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Executive Memo

Overview, objectives and questions for reflection
PMNCH Board Meeting, 6 December 2022 (11:00-14:00 CET) and
7 December 2022 (11:00 – 13:30)

This Executive Memo provides an overview of the issues to be discussed at PMNCH's Board Meeting, to be held virtually on 6 December 2022 (11:00-14:00 CET) and 7 December 2022 (11:00-13:30 CET). It also provides guidance on any decisions that need to be made.

This Board meeting will focus on four strategic opportunities for country-led action, supported by PMNCH constituencies:

- Ensuring accountability for commitments for women's, children's and adolescents' (WCA) health;
- Private Sector leadership contributing to stronger public-private partnerships for women's, children's and adolescents' health;
- Opportunities for intersectoral investments in women's, children's and adolescents' health, especially in climate financing; and
- Political leadership and commitments for women's children's and adolescents' health and well-being.

This Executive Memo is developed, in conjunction with the draft Board Agenda, to assist Board participants by: (i) describing and contextualizing the issue to be discussed; and (ii) highlighting opportunities for decision points.

All relevant Board papers can be downloaded [here](#)





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6 December 2022: 30th PMNCH Board Meeting

Item 1: Opening remarks, adoption of the Agenda and Declaration of Conflict of Interest.

Rt. Hon. Helen Clark, PMNCH Board Chair, will open the meeting, by welcoming participants. The first agenda item will also seek to approve the draft Agenda and give Board members an opportunity to declare any possible conflicts of interest.

1.1 Approval of draft Agenda and Notes for the Record from previous meeting

Members are requested to review and approve the draft Agenda for the meeting, which was shared in advance, and approve the Note for the Record from the previous meeting.

1.2 Board members declaring any conflicts of interest

This administrative aspect of the meeting will see the Board members declare any possible conflicts of interest.

Decision(s)

- Approve the 6 and 7 December 2022 Agenda
- Approve Note for the Record from the last PMNCH Board Meeting on 14 and 15 July 2022

Document(s) for the meeting

- PMNCH-B30-2022; 1a, Agenda, 6 and 7 December 2022
- PMNCH-B30-2022; 1b, Executive Memo, 6 and 7 December 2022
- PMNCH-B30-2022; 1c, Note for the Record, 14 and 15 July 2022

Item 2: Strategic Dialogue I - Ensuring accountability for commitments for women's, children's and adolescents' health

Under this agenda item, the PMNCH Board will be asked to review and approve the background paper shared in advance of the meeting [PMNCH-B30-2022; 2a: PMNCH advocacy and accountability for commitments related to women's, children's and adolescents' health and well-being: A revised approach](#). In addition, the paper [Protect the Promise | 2022 Progress Report on EWEC Global Strategy for Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health](#) has also been provided as background reading, providing an update on progress to date on women's, children's and adolescents' health.

The item will begin with a presentation from Joy Phumaphi, Co-Chair, PMNCH Partner Engagement in Countries Committee, who will explain to the Board the main tenants of the refined approach, as was included in the background paper.



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Following the presentation and drawing on the issues and approaches raised in the paper, the PMNCH Board Chair, Rt. Hon. Helen Clark will moderate a high-level strategic dialogue, inviting Country Ministers and UN principles to reflect on PMNCH's refined approach, as well as mechanisms, platforms and innovative approaches to improve implementation and mobilization of commitments. This discussion will be set against the backdrop of the [Protect the Promise 2022 Progress Report](#) also shared in advance of the meeting.

Request to the Board

- The PMNCH Board is asked to engage in a strategic discussion on how PMNCH can support its partners to improve the impact and efficiency of joint efforts to improve accountability for commitments. This includes approving PMNCH's strategic approach to commitment mobilization and follow up.
- This also includes proposing accountability-related actions for all PMNCH constituencies to consider, building on existing mechanisms, platforms and innovative approaches to improve implementation and mobilization of commitments

Decision(s)

- Approve PMNCH revised approach to advocacy and accountability for commitments related to women's, children's and adolescents' health and well-being, which was approved by the PMNCH Executive Committee on 19 October 2022.

Document(s)

- [PMNCH-B30-2022; 2a: PMNCH advocacy and accountability for commitments related to women's, children's and adolescents' health and well-being: A revised approach](#)
- [Protect the Promise | 2022 Progress Report on EWEC Global Strategy for Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health \(everywomaneverychild.org\)](#)

Agenda Item 3: Strategic Dialogue II - Private sector leadership contributing to stronger public-private partnership for women's, children's and adolescents' health

The objective of this session will be to reflect on best practices seen in public-private cooperation, by identifying enabling mechanisms for successful partnerships and how these may be applicable to women's, children's and adolescents' health. This agenda item will therefore explore how private sector leadership can contribute to stronger public-private partnerships.

The dialogue will be opened by PMNCH's Private Sector Constituency Chair Caroline Quijada who will



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use the opportunity to present the newly developed Private Sector Strategy paper for approval by the PMNCH Board.

The opening will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by PMNCH Board Chair, Rt. Hon. Helen Clark, who will interact with four Private Sector representatives, namely from Ferring, Philips, MSD for Mothers, and Laerdal Foundation. The expected outcomes of the session will be to develop a common understanding on barriers, challenges and opportunities to integrate private sector leadership in multi-constituency efforts. In addition, the Board will also seek to identify key success factors for effective private-public partnerships, which can be applied in PMNCH's work going forward.

Request to the Board

The Board is asked to consider how can private sector leadership contribute to stronger public-private partnerships to advance women's, children's and adolescents' health, and what can PMNCH and its constituencies do to promote these approaches.

Decision(s)

- Approval of the PMNCH Private Sector Strategy

Document(s)

- PMNCH-B30-2022; 3a PMNCH Private Sector Strategy

Agenda Item 4: Strategic Dialogue III - Opportunities for intersectoral investments in women's, children's and adolescents' health, especially in climate financing

Context

Under this agenda item, the PMNCH Board will be asked to reflect on the current gaps in intersectoral financing for WCAH, especially with regards to climate finance. This agenda item draws specifically from the discussions at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 27th Conference of Parties (COP27), held in Sharm-El-Sheikh from the 6-20 November 2022, where PMNCH partners discussed the current worrying gaps in climate financing for health, as well as health financing for health systems' resilience, and the negative impact this will have on WCAH. The agenda item will therefore explore how PMNCH partners can advocate for bridging this gap and push countries to apply for climate financing projects targeted to WCAH.

The strategic dialogue will open with a presentation from the Green Climate Fund, drawing from their recently published Sectoral Guide on Health and Well-Being. The presentation will be followed by an open discussion moderated by PMNCH Board Chair, Rt. Hon. Helen Clark.



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The expected outcomes of the session will primarily be developing better understanding amongst PMNCH Board members on the current gaps in intersectoral financing for WCAH and identifying advocacy opportunities for prioritizing climate financing for WCAH. This will inform PMNCH's collective thinking on actions that we can contribute to.

Expected outcomes:

- Better understanding of the current gaps in intersectoral financing for WCAH in climate adaptation projects and investments,
- Identify and provide guidance on advocacy opportunities for prioritizing climate financing for WCAH

Document(s)

- [Sectoral guide: Health & wellbeing | Green Climate Fund](#)

Additional background readings

- Impact of climate change on MNCH
- [Impact of climate change on SRHR](#)
- [Impact of climate change on adolescent well-being](#)

Agenda Item 5: Look ahead at Day 2

Agenda Item 5 will be the last substantive item on the Day 1 Agenda. As such, it will focus on outlining the key objectives and decisions needed from Day 2.

Due to the nature of this agenda item, no documents or decisions are needed.

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Agenda Item 6: Opening remarks and Board photo

The Board Chair will reiterate the objectives of the Board meeting and in particular Day 2 objectives. A Board photo will be taken, and as such, we kindly request that Board members turn on their cameras for this item.

Agenda Item 7: Progress report from the PMNCH Executive Committee



Context

PMNCH Executive Committee (EC) oversees the operational aspects of PMNCH's work and reports on these to the PMNCH Board.

As such, Rajesh Bhushan Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Government of India], who chaired the last EC meeting in October 2022 will use this opportunity to remind the Board of PMNCH's overall objectives and report on programmatic and organizational work in 2022, including PMNCH's resource mobilization status.

This agenda item will also inform the PMNCH Board of the key advocacy priorities for 2023. The expected outcomes of this agenda item will be the approval of the EC report, as well as agreement on roles for PMNCH constituencies and partners in delivering on key priorities in 2023.

Decision(s)

- Approve the Executive Committee Report
- Agreement on roles for PMNCH constituencies and partners in delivering on key priorities in 2023

Document(s)

- PMNCH-B30-2022; 7a Progress Report from PMNCH Executive Committee – presentation on the day

Item 8 - Strategic Dialogue IV - Political leadership and commitments for women's, children's and adolescents' health

Context

Agenda Item 8 will be the fourth and last strategic dialogue of the 30th PMNCH Board Meeting. It will aim to explore how political leaders can use global, regional and national platforms for intentional action and commitments for the most vulnerable during this period of multiple, overlapping crises (climate, cost of living, conflict, COVID recovery).

This agenda item will see Dr. Olive Shisana¹, Social Policy Special Advisor to President Ramaphosa share introductory remarks on the critical role of the Government of South Africa in forming a Global Network of Leaders – as Chaired by His Excellency President Cyril Ramaphosa to champion these important issues.

¹ Dr Olive Shisana is also Hon. Prof. UCT; President and CEO, Evidence Based Solutions.



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Following this, Rt Hon Helen Clark, PMNCH Board Chair will moderate a panel discussion with Ministers and country leaders to discuss evidence and support needed by national governments, including finance ministers, to make the case for prioritizing women's, children's and adolescents' health, within national, regional and global political platforms, including the AU and G20.

The expected outcomes of this Agenda Item will be to agree on high-value actions to support the efforts of global leaders and champions in accelerating greater commitment in 2023, including through the South African championed and PMNCH supported Global Leaders Network.

Expected outcomes:

- Agree on high-value actions to support the efforts of global leaders and champions in accelerating greater commitment in 2023.

Document(s)

- [Board-30-2022; 8a Global Leaders Network briefing note](#)

Item 9: Summary and Re-cap

In closing the Board meeting, Rt. Hon Helen Clark, Board Chair, will summarize and share some reflections and 'take aways' from the Board Meeting. Full Decisions and Note for the Record will be shared after the Board meeting for detailed review and comments.