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# Dinner Meeting of the PMNCH Executive Committee

***Tuesday 20 June 2023***
***20:00 to 21:00 IST (60 min)***

| **Attendance** | |
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| **EC Members** | |
| Board Chair | Rt. Hon. Helen Clark |
| Board Vice-Chair, EC Chair and PG | *Rajesh Bhushan* (apologies) |
| Board Vice-Chair, EC Vice Chair and DF | Chris Carter |
| Board Vice Chair under 30 | Aditi Sivakumar |
| ART | Mike Mbizvo (delegated by Marleen Temmerman) |
| AY | David Imbago |
| GFM | *Sameera Al Tuwaijri* (apologies) |
| HCPA | Naveen Thacker (delegated by Sandra Oyarzo Torres) |
| IGO | *Martin Chungong* (apologies) |
| Non-Governmental Organizations | Maria Antonieta Alcalde |
| Private Sector | Per Falk |
| UN Agencies / WHO (host) | Anshu Banerjee (delegated by Bruce Aylward) |
| **Chairs of Standing Committees** | |
| Governance and Ethics Committee (GEC) | Flavia Bustreo |
| Partner Engagement in Countries Committee (PECC) | Gareth Jones (delegated by Joy Phumaphi) |
| Strategic Advocacy Committee (SAC) | Githinji Gitahi and Ann Starrs |
| **Observers:** Zoya Rizvi, Government of India | |
| **Secretariat:** Helga Fogstad; Lori McDougall; Anshu Mohan; Nebojsa Novcic; Dina El Husseiny; Giulia Gasparri | |

Meeting documents can be found on PMNCH's website at the following link.

## 1. ITEM 1 – Adoption of the Agenda and Note for the Record from previous meeting

On behalf of the Executive Committee (EC) and Rajesh Bhushan[1], EC Chair (regrets), the Rt Hon Helen Clark thanked those who attended the meeting. She also thanked those involved in preparing and supporting this pre-Board EC meeting and the Board more generally.

As part of the first Agenda item, Flavia Bustreo, Chair of PMNCH's Governance and Ethics Committee (GEC), provided an update on new governance nominations, which have been now reviewed and approved by the Governance and Ethics Committee. These were presented for information to the EC; an email with CVs will follow seeking electronic endorsement from the EC.

[1] Due to unforeseen circumstances, Rt Hon Helen Clark chaired the EC Meeting on 20 June 2023, as Rajesh Bhushan was unable to attend.

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The nominations are:

- Sandra Oyarzo Torres, newly elected president of the International Confederation of Midwives, as new Board Member and Executive Committee representative of the Health Care Professional Associations Constituency;
- Shyam Bishen, Head of the Centre for Health and Healthcare, World Economic Forum, as Board Member representing the Private Sector Constituency; and
- Omnia El Omrani, Fia Foundation youth champion, as Donors & Foundations Secretary under 30.

Chair of the GEC noted that the EC usually provides a progress update about the PMNCH workplan during the mid-year PMNCH Board meeting; this will be shared with the Board as soon as the progress review process has been completed by the EC.

Helen invited reflections from EC members on the special event held earlier in the day on adolescent well-being, which focused on adolescent well-being, supporting deliberations at this year's G20 meeting, hosted by India. This adolescent flagship event, co-hosted by PMNCH, focused on bringing together G20 youth delegates with policy makers and government officials to discuss strengthening investment, policy and services for adolescents.

Reflecting on the event, EC members:

- Expressed their great appreciation for the event, including with respect to the openness, inclusivity and honesty of discussions and interactions, and the high level of diversity amongst participants.
- Reflected on the importance of ensuring that all age groups within the youth cohort are present, noting that each has different priorities, unique to their age group.
- Congratulated the Government of India on the level of youth participation and underlined the importance of such participation in this and other such events and programmes of work. Looking ahead, some constructive suggestions included enabling young people to play a more prominent role during the opening ceremony, alongside the high officials.

| ITEM 1 | Decision / Action | Responsibility |
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| 1.1 | Meeting quorum was achieved. | n/a |
| 1.2 | Approved EC Agenda and objectives, with minor adjustments in the timing between the Agenda items. | Secretariat to update Agenda |
| 1.3 | Approved EC Note for the Record (NfR) without changes, as related to the EC meeting on 6 April 2023. | n/a |
| 1.4 | CVs of governance nominees to be shared electronically with EC for electronic endorsement | GEC Chair |
| 1.5 | Sharing of the PMNCH progress report with the Board when it has been reviewed by the EC. | EC |

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## 2. ITEM 2: Overview of PMNCH Board agenda and meeting

The Board Chair introduced this item, asking the PMNCH Executive Director to present the Board Agenda, encouraging EC members to share any advance reflections relevant to the meeting agenda.

- Overall, members of the EC were pleased with the content of the Board papers and congratulated all those involved, including the Secretariat in ensuring a strategic context for Board discussions.
- In terms of the Global Forum for Adolescents, EC members agreed that in-person events are an important part of mobilizing support for commitments and interest in the online event. The EC noted the offer from UNA constituency to potentially facilitate live events, e.g., WHO could convene member-states in Geneva in conjunction with the Forum and similarly in New York through UNICEF. This proposal is to be further explored and developed.

| ITEM 2 | Decision / Action | Responsibility |
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| 2.1 | EC takes note of the issues raised during recent constituency meetings. | EC |
| 2.2 | Secretariat to explore possibilities of having in-person meetings, facilitated by UNA constituency, in the lead up to the GFA | Secretariat<br>UNA |

## 3. ITEM 3 – AoB

The next EC meeting will be held towards the end of July 2023.

The main agenda items will be:

- Reviewing and approving the recommendations of governance strengthening processes overseen by the Governance & Ethics Committee, including:
  - Outcomes of the Light Touch Assessment of PMNCH Governance Reform implementation; and
  - Outcomes of the recent MIND study on good governance and good management practices in PMNCH, including consideration of bias and power distribution, diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Semi-annual review of the PMNCH Executive Director, to be undertaken in a closed EC session (i.e., only members of the EC will participate).

| | Decision / Action | Responsibility |
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| 3.1 | Approved the main agenda items for the next EC meeting | Secretariat |
| 3.2 | Zoya Rizvi to check Rajesh Bhushan's availability for EC meeting at the end of July 2023 | Zoya Rizvi and Governance Team |