on how this updated approach will be put into action through the PMNCH workplan deliverables that they are overseeing.

ITEM 2	Decision / Action	Responsibility
2.1	Approved the ' <i>PMNCH advocacy and accountability for commitments to Women's, Children's and Adolescents' health and wellbeing: A Refined Approach</i> ' and requested all standing committees and working groups to operationalize and prioritize this in their respective work	PECC and all other committees and working groups
2.2	Agreed that the EC will continue to advise the PECC on implementing the proposed approach. Delineations of necessary detail will be outlined by the PECC in subsequent documents to be developed. Issues to be addressed, but not limited to, include: - selecting the 30 focus countries and identifying ways of leveraging and docking into existing in-country coordination mechanisms; - selecting and identifying in-country lead/ coordination partner(s), and devising creative and innovative ways to encourage, inspire and resource in-country partners to engage in leading these efforts; - leveraging existing platforms and PMNCH constituencies' networks in countries or regionally making the commitment process engagement-friendly for all constituencies (e.g., enabling youth and adolescents, NGOs, and other more resource constrained constituencies to engage); - standardizing and defining "quality" with respect to commitments, enabling greater clarity on methods and approaches, e.g., establishing a core set of commitments to follow up and compare progress across countries; - assessing the needed resources for operationalizing this strategy.	PECC and EC
2.3	Asked PECC to report to the EC with further implementation details, including proposals and greater clarity on: nature and definitions of commitments (e.g., focus on a few types of commitments to support comparability, setting a 'high-bar' for what constitutes a commitment to avoid proliferation of low quality commitments, etc.)	PECC to present at next EC meeting



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2.4	Requested for any scoping work on existing commitments to be done in a light-touch and efficient manner, using existing information and processes, conscious of the possible high resource-intensity of any such process being started afresh. Important to build on intel and work already done in this area by partners in countries.	PECC

ITEM 3 – Governance Reform Update

- In the interest of time, Flavia Bustreo, Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee (GEC) suggested that EC members access her [presentation](#) electronically through PMNCH's website, subsequently to the meeting.
- In reviewing the presentation, she encouraged EC members to reflect on the Light Touch Assessment, Good Governance and Good Management work and share any feedback or questions they have with the Secretariat.
- Flavia finally noted that the [Governance Manual](#), draft of which was shared with the EC members as part of the document pack, is designed to be a living document which will be hosted on the PMNCH website, and will therefore benefit from continuous improvements and quality updates.

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
3.1	EC members were asked to review the GEC update presentation, and to subsequently share any reflections and / or questions by email (to PMNCH Governance Officer, Dina El Hussein, on elhusseinyd@who.int) after the EC meeting.	EC and Secretariat

ITEM 4 – Updated 2022-23 PMNCH Workplan

- Due to time constraints Helga Fogstad, PMNCH Executive Director, drew EC members' attention to her full [presentation](#) on PMNCH's website, whilst focusing her discussion on the following three key issues: (i) summary of streamlined PMNCH 2022-23 Workplan and Budget (slide 6); implementation of the workplan in 2022 (slide 7); and PMNCH's financial situation in 2022 and beyond (slide 8). She noted that more details on the progress to date can be found in the [background paper](#) shared with the EC.
- EC members acknowledged and appreciated partners' work (with Secretariat facilitation) in delivering the workplan to date in 2022.

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4.1	Approved updated 2022-23 PMNCH Workplan and Budget.	EC and Secretariat



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4.2	Requested all standing committees and working groups to take note of the updated PMNCH workplan and budget and ensure that their respective workplans are aligned to it. In addition, Standing Committees and Working Groups need to make necessary adjustments to accommodate the commitment approach within their Workplans as approved by the EC under agenda item 2 above	Standing committees and working groups
4.3	Calls upon EC members to share additional comments and / or questions, if any, with the Secretariat by email after the EC meeting (to PMNCH's Team Lead for Operations and Governance, Nebojsa Novcic, at novcicn@who.int).	EC

ITEM 5 – Proposed Agenda for PMNCH Board Meeting on 29- 30 November 2022

- Rajesh Bhushan shared the [proposed agenda](#) for the two-day PMNCH Board meeting, scheduled to take place on 29 and 30 November 2022.
- In the presentation, he noted that it is proposed for the first part of Day 1 to be dedicated to a high-level strategic discussion on the role of the Global Leaders Network in accelerating the implementation of existing commitments to improving the health and wellbeing of women, children and adolescents.
- The second part of Day 1 is proposed to discuss how existing accountability mechanisms can be used to strengthen the implementation of commitments to WCA. It is expected that the progress report '*Protect the Promise*' will be presented and the Principals of UNICEF and UNFPA, and the Director General of WHO, will be invited to participate in a discussion on this.
- Day Two will begin by building on the discussion from Day One. In particular, it will focus on the role of Private Sector engagement in commitment implementation and mobilization. It is proposed that the remaining part of Day 2 will focus on operational aspects, such as report backs from the Executive Committee and the Governance and Ethics Committee.

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
5.1	Approved the draft PMNCH Board agenda, with two minor suggested refinements: • Potentially including a strategic discussion on the Global Forum for Adolescents in the second part of Day 1, particularly given those who will be present – securing the support of major stakeholders for the Forum will be important. • Consider reducing the allocated time for the governance update. Noted that some further refinements may be needed in terms of sequence and time allocations to align with expected attendance.	GEC and Secretariat
5.2	Secretariat to share the proposed Board agenda with Board Chair for review and approval	Secretariat



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ITEM 6 – AOB

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6.1	No AoB was raised.	n/a

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