

33rd Board Meeting

World Health Organization, Geneva

Thursday 4 July 2024, 09:30 – 17:00 CET Friday 5 July 2024, 09:30 – 16:30 CET

NOTE FOR THE RECORD OF DECISIONS

OBJECTIVES

The 33rd PMNCH Board meeting provided an opportunity for the Board members to:

- Agree major priorities and opportunities for PMNCH to advance MNCH, SRHR and AWB goals
 in the final period of our current 2021-2025 strategy, taking forward the current PMNCH
 workplan and with respect to national, regional and global contexts and challenges.
- Initiate discussion on priorities for the development of the 2026-2030 PMNCH Strategy, including how PMNCH should position its issues and itself in relation to post-2030 UN development goal-setting process, and with respect to the forthcoming PMNCH evaluation of its current strategy. What is PMNCH's unique contribution, and how can it be best resourced and supported?
- Approve the January to June 2024 Progress Report, and the PMNCH 2023 Annual Report.

PARTICIPANTS

Please see list of participants in Annex 1. Participants are invited to review the list for accuracy, including omissions to be corrected. If no corrections are received, it will be assumed that this list is accurate.

DOCUMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

All Board documents and presentations can be found on **PMNCH's website**.

LIVESTREAMING AND RECORDING OF THE MEETING

The Board meeting was livestreamed and thus available for public viewing throughout the meeting. In addition, the Board meeting was recorded. The recording of the meeting is available on PMNCH's website.

A photo of the Board was taken and is available on **PMNCH's website**.

Summary of decisions



ITEM 1 – Opening remarks of the 33rd PMNCH Board Meeting, including conflict of interest review and adoption of meeting agenda and Note for the Record from the 32nd PMNCH Board meeting (November 2023)

The 33rd PMNCH Board Meeting was opened by the Rt. Hon. Helen Clark, PMNCH Board Chair, who welcomed all participants.

The Chair specifically welcomed Hon. Minister of Health JP Nadda, Government of India, as PMNCH Board Vice Chair, who was represented at the Board meeting by Aradhana Patnaik, Additional Secretary and Mission Director, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. Minister Nadda kindly recorded a message to the Board, which was played at the meeting.

PMNCH's new Executive Director, Rajat Khosla, provided his introductory remarks to the Board, and Rt. Hon. Helen Clark welcomed by new Board members and special guests, who were attending the Board meeting.

Please refer to the recording of the Board meeting on <u>PMNCH's website</u> to view the opening remarks and related discussions.

The Board adopted the proposed 33rd PMNCH Board meeting agenda, noted that no conflicts of interest were declared by any of those participating, and approved the Note for the Record of the previous Board meeting.

Relevant decisions emerging from the discussions are noted in the table below.

| ITEM 1 – Opening remarks of the 33 rd PMNCH Board Meeting, including conflict of interest review and adoption of meeting agenda and Note for the Record from the 32 nd PMNCH Board meeting (Nov 2023) | | |
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| 1.1 | Adopted the proposed 33 rd PMNCH Board meeting agenda. | |
| 1.2 | Noted no declared conflicts of interest. | |
| 1.3 | Agreed that the Note for the Record from the 32 nd PMNCH Board Meeting, held on 27 and 28 November 2023, is an accurate reflection of those proceedings. | |

ITEM 2 - Strategic Dialogue 1: Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

Global progress to reduce maternal, newborn and child mortality has stalled since 2015, bringing the massive gains of the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) era to a halt. The Board, while reflecting on this broader context, had an opportunity to consider options for reinvigorating a collective response to this situation, including how PMNCH can take a leadership role in implementing the WHO resolution to accelerate progress towards reducing maternal, newborn, and child mortality to achieve SDG targets 3.1 and 3.2, as adopted at the 77th World Health Assembly in May 2024.

The session was Chaired by Mike Mbizvo, Vice Chair, PMNCH Evidence and Accountability Working Group and Country Director, Population Council, Zambia. The discussions were informed by a presentation from Jennifer Requejo, Co-chair, PMNCH Evidence and Accountability Working Group



and MNCH Workstream co-lead and Senior Advisor, Results Specialist, GFF (<u>presentation available on PMNCH's website</u>).

The Board also benefited from a keynote address made by Mustafe Awil Jama, Director of Family Health Department, on behalf of Hon. Dr Ali Haji Ade, the Minister of Health, Ministry of Health of the Federal Republic of Somalia, with the respondent being Anne-Beatrice Kihara, Chair of PMNCH Health Care Professionals Association constituency and FIGO President.

The dialogue included considerations of four proposed priority topics for moving towards MNCH acceleration. These include: (i) improving MNCH financing; (ii) advancing MNCH in humanitarian and fragile settings; (iii) addressing the impacts of climate change on MNCH; and (iv) strengthening PHC and human resources for MNCH.

Against the above-mentioned context, this session had the objective to identify key priorities and opportunities for PMNCH to advance MNCH goals in the final period of the 2021-2025 strategy, taking forward the current PMNCH workplan and with respect to current national, regional and global contexts and challenges.

To take the work forward, the Board members were split up into three breakout groups to focus their discussions, with feedback provided to the Board's plenary. The feedback slides that were presented back to the Board, together with the rest of this meeting's documents, can be found on PMNCH's website. A Board plenary discussion followed the presentation of break out groups' feedback.

Relevant decisions and recommendations emerging from the discussions at the Board on this item are noted in the table below.

ITEM 2 – Strategic Dialogue 1: Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

- 2.1 Centre PMNCH's portfolio on implementation of World Health Assembly MNCH resolution and focus on urgent actions required to reduce mortality and morbidity, including for the most vulnerable. In particular, the Board recommended PMNCH should focus on:
 - Acceleration of efforts required for maternal, newborn and child mortality reduction, by leveraging existing knowledge (made more accessible to countries) and country specific drivers for high rates of mortality, e.g., to address postpartum hemorrhage, quality of commodities, strengthening healthcare workforce (e.g., midwives, community health workers) and aligning with existing networks (e.g., Every Newborn Action Plan (ENAP) and Ending Preventable Maternal Mortality (EPMM)).
 - Advocacy for addressing violations of sexual and reproductive health and rights that contribute to high levels of maternal, newborn and child mortality.
 - Recognizing the relevance and importance of country-focused work, enhancing PMNCH impact at national and sub-national level through political advocacy for financing priority and integrated maternal, newborn and child health interventions.



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Leverage global opportunities to advance MNCH campaigning, including to influence the financing priorities of the major global health initiatives (e.g., GFF, GAVI, Global Fund, etc.) and cultivating strategies for global and regional advocacy opportunities like COP 29, G7, G20, AU, etc.

ITEM 3 - Strategic Dialogue 2: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Gaps in SRHR create a significant burden on individuals, communities, and economies, especially those who are marginalized and most vulnerable. SRHR, alongside associated gender and human rights concerns, face direct challenges worldwide, marked by an erosion of human rights around the world.

It is within this context that the Board considered PMNCH's important role in the promotion and protection of sexual and reproductive health and rights, and ensuring human rights are at the centre of global, regional and national policy and programming efforts.

The session was Chaired by Julia Bunting, member of PMNCH's UNA Constituency and Director, Programme Division, UNFPA. The Board benefited from a presentation made by Neil Datta, Executive Director, European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights and further informed by a presentation from Ann Starrs, Independent Consultant. Both <u>presentations can be found on PMNCH's website</u>.

The respondents were María Antonieta Alcalde Castro, PMNCH NGO Constituency Chair and Director, Ipas Latin America and the Caribbean, and Pascale Allotey, member of PMNCH's SRHR Workstream Group and Director, Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research, WHO.

In their discussions, the Board members had an opportunity to engage with each other on exploring the potential PMNCH response to (i) anti-rights movements; (ii) declining funding for SRHR; and (iii) policy and political clashes for SRHR. This was done with a view to identify major priorities and opportunities for PMNCH to advance SRHR goals in the final period of our current 2021-2025 strategy, taking forward the current PMNCH workplan and with respect to current national, regional and global contexts and challenges.

The Board decided to retain all discussions on this topic within the plenary setting.

Relevant decisions and recommendations emerging from the discussions at the Board on this item are noted in the table below.



| ITEM <u>3</u> - | Strategic Dialogue 2: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights | |
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| 3.1 | PMNCH should build a stronger focus on SRHR, using evidence-based advocacy to counter antirights/anti-gender movement, and advocate for: | |
| | enhanced financing and investments for SRHR. | |
| | use its convening power to develop and disseminate common messaging on global platforms, particularly focusing on young people* centered advocacy. | |
| | strengthening and building 'middle-ground' space to normalize and build comprehensive narrative on SRHR, to foster a strong voice through all PMNCH stakeholders e.g., through capacity building. | |
| | * Includes adolescents and youth (10 to 24 years) | |
| 3.2 | Be a convening forum for the "rights" movement, getting behind others, filling gaps and pushing for issues (e.g., CSE, safe abortion, adolescent pregnancy, age of consent), by developing context specific arguments . | |
| 3.3 | Leverage the power of the coalition – what partners cannot do individually for SRHR advocacy – and develop strategies to build our own proactive narrative rather than reacting to the opposition. | |

ITEM 4 – Strategic Dialogue 3: Adolescent Well-being

While significant strides have been made in advancing adolescent well-being (AWB), various challenges persist, including threats of rollback on previous gains. Global pushback on crucial issues, such as the SRHR of adolescents and comprehensive sexuality education (CSE), by anti-rights movements pose significant barriers to progress.

It is within this context that the Board considered PMNCH's unique positioning to advocate for increased accountability and prioritization of AWB within national policies and programmes, and thus ensuring continued attention and action for AWB.

The session was Chaired Githinji Githahi, Co-chair, PMNCH Advocacy and Partner Engagement Committee and Global CEO, AMREF Health Africa. The discussions were informed by a presentation from Hafsah Muheed, Core Team Member, Youth Advocacy Network Sri Lanka (presentation can be found on PMNCH's website).

The Board also benefited from a keynote address from Aradhana Patnaik, Additional Secretary and Mission Director, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, with the response from Gareth Jones, PMNCH Adolescent and Youth constituency Board Member and Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights.

The Board had the opportunity to discuss proposed areas of potential action, including: (i) leveraging PMNCH's network of partners to promote and sustain the momentum of the 1.8 Billion campaign; (ii) expanding political advocacy and leadership for targeted focus on AWB; and (iii) leveraging digital and traditional media to promote AWB. These discussions were undertaken in the context of the effort to delineate major priorities and opportunities for PMNCH to advance AWB goals in the final period of



our current 2021-2025 Strategy, taking forward the current PMNCH workplan and with respect to current national, regional and global contexts and challenges.

The Board decided to retain all discussions on this topic within the plenary setting.

Relevant decisions and recommendations emerging from the discussions at the Board on this item are noted in the table below.

| ITEM 4 - | - Strategic Dialogue 3: Adolescent Well-being | |
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| 4.1 | PMNCH must focus on advocacy on adolescents' health and well-being through a life course approach, with particular attention to maternal, newborn and child health and SRHR. | |
| 4.2 | Meaningful adolescent and youth engagement and youth-led advocacy needs to be mainstreamed in all advocacy efforts, particularly to: | |
| | drive PMNCH advocacy towards ensuring equity for those young people left behind and supporting youth-led demand and accountability e.g., including the development of a global score card / report; | |
| | advocate for co-creation and co-ordination of programs with young people, and capacity building related to PMNCH's strategic focus areas; and | |
| | leverage youth-led advocacy in countries to inspire political action based on evidence (e.g., safe abortion, mental health, period poverty, etc.). | |
| 4.3 | Continue What Young People Want (formally the 1.8 campaign) with a focus on equity, and coordinate partners to align efforts and messages, including for the Summit of the Future and leading to the post 2030 agenda. | |

ITEM 5 – Progress Report to the Board

The objective of this session was to provide an opportunity for the Board to hear an update on work that has been delivered in the first half of 2024, as well as be given a chance to reflect on the formal Annual Report for the year 2023.

The session was chaired by Board Chair, Rt Hon Helen Clark, and the presentation to the Board was delivered by PMNCH's Executive Director, Rajat Khosla, available on PMNCH's website.

Decisions and recommendations from discussions that followed the presentation are set out below.

| ITEM 5 – Progress Report to the Board | |
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| 5.1 | Approved the 2023 Annual Report and the 2024 Progress Report, with an emphasis that future reports to focus on outcomes and reflecting on the PMNCH theory of change. |



| 5.2 | Noted the work in all three PMNCH's focus areas, including: adoption of the 77th WHA Resolution on MNCH; adolescent well-being Investment Case; and landscape analysis of the SRHR advocacy space and how PMNCH can add value. | |
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| 5.3 | Agreed that Digital Advocacy Hubs need to be reviewed for their use, value and fit for purpose before further investments can be made. | |
| 5.4 | Consider how the reports and material produced by PMNCH are used by partners and move ahead with the development of the broader monitoring, evaluation and learning strategy. | |
| 5.5 | PMNCH continues to need all of partners' support to try to secure additional funding to deliver on our collective workplans. | |

ITEM 6 – Strategic Dialogue 4: Political leadership and parliamentarian engagement for women's, children's and adolescents' health

This item was a panel discussion focusing on opportunities for supporting political leadership and parliamentarian action across all three PMNCH thematic objectives.

The Board discussed how work in this space will be guided by regional and country frameworks and supported by all PMNCH constituencies and current country-focused efforts, including those aligned with the Global Leaders' Network for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health and the Collaborative Advocacy Action Plan Initiative.

The session was chaired by Flavia Bustreo, Chair of PMNCH Governance and Ethics Committee and Interim Board Chair at Fondation Botnar, and the panel discussants included:

- Martin Chungong, PMNCH's Intergovernmental Organizations constituency and Secretary General, Inter-Parliamentary Union
- Joy Phumaphi, Co-Chair, PMNCH's Advocacy and Partner Engagement Committee
- Lwazi Manzi, Head of Secretariat for the Global Leaders Network for WCAH, Office of the President, Republic of South Africa

The panel and then the Board discussed and explored how PMNCH can best focus its efforts to increase political leadership and parliamentarian action for women's, children's and adolescents' health advocacy and accountability at country and regional levels.



Decisions and recommendations from discussions that followed the presentation are set out below.

| | Strategic Dialogue 4: Political leadership and parliamentarian engagement for women's, children's elescents' health | |
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| 6.1 | Recognizing the importance of the platform provided by the IPU: | |
| | map out future opportunities for engagement, including at the Sixth Conference of Parliamentary Speakers, with an elevated Advisory Group for Health and through parliamentary arms of global processes (including P20, Parliamentary Committees of the Future); and | |
| | leverage institutional processes of parliaments (including through the office of the Speakers) to sustain engagements and ensure linkages of advocacy efforts from global platforms to national implementation and accountability mechanisms | |
| 6.2 | Leverage health diplomacy and political advocacy through GLN for financing packages related to WCAH and establish clear links to the CAAP processes. | |
| 6.3 | Position health as an inalienable right by developing specific targeted messages for stakeholders (e.g., religiously leaders, press, adolescents, communities, etc.) and identify strategies to influence manifestos, policies and budgets. | |
| 6.4 | PMNCH's leaders to be used for high level advocacy at Heads of State / AU Summits, ministerial meetings, etc. | |

ITEM 7 – Strategic Dialogue 5: PMNCH's strategic vision and priorities from 2026-2030

As PMNCH enters the final years of its current 2021-2025 Strategy, the Board was asked to begin to consider the future direction of travel for the partnership, in the context of the ever-changing external landscape. This was also a time for all PMNCH stakeholders to begin taking stock of the work delivered as part of the current strategy, thus looking into the future on the basis of what has worked well and integrating lessons of what could be further improved.

This session was Chaired by PMNCH Board Chair Rt Hon Helen Clark, and the keynote address was delivered by Anders Nordstrom, Senior Advisor, Karolinska Institute.

The ensuing discussion focused on reviewing and discussing the current proposals and timelines for the PMNCH evaluation and strategic prioritization exercise, and in doing so reflecting on principles, practice and requirements for this effort. The Board heard that the expectation is for this work to ultimately lead to an updated articulation of PMNCH's unique value as well as its contribution to women's, children's and adolescents' health and well-being, to be articulated as part of its 2026-2030 Strategy.



The Board members reflected on the main priorities for PMNCH going forward, and as initial inputs into the work above.

Decisions and recommendations from discussions that followed the presentation are set out below.

| ITEM 7 | – Strategic Dialogue 5 PMNCH's strategic vision and priorities from 2026-2030 | |
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| 7.1 | In the context of upcoming strategic evaluation and future strategy development process, Board recommends to: | |
| | separate out external evaluation (perhaps undertaken in stages) and development of new Strategy; | |
| | consider splitting strategic periods between now and 2030, including reflection points, and ensure that there is agreement on what is to be done in 2025; | |
| | ensure meaningful engagement of partners and constituencies, especially youth engagement, asking questions specific to each constituency; and | |
| | ensure incorporation of MEL from the start of the process. | |
| 7.2 | Consider developing the strategy as an 'umbrella strategy' for PMNCH at large, with time-specific strategic workplans. | |
| 7.3 | In thinking about the future strategy, consider landscaping analyses, such as: (i) what is driving WCAH mortality and morbidity; (ii) exploring quality of life issues; (iii) reflecting on human rights issues. | |

ITEM 8 - Closing

Rt Hon Helen Clark, Board Chair, and Bruce Aylward, Assistant Director General Universal Health Coverage, Life Course Division at WHO, made closing remarks. They thanked the Board for their commitment to PMNCH and engagement with the discussions and thanked the Secretariat for their support and facilitation of the Board meeting.

This was also an opportunity for the Board to be updated on a few points of discussion and recommendations emerging from the Board's closed session and the Executive Committee meeting.

Decisions and recommendations from discussions that followed the presentation are set out below.

| ITEM 8 – Closing | | |
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| 8.1 | Members were very pleased to note that Rt Hon Helen Clark has accepted the proposal from the Board for her to remain the Chair of PMNCH's Board for another year beyond her current term, until the end of November 2026. | |



The Board accepted the recommendation from the Executive Committee for an independent review of PMNCH governance structures and processes to be undertaken. The review will be overseen by a sub-group of this committee, with the final outputs of the work to be presented to the EC at their Q4 2024 meeting, and thereafter presented to the Board at its meeting in early December 2024.



ANNEX 1

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

PMNCH BOARD MEETING

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, GENEVA

THURSDAY 4 JULY 2024, 09:30 – 17:00 CET

FRIDAY 5 JULY 2024, 09:30 – 16:30 CET

Academic, Research and Training Institutes (ART)
Adolescents and Youth (AY)
Donors and Foundations (DF)
Global Financing Mechanisms (GFM)
Health Care Professional Associations (HCPA)
Inter-Governmental Organizations (IGO)
Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO)
Partner Governments (PG)
Private Sector (PS)
United Nations Agencies (UNA)

| BOARD LEADERSHIP | |
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| Board Chair | Rt Hon Helen Clark |
| Board Vice Chair <30 | Aditi Sivakumar |
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| Board Vice Chair | Hon Minister J.P Nadda (virtual) |
| Government of India | Minister of Health |
| | Ministry of Health and Family Welfare |
| | Government of India |
| Board Vice Chair | Chris Carter |
| Foreign, Commonwealth and | Deputy Director – Head of Human Development Department |
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| | Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights | | |
| Youth Advocacy Network Sri Lanka | Hafsah Muheed | | |
| | Core Team Member | | |
| | Youth Advocacy Network Sri Lanka | | |
| DONORS AND FOUNDATIONS | | | |
| Foreign, Commonwealth and | Chris Carter | | |
| Development Office (FCDO), | Deputy Director – Head of Human Development Department | | |
| Government of the UK | Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office | | |
| Agence Française de Développement, | Agnes Soucat (apologies) | | |
| Government of France | Director of Health and Social Protection | | |
| | Agence Française de Développement | | |
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| World Bank | Luc Laviolette | | |
| | Head of Secretariat, Global Financing Facility for Women, Children, | | |
| | and Adolescents (GFF) | | |
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| | International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) | | |
| International Pediatric Association | Naveen Thacker | | |
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| Plan International | Kathleen Sherwin | | |
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| | Plan International | | |
| | (Delegated by Debbie Simpson) | | |
| Africa Health Budget Network | Aminu Magashi Garba | | |
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| | Africa Health Budget Network (AHBN) | | |



| PARTNER GOVERNMENTS | |
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| Government of India | Aradhana Patnaik Additional Secretary and Mission Director Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Government of India (Delegated by Apurva Chandra, EC Chair) |
| Government of South Africa | Apologies |
| PRIVATE SECTOR | |
| Ferring Pharmaceuticals | Pierre Yves Berclaz Chief Medical Officer |
| World Economic Forum | Shyam Bishen (virtual) Head of the Centre for Health and Healthcare World Economic Forum |
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| World Health Organization | Bruce Aylward Assistant Director General Universal Health Coverage, Life Course Division WHO |
| | Anshu Banerjee Director, Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing WHO |
| UNFPA | Julia Bunting Director, Programme Division UNFPA (Delegated by Natalia Kanem) |
| UNICEF | Benjamin Schreiber Associate Director of Health UNICEF (Delegated by Catherine Russell) |
| STANDING COMMITEES | |
| Advocacy & Partner Engagement Committee, Co-Chair | Githinji Gitahi CEO AMREF Health Africa |
| Advocacy & Partner Engagement Committee, Co-Chair | Joy Phumaphi Executive Secretary African Leaders Malaria Alliance |
| Governance and Ethics Committee Chair | Flavia Bustreo Interim Board Chair Fondation Botnar |



| INVITED SPEAKERS, DISCUSSANTS AND OBSERVERS | | |
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| Agenda Item 2: Maternal Newborn and Child Health – Presenter | Jennifer Requejo, Co-chair, PMNCH Evidence and Accountability Working Group and MNCH Workstream co-lead; Senior Advisor, GFF; Senior Scientist, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (virtual) | |
| Agenda item 2: Maternal Newborn and Child Health – Keynote address | Mustafe Awil Jama, Director of Family Health Department, on behalf of Hon. Dr Ali Haji Ade, Federal Government of the Somali Republic (virtual) | |
| Agenda Item 2: Maternal Newborn and Child Health and Agenda Item 7: PMNCH's strategic vision and priorities from 2026-2030 – Discussant (granted speaking rights) | Mark Hanson, Co-chair, PMNCH Evidence and Accountability Working Group and E + F Workstream co-lead (virtual) | |
| Agenda Item 3: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights – Keynote address | Neil Datta, Executive Director, European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (virtual) | |
| Agenda Item 3: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights - Presenter | Ann Starrs, Independent Consultant (virtual) | |
| Agenda Item 3: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights – Respondent (granted speaking rights) | Pascale Allotey, Director, Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research, WHO and PMNCH SRHR Workstream member | |
| Agenda Item 6: Political leadership and parliamentarian engagement | Lwazi Manzi, Head of Secretariat for the Global Leaders Network for WCAH, Office of the President, Republic of South Africa (virtual) | |
| Agenda Item 7: Strategic Priorities - Keynote speaker | Anders Nordstrom, Senior Advisor, Karolinska Institute (virtual) | |
| Observers | Zoya Rizvi (GOI), Mikaela Hildebrand (UNFPA), Petra ten Hoope-Bender (UNFPA), Meena Gandhi (FCDO), Lebogang Lebese (South African Permanent Mission to the United Nations) | |