

Note for the Record

PMNCH Donors and Foundations Constituency Conference Call April 3, 2012

Present: Anders Molin – Sida; Julia Bunting – DFID; Helga Fogstad – Norad; Lilly (for John Borazzo) – USAID; Judith Helzner - MacArthur Foundation; UN Foundation; Renata Pistone, Jeff – CIDA, Kate Somers – Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Desirée Ooft – Netherlands, Tim Poletti - Australia
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Observer: Stanislava Nikolova (PMNCH Board Chair's Office, HSPH)

AGENDA

Chair: Julia Bunting

1. Approval of the March Note for the Record
2. Update from the RMNCH Financing Task Team
3. Update on Key Events
 - Pre-term Report Launch (2 May, pre-Board Reception)
 - A Promise to Keep – Child Survival
 - Commodities Commission
 - Family Planning Summit
4. PMNCH Board Meeting - Constituency Meeting on the Afternoon of 2 May
5. AOB

1. Approval of the March Note for the Record

The Note for the Record from the constituency's previous call on 6 March was approved without additional comments.

2. Update from the RMNCH Financing Task Team

Brief update on background to the group: Co-chaired by Ann Starrs and Cristián Baeza, the team met a few times virtually and completed a draft report with recommendations which will be discussed by the EC at their call on April 16. The report looks at moving forward the options 2A and 2B in the report prepared by SEEK and presented at the last Board meeting, looking at mechanisms for RMNCH financing based on existing ones, without creating a new organization, relying on existing organizations.

The task team report will be presented to the Board in May for discussion. Donors were asked to consult with their constituencies in preparation for the Board meeting.

Decision → A separate call to discuss this topic will be convened on Friday, April 13 – Secretariat will send details.
The report will be shared with this group as soon as it is sent to the EC.

3. Update on Key Events

Pre-term Birth Report Launch

The report will be launched on 2 May, prior to the Board Meeting, at a high-level reception presided by the Deputy UN SG, and co-hosted by UNFPA and PMNCH. There will be lots of media around the main findings and recommendations of the report.

A Promise to Keep – Child Survival

This will be a two-day event on June 14-15 in Washington, DC. The first day will be focused on high-level political commitment and Day 2 will be a technical discussion of cross-cutting issues: 1) reaching every child with essential services, 2) family and community, 3) accountability. USAID working with

Countdown, IHM, UNICEF. Tony Lake, Margaret Chan or Raj Shan are possible keynote speakers, with presentations by Bob Black, Chris Murray and UNICEF. Strong country presence with ministerial representation is expected.

Countdown is exploring meeting on the sides of the summit, as well as possibly launching the 2012 report at the Summit.

Commission on Life-saving commodities.

A concept note was shared prior to the call. The Commissioner have been appointed and the Commission formally launched. The first meeting will take place on 23 May, the first draft of the Commission's recommendations will be discussed. UNICEF and UNFPA, acting as secretariat, have started to develop an implementation workplan. The three working groups are preparing background papers on: 1) key commodities neglected for maternal and child health; 2) bottlenecks –transport, infrastructure and others, documented with case studies; 3) market-shaping group, looking at legislation and innovation. Commissioners will meet on May 22-23 in New York, and the final report with recommendations will be presented the UN SG in September.

Family Planning Summit

Work towards the announcement in July is progressing and the 3rd stakeholders' meeting will take place on 2 May in the context of the pre-PMNCH Board Meeting. Discussions are underway on what financial architecture exists to meet the needs of the family planning work and to put additional financing on the table.

Discussion:

There was a call to try and keep all events coherent within the EWEC framework.

It was recommended that there is a structure discussion on the recommendations coming out from each of the summits/events and ensure consistency and complementarity.

It was advised that a calendar of milestones is shared: key moments for each initiative to coordinate and consolidate inputs – Julio Frenk is a commissioner and his inputs will reflect PMNCH's views.

4. PMNCH Board Meeting – Constituency Meeting on the Afternoon of 2 May

The upcoming Board meeting will focus on the upcoming opportunities for 2012 for PMNCH as well as a review on progress on the Partnership's work. In addition, the private sector constituency will be active by then. The Board will discuss the RMNCH financing report. Bob Orr and Ray Chambers will be giving keynote speeches. An update on the financing, with a picture of the gaps, will be provided in the Director's Report.

Actions → Preliminary agenda for this meeting will be shared in due course by the Secretariat.

5. AOB

IPU – Brief update on the draft RMNCH resolution being discussed at the IPU in Kampala. The final resolution will be circulated when approved. All information is updated on the PMNCH website www.pmnch.org. In Kampala, Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin addressed the plenary, and there was a PMNCH and UNFPA hosted lunch with several parliamentarians.

Action → The group will have a call again next Friday, 13 April, at 4pm GVA time (10am EST). Next meeting of this group will take place on 2 May –prior to the Board Meeting. Regular calls will resume in June.