



Executive Committee meeting

Monday 6 February 2023, 14:00 to 16:00 CET (120 min)

DRAFT NOTE FOR THE RECORD

Attendance	
EC Chair and Board Vice-Chair	Rajesh Bhushan
Board Vice-Chair and DF	Chris Carter
Board Vice-Chair under 30	Aditi Sivakumar (apologies)
ART	Marleen Temmerman
AY	David Imbago
GFM	Sameera Al Tuwaijri (apologies with written comments)
HCPA	Errol Alden, for Franka Cadee
IGO	Martin Chungong (apologies with written comments)
Non-Governmental Organizations	Maria Antonieta Alcalde
Partner Government	Roli Singh (apologies)
Private Sector	Anna Maasboel, for PS Chair
UN Agencies / WHO (host)	Anshu Banerjee
Chairs of Standing Committees	
Governance and Ethics Committee (GEC)	Flavia Bustreo
Partner Engagement in Countries Committee (PECC)	Joy Phumaphi (apologies) Roli Singh (apologies)
Strategic Advocacy Committee (SAC) including	Githinji Gitahi
Observers: Meena Gandhi; Sena Ar-Rikaby; Vania Kibui; Aleksandra Blagojevic	
Secretariat: Helga Fogstad; Lori McDougall; Mijail Santos; Etienne Langlois; Ilze Kalnina; Thahira Mustafa; Bhavya Nandini; Dina El Hussein and Giulia Gasparri.	

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

[Executive Committee Meeting - 6 February 2023 \(who.int\)](#)



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), Mr. Rajesh Bhushan, 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 19 October 2022.	Secretariat to put on PMNCH website

ITEM 2 – Reflect on 6 and 7 December 2022 Board meeting decisions

The EC Chair introduced the first substantive agenda item by highlighting its purpose. The EC Chair subsequently gave the floor to Ms. Helga Fogstad, PMNCH Executive Director who provided a succinct update on the [December 2022 PMNCH Board decisions](#). Following this, Helga Fogstad gave a summary of the brief changes made to the PMNCH strategy paper entitled [PMNCH advocacy and accountability for commitments related to women's, children's and adolescents health and well-being](#), which was being submitted to the EC for approval before being sent to the Board for final approval.

The members of the Executive Committee endorsed the changes in the updated paper and expressed appreciation for the revised paper. In addition, they noted the following:

- It will be important for PMNCH to develop a clear and practical partner engagement plan to operationalize the commitment strategy in our 30 target countries;
- The PMNCH cross-committee and working group retreat, to be held in Geneva on 21-22 February, will focus on developing this plan within our existing 2022-23 workplan, highlighting PMNCH added value through our MNCH, SRHR and Adolescent Health and Well-Being workstreams – an example of value-added is the important contribution that PMNCH can make toward improving equity, inclusion and “leaving no one behind”;
- We should be sure to monitor and capture incremental and intermediate contributions toward larger policy and social changes, as many lessons can be learned from this;
- A commitment compendium will be developed, however analysis of commitment implementation will be conducted by countries and not at global level;
- PMNCH should identify and work with political platforms to advance WCAH advocacy, e.g., G20 and G7;
- Commitment-making toward key gaps (e.g., adolescent well-being) should be undertaken in a structured and simplified way (e.g., identify four focus areas against which commitments can be expressed) to promote alignment and coherence in partner-led mobilization and follow-up;



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- PMNCH will be convening committee and constituency leaders to discuss how to mobilize for adolescent well-being commitments – important to ensure that we have strong modalities in place to allow discussions at the retreat to continue.

ITEM 2	Decision / Action	Responsibility
2.1	PMNCH advocacy and accountability for commitments related to women's children's and adolescents' health and well-being was adopted and will be submitted to the Board for final approval	Secretariat
2.2	PMNCH Committees, working groups and constituencies are requested to operationalize the new commitment approach and revise/prioritize the 2023 Workplan accordingly	Secretariat to support the committees, working groups and constituencies
2.3	PMNCH leaders, committees, working groups and constituencies to be engaged and supported for adolescent well-being commitment outreach efforts	Secretariat, supporting Global Forum for Adolescents Political Advocacy Working Group

ITEM 3 – 31st PMNCH Board Meeting

The EC Chair provided a high-level overview of the [Draft Agenda](#) of the in-person PMNCH Board meeting in New Delhi, India, to be held on 21-22 June, preceded by pre-Board events on 20 June 2023.

- Tuesday 20 June (Pre-Board Day) will consist of a dedicated event on adolescent well-being as part of the G20 preparatory process, as well as constituency and committee / working group meetings. Day One of the Board meeting (Wednesday 21 June) will include high level strategic discussions on the Global Forum for Adolescents and the Global Leaders Network. The second day of the Board meeting, Thursday 22 June, will focus on G7 & G20 processes, intersectoral financing and strengthening partner alignment at country level.

Members of the EC approved the draft Board meeting agenda and provided the following two suggestions for further refinement:

- 'Less is more': it will be important not to overload the Board Meeting agenda to allow adequate time for strategic discussion and to align on key barriers and gaps that PMNCH can tackle; may wish to consider break-out groups as part of the agenda as well. EC members noted that careful planning and thoughtful development of background papers will be key to a successful meeting. It may also be possible to undertake online/electronic discussions prior to the Board meeting to ensure agenda items are well-prepared.
- The Board meeting will be an opportunity to hear about the work undertaken by all Board members and champions, within their own institutions and networks, towards mobilizing greater commitment and accountability. Consider asking Board members to prepare this in advance and share in writing what they are doing now, and where gaps remain.



	Decision / Action	Responsibility
3.1	Approved the draft PMNCH Board agenda, with two minor suggested refinements: - Consider reducing the number of agenda items and expanding time for strategic discussions. - Solicit written feedback from Board members and champions prior to the Board about what they are doing toward commitment implementation and accountability and where gaps remain, so this input can steer discussion and alignment during the Board meeting.	Secretariat
3.2	Secretariat to share the proposed Board agenda with the Board Chair for review and approval	Secretariat

ITEM 4 - Mid-term performance review of PMNCH ED

In line with the Governance Manual, this agenda item was a closed session. The Chair asked all non-members to leave the meeting and passed on the Chairing to the GEC Chair.

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
4.1	The EC Vice Chair and GEC Chair will share the EC's feedback on the mid-term performance of the Executive Director with the Board Chair and thereafter send the feedback to the WHO Deputy Director General as per WHO regulations. The EC Vice Chair and GEC Chair will schedule a meeting with the Executive Director to inform her of the general feedback received.	EC Vice Chair and GEC Chair

ITEM 5 – Any other business

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
5.1	EC meeting schedule for 2023 was approved	n/a
5.2	Secretariat to explore opportunities at global events (WHA, UNGA) where EC members can meet face-to-face on the side of these major global events.	Secretariat