

Note for the Record

PMNCH Executive Committee (EC) Conference Call

January 17, 2012

Present: Tinu Taylor, Zulfiqar Bhutta, Will Niblett, Frances Day-Stirk, José Belizán, Michael Mbizvo (for Flavia Bustreo), Stefan Germann (for Rajiv Tandon)

Absent: Julio Frenk (Chair), Anuradha Gupta (for co-Chair), Flavia Bustreo (co-Chair)

Secretariat: Carole Presern, Marta Seoane, Henrik Axelson, Kate Griffith

Observer: Stanislava Nikolova (PMNCH Board Chair's Office, HSPH)

AGENDA

Chair: Zulfiqar Bhutta

1. Governance Update: (a- *Co-Chair Election*; b- *New Donor Representative*; c- *Selection of the New ART Representative*)
2. Approval of the Notes for the Record
3. Resource Mobilization Update (Update on 3rd Feb 2012 Donors and Foundations Meeting)
4. Update on Strategic Objective Coordinators (OCs)
5. Update on the RMNCH Financing Task Team
6. Update on 11-13 January Consultations on Methods for the 2012 Report
7. AOB:
 - a. Reminder of the 2012 EC calls – 2nd Tuesday of every month at 3:30 PM GVA Time (except pre-Board EC meetings in May and October)
 - b. Provisional dates for October Board Meeting – 18th and 19th October in Nigeria, with pre-meetings on the 17th October

1. Governance Update

The New co-Chairs on the Board, the Hon Minister Shri Gulam Nabi Azad (Government of India) and Dr Flavia Bustreo, Assistant Director-General (WHO), were welcomed. A warm welcome was also extended to Will Niblett, who works on maternal and neonatal health with Julia Bunting at DFID. He is a new member on the EC and will chair the donor constituency.

José Belizán gave an update on the selection of the new ART representative. There is an active discussion among the constituency regarding criteria, etc., and the Secretariat is supporting the process. The selection needs to happen asap, and before the next Board Meeting (on May 3&4).

2. Approval of the Notes for the Record

The Notes for the Record from the last two EC calls on 15 November and 13 December 2011 were approved.

3. Resource Mobilization Update

There was an update on the upcoming meetings on 3 February in London, co-hosted by DFID, Sweden and CIDA. Three meetings will take place. The morning meeting is aimed at engaging donors to discuss the PMNCH approved Workplan for 2012 and looking for opportunities for collaboration as well as looking at the funding.

PMNCH is preparing a progress report and a paper on various funding options. Anuradha Gupta will open the meeting on behalf of the co-Chair, and the Strategic Objective Coordinators – Liz Mason, Ann Starrs, and Jennifer Goosen, will participate and present.

Carole reported that, in terms of mobilizing funds, good conversations are currently taking place with DFID, CIDA and Sida. Norway and AusAid have also indicated that they are discussing support to the PMNCH Workplan.

The request to aim at unrestricted and multi-year funding – which the Partnership will report on, will be put forward again in London.

Although conversations with donors are positive and promising, grants have not yet been signed, and therefore, cash flow for activities is low.

Action → The Secretariat will share main London meeting documents with the EC for information prior to the meeting

4. Update on Strategic Objective Coordinators (OCs)

The Secretariat has actively been reaching out to convene calls for each of the groups, with the respective coordinators:

SO1 (Knowledge) – Liz Mason (WHO), Anuradha Gupta (Government of India), Ana Langer (Maternal Health Task Force, HSPH)

SO2 (Advocacy) – Ann Starrs (FCI), Patrick Watt (Save the Children), Lars Gronseth (NORAD)

SO3 (Accountability) – Stefan Germann (World Vision International), Jennifer Goosen (CIDA), Neema Rusibamayila (Government of Tanzania)

On the cross-cutting issue of the Countdown - Mickey Chopra and Zulfiqar Bhutta (Countdown Coordinating Committee co-chairs had met in Baltimore the day before, Monday 16th January)

Stefan Germann shared that two calls had taken place on the 2012 report with SO2/3 coordinators. Coordinators emphasized that the important piece is who will put themselves forward as partners to collaborate on the work and reach out to all constituencies to ensure representation. It was noted that the Health Care Professional Associations are only represented in the leadership of the cross-cutting objectives (not in SO1, 2 or 3).

Action → ART and HCP to discuss during their constituency call at the end of January, contribution to deliverables for SO1, SO2 and SO3.

5. Update on the RMNCH Financing Task Team

The TOR of this task team has been shared with the EC. The task team will meet on 23 January via teleconference and face-to-face on February 2 in London. On 3 February at lunch time Sida is hosting a consultation in London to discuss financing options and role of PMNCH in taking forward this agenda.

It is expected that the Task Team will submit its report to the EC by end of February to prepare for further discussion at the Board meeting in May.

6. Update on 11 January Consultation on Scope and Methods for the PMNCH 2012 Report on Global Strategy Commitments

In collaboration with RHR/HRP and WHO, PMNCH convened a technical consultation on 11 January to seek expert advice on the scope and methods of the PMNCH 2012 Report from a group of researchers that were in Geneva to attend a WHO-hosted consultation on 12-13 January. Based on the feedback at the 11 January consultation, and discussions with the SO coordinators, the Secretariat will finalize the 2012 Report concept note, which will be the basis for an RfP for bids to develop the report. A 2012 Report multi-disciplinary Advisory Group will be established to provide technical review of methods and analysis and to advise on how to maximize the impact of the report's findings. Data collection, analysis and report writing will take place in February-May. A first draft can be shared with the EC in May. The report is to be submitted to the independent Expert Review Group (iERG).

Next steps → The concept note for the 2012 Report will be circulated to the EC with a request for inputs.

7. AOB

EC Calls: The list of dates for the EC calls for 2012 was shared*. Calls will take place on the second Tuesday of every month.

Board Meeting: The dates for the fall Board meeting in Abuja, Nigeria, have been confirmed – Oct. 18-19, with pre-Board meetings on the 17th.

Meetings 3 Feb: The EC was informed that there will be three meetings on 3 February (two in addition to the donors meeting). On the afternoon, DFID is hosting a separate meeting on how to address the unmet need for family planning. Arrangements for it are currently being finalized and will be available in the next couple of days.

Countdown meeting: Dr. Bhutta reported that a very productive Countdown meeting took place yesterday. Minutes from it will be available soon. Consensus on the timing and products was reached. There was also strong support for holding a Countdown meeting. Smaller meetings will take place around IPU's meeting in Quebec and others.

Global Research Network: Dr. Mbizvo shared that WHO hosted a technical consultation on 12-13 January on establishing a global network of academic institutions to support the Global Strategy. The purpose is for institutions in north and south to work together to advance the strategy. There was a representative of the SG at the meeting.

- Meeting closed.

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- i. 14th February
- ii. 13th March
- iii. 10th April
- iv. 2nd May (pre-Board)
- v. 12th June
- vi. 10th July
- vii. 14th August
- viii. 11th September
- ix. 17 or 18th October (pre-Board) - TBC
- x. 13th November
- xi. 11th December