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Call for nominations to join the Board of PMNCH

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the basis for a new call for members of the PMNCH Board?

A: In 2024, PMNCH commissioned an independent review of its governance system. On the basis of the Review's findings and recommendations the then PMNCH Board approved a set of governance reforms, including its own dissolution and dissolution of its committees. It also approved introduction of a new streamlined Board, and agreed to merge the ten PMNCH constituencies into six.

Q: Why introduce these governance changes now?

A: The changes made to PMNCH's governance system respond to a challenging global health landscape and the reality that progress in women's, adolescents' and children's health has stalled, lagging far behind the promises of the Sustainable Development Goals, with sexual and reproductive health and rights also under significant threat. Now more than ever, PMNCH must stand up and stand out as a bold and impactful multi-stakeholder platform, enabling and galvanizing effective and innovative collaboration and action for the health and wellbeing of women, adolescents and children around the world. That in turn requires bold, committed and innovative strategic leadership, particularly at Board level.

Q: What is the makeup of the new PMNCH Board?

A: The new Board is composed of 15 members plus the Board Chair and an ex-officio seat for WHO. 13 Board members are drawn from the PMNCH six constituencies as follows:

- *Governments and Intergovernmental Organizations*, from which a maximum of three Board members are drawn.
- *Global Financing Mechanisms and United Nations Agencies*, from which a maximum of two Board members are drawn.
- *Health Care Professionals Associations and Academic Research & Training Institutes*, from which a maximum of two Board members are drawn.
- *Adolescents and Youth* from which a maximum of two Board members are drawn.
- *Private Sector and private foundations* from which a maximum of two Board members are drawn.

- *Non-Governmental Organizations* from which a maximum of two Board members are drawn.

Two additional (non-constituency) Board members are appointed by the Board Chair

Q: Does the new Board have the same Terms of Reference?

A: No. The new Board's terms of reference direct it to focus more squarely on membership engagement and on impact. Its specific responsibilities include, for example, guiding PMNCH strategic positioning in the context of global health more broadly, ii) its value-add to the work of its partners and members, and iii) its mid to long term direction and current term priorities overall. It is also to work in strong partnership with the Executive Director and will be accountable as a single body to PMNCH members overall.

Q: How does the application process for Board membership work?

A: PMNCH member organisations are invited to nominate individuals to fill the Board seats that are drawn from PMNCH constituencies. The nomination must be submitted on the appropriate form, which asks the nominating body to identify from which constituency the nominee is coming, and how the nominee's experience, expertise and identity matches with the desired profile of Board members, as set out in the Board's terms of reference.

Nominations are assessed on a competency basis by the Governance Reform Working Group which then recommends candidates for board membership for final approval by the Board Chair.

Q: Are there nominations for chairs of constituencies?

A: No. The Board members who are drawn from the constituencies will act as the convenors/co-convenors of the constituencies.

Q: Can I nominate myself?

A: No. Individuals wishing to be nominated must have their nominations supported by at least one PMNCH member organization and provide contact details to enable verification of that.

Q: What is the term of office for Board members?

A: The term of office of a Board member is three years which may be renewed once (for another three years)

Q: How many meetings will I be expected to attend per year?

A: The Board will meet twice per year. Constituencies will meet virtually also twice per year.

Q: What is the deadline for submission?

A: The deadline for submission is midnight CET by 7 February 2025. If you have any questions please contact PMNCH Governance Officer, Dina El Hussein elhusseinyd@who.int