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Meeting of the PMNCH Executive Committee and Global Forum for Adolescents' Global Coordinating Committee

Monday 9 October 2023
15:00 to 16:00 (60 min)

Attendance	
EC Members	
Board Vice-Chair, EC Chair and PG	<i>Sudhansh Pant (apologies)</i>
Board Vice-Chair, EC Vice Chair and DF	Chris Carter
ART	Marleen Temmerman <i>(apologies)</i>
AY	David Imbago
GFM	Sameera Al Tuwaijri
HCPA	Sandra Torres <i>(apologies)</i>
IGO	Martin Chungong
Non-Governmental Organizations	Maria Antonieta Alcalde
Private Sector	Charlotte Ersboell <i>(apologies)</i>
UN Agencies / WHO (host)	Anshu Banerjee, delegated by Bruce Aylward
GCC Members	
Board Chair	Rt Hon Helen Clark <i>(apologies)</i>
Board Vice-Chair under 30	Aditi Sivakumar
GFA Policy Advocacy Task Team, Chair	Flavia Bustreo – Chairing the meeting
ART	Elona Toska <i>(apologies)</i>
AY	Merette Khalil <i>(apologies)</i>
AY	Naledi Katsande <i>(apologies)</i>
AY	Shukti Anantha
AY	Julieta Martinez <i>(apologies)</i>
DF	Avi Silverman
DF	Sahil Tandon
HCPA	Jonathan Klein
NGO	Kathleen Sherwin
NGO	Kristy Kade
NGO	Chris Armstrong
PG	Salma Anaskolo <i>(apologies)</i>
UNA	Lopa Banerjee
UNA	Anurita Bains
UNA	Danielle Engel
UNA	Ritah Muyambo
UNA	Will Zeck <i>(apologies)</i>
UNA	Miguel Trancozo <i>(apologies)</i>
UNA	Lucy Fagan <i>(apologies)</i>
Chairs of Standing Committees	



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Governance and Ethics Committee (GEC)	Flavia Bustreo
Partner Engagement in Countries Committee (PECC)	Gareth Jones VC<30 delegated by Joy Phumaphi PECC Chair (apologies)
Strategic Advocacy Committee (SAC)	Githinji Githahi
Observers: Meena Gandhi; Sena Ar-Rikaby; Tammary Esho; Miriam Sangiorgio	
Secretariat: Helga Fogstad; Lori McDougall; Anshu Mohan, Mijail Santos; Ilze Kalnina; Nebojsa Novcic, Etienne Langlois, Thahira Mustafa; Bhavya Nandini; Dina El Hussein; Renee de Jong and Elle Hepburn	

The documents relevant for the meeting can be found on PMNCH's website at the following link:

[Executive Committee & Global Coordination Committee Meeting – 9 October 2023 \(who.int\)](#)



ITEM 1 – Introduction of meeting agenda and expected outcomes

Flavia Bustreo, Chair, Global Forum for Adolescents Political Advocacy Task Team, and member of the Global Coordinating Committee (GCC) of the Global Forum for Adolescents, opened this ad hoc joint GCC and Executive Committee (EC) meeting by welcoming EC and GCC members and reviewing the meeting objectives.

ITEM 1	Decision / Action	Responsibility
1.1	Meeting quorum was achieved.	n/a
1.2	Approved joint EC and GCC meeting Agenda and objectives.	n/a

ITEM 2a – Global Forum for Adolescents programme and event highlights

David Imbago (Chair, PMNCH Adolescents and Youth Constituency) and Aditi Sivakumar (Vice-Chair of the PMNCH Board <30) gave a [presentation](#) summarizing the Global Forum for Adolescents (GFA) process to date. EC GCC members were briefed on the latest GFA programme developments, including a summary of adolescent well-being commitments to be presented in the closing plenary of the GFA on 12 October.

ITEM 2b – Agenda for Action for Adolescents

Gareth Jones (Partner Engagement in Countries Committee Vice-Chair <30) and Jon Klein (Accountability Working Group Vice-Chair) shared a [presentation](#) on the Agenda for Action for Adolescents, focusing on its multi-constituency development, content, consultation process and launch plans. The Agenda for Action for Adolescents (AAA) can be found [here](#). The AAA was developed over the past year through a multi-pronged process. This included analyzing the results of 1.2 million responses from adolescents and youth aged 16-24 who participated in the “What Young People Want” survey as well as testimonies shared during global online townhall meetings with adolescent girls and many regional multi-stakeholder consultations.

The AAA presents seven key asks to governments to develop and implement policies to improve adolescent well-being (AWB).

The following points were raised in the discussion:

- The GFA, on 11 and 12 October, is a milestone within a broader, longer- term process towards improved well-being for adolescents around the world. What happens after the GFA is just as -- if not more -- important than the Forum itself. Detailed planning will take place to move this forward.
- The GFA is a catalyst for mobilizing multi-stakeholder commitments for AWB, including through leveraging regional and global platforms, such as the African Union, the G7 and G20.



Convening country partners to support AWB must continue after the GFA to secure new and improve implementation of existing commitments. This will offer opportunities for young people within broader stakeholder groups to come together and engage in meaningful dialogue and advocacy/accountability.

- [ICPD@30](#) and the Summit of the Future, for example, in 2024 will be important opportunities to continue the momentum for the 1.8b campaign, as will the 2024 meetings of the G7, G20 and the African Union.
- Commitments to AWB must be transparent and visible to ensure widespread dissemination to drive implementation and accountability. All commitments will be posted on the PMNCH website and amplified through PMNCH channels.

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
2.1	National (e.g., CAAP), regional and global platforms to be leveraged post-GFA, to allow for new commitment mobilization to continue, as well as amplification of existing commitments. Also explore improved monitoring of AWB targets and commitments moving forward.	EC and GCC PMNCH Secretariat
2.2	Following the GFA, resources and effort should be directed at PMNCH-facilitated efforts to improve the understanding of the emerging commitments (from all relevant stakeholders, not just governments) and to plan follow-up activities over the short, medium and long term – important to highlight every constituency's contribution to mobilizing and following up AWB commitments.	EC and GCC PMNCH Secretariat
2.3	Publish all the commitments on PMNCH's website and amplify them widely, to motivate additional commitments and enable accountability efforts by all partners and through a variety of channels.	EC and GCC PMNCH Secretariat

ITEM 2c - Global Forum for Adolescents and plans upcoming plans for 2024

Helga Fogstad, PMNCH Executive Director, provided an overview of the November 2023 PMNCH Board meeting, and specifically the agenda item entitled: *"Keeping the pressure up: Increasing commitment for adolescent well-being toward the 2024 Summit of the Future"*.

This Board agenda item aims to agree on priorities for: (i) implementing the "Agenda for Action for Adolescents"; (ii) identifying goals and opportunities arising from the October 2023 Global Forum for Adolescents; and (iii) continuing to build on the findings from the 1.8 billion What Young People Want campaign.

The following points were noted:

- Commitments must be captured and made visible to promote follow-up and accountability, using the Agenda for Action for Adolescents as a tool for concerted partner-based action across constituency groups;
- GFA national events have proven to be a hugely successful, innovative way of stimulating the conversation around commitments and influencing national political agendas. We should



continue to promote national events to drive dialogue and action, including as part of PMNGH-supported Collaboration Advocacy Action Plans (CAAPs) in key countries and regions;

- The evidence behind the 7 asks of the Agenda for Action should be collated and shared widely;
- Ongoing indicator development work for AWB (building on the work being done by GAMA and an extended sub-group of GAMA to include other sectors) will be critical in supporting measurement of progress for AWB and the AAA, as will other tools for progress, such as the new A-HA! to support AWB programming efforts in countries.
- The 1.8b campaign will be supported by a dedicated Advocacy Roadmap for 2024-25, highlighting key opportunities, processes and events to advance AWB goals. This roadmap can include, for instance, engaging the G7, G20, ICPD@30 processes, the World Health Assembly, the Summit of the Future, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, as well as global financing mechanisms (GFF, GFTAM, Gavi, etc.). PMNCH will play a core role in tying this work together and harnessing synergies across PMNCH partner efforts. The upcoming PMNCH Board meeting (27-28 November 2023) will be an important opportunity for discussing the development of this Advocacy Road Map for 2024-2025.

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
2.4	National events have been an important innovation and it will be essential to continue engaging with these going forward.	EC PMNCH Secretariat
2.5	Commitments emerging from the GFA should be integrated into the PMNCH-facilitated CAAPs process for ongoing accountability work to improve and accelerate their implementation.	PECC PMNCH Secretariat
2.6	PMNCH to develop an advocacy roadmap for 2024-25 to drive action and accountability for AWB under the 1.8b campaign, and to seek feedback on this roadmap during the 27-28 November 2023 PMNCH Board meeting.	SAC

ITEM 3 - Summary and wrap up

The meeting Chair extended warm thanks to all EC and GCC members for their excellent efforts toward the GFA this week and for continued commitment to the 1.8b campaign for AWB.

EC and GCC members were reminded to register themselves for the GFA and to use their social media networks to amplify GFA sessions and key messages emerging during the Forum.

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
3.1	All to register, participate and amplify through their social media and other channels.	All