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

Thursday 6 April 2023
12:30 to 14:30 CET (120 min)

Attendance	
EC Members	
Board Vice-Chair, EC Chair and PG	Rajesh Bhushan
Board Vice-Chair, EC Vice Chair and DF	Chris Carter
ART	Marleen Temmerman
AY	David Imbago (apologies)
GFM	Sameera Al Tuwaijri
HCPA	Franka Cadee
IGO	Martin Chungong
Non-Governmental Organizations	Maria Antonieta Alcalde
Private Sector	Charlotte Ersboell
UN Agencies / WHO (host)	Anshu Banerjee
GCC Members	
Board Chair	Rt Hon Helen Clark
Board Vice-Chair under 30	Aditi Sivakumar
ART	Elona Toska
AY	Merette Khalil
AY	Naledi Katsande
AY	Shukti Anantha
AY	Julieta Martinez (apologies)
DF	Avi Silverman (apologies)
HCPA	Jonathan Klein
HCPA	Egle Janusonyte
NGO	Kathleen Sherwin
PG	Salma Anaskolo (apologies)
UNA	Asa Regner (apologies)
UNA	Lopa Banerjee
UNA	Will Zeck (apologies)
UNA	Anurita Bains
UNA	Miguel Trancozo (apologies)
UNA	Lucy Fagan
Chairs of Standing Committees	
Governance and Ethics Committee (GEC)	Flavia Bustreo
Partner Engagement in Countries Committee (PECC)	Joy Phumaphi (apologies) Gareth Jones PECC Vice Chair < 30



Strategic Advocacy Committee (SAC) including	Ann Starrs
Observers: Meena Gandhi; Sena Ar-Rikaby; Vania Kibui; Aleksandra Blagojevic; Caitlynn Mitchell; Tammary Esho	
Secretariat: Helga Fogstad; Lori McDougall; Vivian Lopez; Mijail Santos; Ilze Kalnina; Thahira Mustafa; Bhavya Nandini; Dina El Husseiny and Giulia Gasparri.	

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

[Executive Committee & Global Coordination Committee Meeting - 6 April 2023 \(who.int\)](#)

1. ITEM 1 – Adoption of the Agenda and Note for the Record from previous meeting

On behalf of the Global Coordinating Committee (GCC) and the Executive Committee (EC), Mr. Rajesh Bhushan, the EC Chair and Rt Hon Helen Clark, GCC Chair thanked all those who joined the meeting as well as those involved in preparing the focused agenda for this meeting, and for all the supporting papers that were shared through [PMNCH's website](#).

In the introduction, Rt Hon Helen Clark particularly drew participants attention to:

- PMNCH's work-planning retreat held in [February 2023 in Geneva](#), where agreement was reached on 15 priority countries to pursue adolescent well-being commitments this year.
- The fact that PMNCH is receiving many proposals from partners for programming and national events associated with the Global Forum. To date, more than 60 proposals for program sessions have been received from partners responding to the call now open on PMNCH's website, and this just in the first two weeks since the events register opened.
- Focus on engaging young people themselves, which is taking shape through the "What Young People Want" chatbot initiative, where we aim to collect the voices of 1 million young people from around the world by October 2023, to present in the form of an Agenda for Action for Adolescents. To date, nearly 190 organizations from 40 countries have signed up to participate in mobilizer training, using their networks to reach young people to participate in this effort.

Mr Bhushan also highlighted that an adolescent health and well-being event will be hosted by the Government of India in June 2023. The government is leveraging the "1.8 billion for change" and Global Forum for Adolescents and India's unique adolescent health & well-being program and socializing these with the bigger groups through a G20 co-branded event on the 20 June 2023 that will precede the next PMNCH Board Meeting in New Delhi.

ITEM 1	Decision / Action	Responsibility
1.1	Meeting quorum was achieved.	n/a
1.2	• Approved joint EC and GCC Agenda and objectives. • Approved EC Note for the Record (NfR) without changes, as related to the EC meeting on 6 February 2023.	Secretariat to put on PMNCH website

2. ITEM 2 – Global Forum for Adolescents; background, breakouts and report backs

Rt Hon Helen Clark introduced this Agenda item, contextualizing PMNCH's work on the Global Forum for Adolescents within the broader stakeholders' efforts to support the health and well-being of adolescents around the world.

In advance of this meeting, all PMNCH constituencies met and discussed how individual members and constituencies as a whole can engage and contribute to these efforts. Members of the Executive Committee and the Global Forum for Adolescents Global Coordinating Committee were then given an opportunity to work in three smaller break-out groups to discuss actions taken emerging from their respective constituency discussions, as well how constituencies can work together across PMNCH to advance these priorities.

The key decisions emerging from the discussions are summarized below. In addition, Annex 1 includes the slides presented by the rapporteurs from each break-out group.

Main decisions from the plenary discussions are noted below.

ITEM 2	Decision / Action	Responsibility
2.1	Promote cross-constituency collaboration at global, regional and nation levels to support the GFA and 1.8 campaign, using the Digital Advocacy Hubs to enable and facilitate this collaboration (refer to Annex 1).	Constituencies Secretariat
2.2	Undertake mapping of where PMNCH constituencies and members are engaging (at national, regional and global level) in commitment-building to enable information-sharing and closer collaboration	GFA Political Advocacy Working Group with Secretariat support
2.3	Government commitments to AWB will be tracked as part of the campaign process; commitments by non-state actors will not be tracked but will be communicated through the 1.8/PMNCH website and Digital Advocacy Hubs for the purposes of information and partner collaboration.	Secretariat
2.4	PMNCH to undertake focused efforts to influence the agenda and the outcomes of the SDG Summit in September, with the goal of increasing visibility of adolescents and young people and support for AWB in the outcome document of the Summit. This effort will include: - Dissemination of information about how partners can register their comments on the "Elements" paper, which will guide the development of the SDG Summit outcome document: deadline for comment: 24 April 2023. - Development of common language/asks for partners to apply to their comments in this process - Development of a dedicated advocacy plan to engage member-states in support of these asks, noting Qatar and Ireland as chairs of this process ("We need to be in the ear of those member-states").	GFA Political Advocacy Working Group with Secretariat support
2.5	The Women Deliver conference in Kigali will be a key influencing moment on the road to October: PMNCH to work closely with conference organizers to maximize visibility and traction for the GFA and 1.8 campaign	Secretariat



ITEM 2	Decision / Action	Responsibility
2.6	Expand the availability of GFA materials in languages beyond English (e.g., French and Spanish) to increase our messaging reach	Secretariat

3. ITEM 3 – 31st PMNCH Board Meeting

Helga Fogstad, PMNCH's Executive Director, presented the [draft Agenda](#) and a high-level overview of the in-person PMNCH Board meeting in New Delhi, India, to be held on 21-22 June, preceded by a one-day pre-Board event on 20 June dedicated to discussing adolescent well-being issues in the G20 context.

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
3.1	Approved the draft 31 st PMNCH Board Agenda.	Secretariat

4. ITEM 4 - Any other business

It was noted that the deadline for responding with an Expression of Interest for the GFA programme has been extended to 30 April 2023. Future EC meetings will include an update on how the programme is shaping up.

	Decision / Action	Responsibility
4.1	Secretariat to share a zero draft of the GFA Programme Framework with the EC once available.	GFA Programme Action Group, supported by the Secretariat

Annex 1: Rapporteurs feedback to the plenary

1. Feedback - Breakout Group 1

Summary of priority areas emerging from Constituency's GFA work:

- Provide technical expertise to the development of knowledge products to advance evidence on adolescent well-being (e.g., investment case on AWB). ART organizations are organizing capacity building webinars, developing training materials on AWB, developing podcasts on adolescent well-being, and advocacy to ensure that adolescent well-being is included in academic and professional training curricula - from ART (e.g., Karolinska Institute; University of Oslo, ANSER, Aga Khan University, UNESCO etc.)
- Organizing national and local GFA events in countries and use the Digital Advocacy Hubs to coordinate the development of national events - from NGO
- Support mobilization of national commitments on AWB in countries such as South Africa, Malawi, Nigeria, Bolivia etc. - from ART (e.g., University of Oxford), AY and NGO (e.g., Plan International)
- Develop sessions as part of the Global Forum for Adolescents programme - from the ART, NGO, HCPAs.
- Work with adolescents and young people in universities, schools to engage in the What Young People Want chatbot and the 1.8 campaign - from AY (e.g., YP Foundation); work with young health care professionals to engage them in the 1.8 campaign - from HCPA (e.g., ICM, FIGO, IPA, COINN, ICN etc.)
- Socialize the 1.8 Billion Young People Campaign with the country offices, through webinars and web blogs, as well as existing events (such as Women Deliver) in the lead up to the forum - from GFM (e.g., World Bank) and NGO
- Disseminate the 1.8 Billion Young People Campaign online and all the knowledge products which are being produced to support the campaign. Constituencies have flagged the importance of having this material translated in other languages - from the ART, NGO, AY

Summary of how constituencies can work together:

- Collaboration on specific areas within the Adolescent wellbeing (AWB) domains where organizations of different constituencies are already engaged, for example collaboration on activities on teenage pregnancies and harmful practices (between HCPA and GFM)
- Collaborate through ART, HCPA and AY organizations in countries to reach adolescents as well as young healthcare professionals.

- Collaboration across constituencies in countries on the dissemination of the 1.8 Campaign and organizing national forums, including by connecting through the Digital Advocacy Hubs
- Leverage the power of DAH to amplify partnership
- Working across constituencies to mobilize AHB commitments, submitting joint plans in countries to mobilize commitments, and developing resources to support commitment mobilization which can be used by all constituencies

2. Feedback - Breakout Group 2

Summary of priority areas emerging from Constituency's GFA work:

HCPA:

- Recruiting young health care professional as ambassadors to promote and socialize 5 asks
- Engaging Ado/Ado wellbeing for global events (i.e., International Adolescent Health Week, AlignMNH, pediatric fora)

Donors:

- Diplomatic channels to boost commitments in 15 key countries: amplifying youth voices on AHB in other countries
- Engaging relevant ministers to promote AHB, 1.8 campaign, GFA– budget advocacy for AHB

Private Sector:

- Commitments- tailored after Every woman/Every child; announced during events Q3/Q4 (GFA, UNGA, SGD summit...)
- Call to action: WHY AHB is a MUST; Promoting WYPW as part of the campaign- inviting new groups beyond PMNCH

UN:

- WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA pushing through COs; Activating social media networks to promote youth voices and engagement with the campaign; Supporting governments on reporting
- PMNCH-led event at UNGA with focus on AHB (bringing an exemplary youth ambassador to the panel)

AYC:

- Mobilization at national level in focus/grantee countries and at various global health meetings (ECOSOC, AHAIC)

Summary of how constituencies can work together:

- Support grantees in priority countries to bolster AY voices and convene intergenerational discussions on what actions need to be taken to respond to adolescent needs
- Making the registry of national events available for all partners to foster collaboration across constituencies and pool resources where required
- Sharing the engagement mapping across all constituencies to identify gaps and areas of opportunities to support campaign efforts ahead of Global Forum
- Utilizing the Digital Advocacy Hubs to optimize partnerships and enhance consultative efforts
- Engage champions across constituencies to enable them to push advocacy at national level
- Use digital communication channels to highlight latest data/evidence on what interventions need to be prioritized for AHWB

3. Feedback - Breakout Group 3

Summary of priority areas emerging from Constituency's GFA work:

UNA:

- Map and aggregate existing commitments.
- Highlight voices of adolescents, e.g., UN Women has been working on global and regional townhalls to highlight the voice of adolescent girls. The townhalls are focus on ensuring that adolescent girls are leading the agenda development and discussions with policy makers.
- 3. Leverage opportunities such as Women Deliver - which will include a cohort of young leaders, policy makers, government officials (especially from focus countries), CSOs and other international organizations.

HCPA:

- Youth HCPA are planning for a constituency commitment on how they can involve young people, especially youth HCPA for key issues that affect the adolescents and youth (such as teenage pregnancies)
- HCPA and Youth HCPA are supporting crowd sourcing of youth voices at the global and regional levels for the What Young People Want Initiative.
- Programme Development: Applying for a session on how youth HCPA can provide good AWB services
- National events – IAAH has been engaging with young professionals' network to organize webinars and provide mentorship to youth HCPAs, as well as provide more information about adolescent well-being.

AYC:

- AYC members are working to ensure that AY led organizations have the required support to engage with the campaign, especially as it relates to commitment making. AYC leaders are working with lead partners to provide support as needed in the commitment making process.
- AYC leaders are connecting with their networks such as Diana Award network and the ne Young World Campaign to mobilize the What Young People Want Campaign

NGO:

An effective partnership with AMREF for AHAIC, where different country level partners were engaged in raising the visibility of the campaign and mobilizing young people for the What Young People Want Initiative.

IPU:

- Engagement with the new parliaments
- IPU will promote the GFA through social media
- Secretary General of the IPU is keen to to engage with the Nigeria Commission

PG:

- Post the June co-branded event and in the lead up to the October event, Government of India is organizing sub state level activities in different parts of the country (these would be hybrid activities) on various issues that affect adolescent well-being.
- India is trying to map existing commitments and prepare an inventory of existing commitments and how these commitments are being implemented on the ground and how these can be monitored/tracked.

Summary of how constituencies can work together:

- Closer collaboration of all constituencies with the AYC
- More coordination between constituency leads to ensure concrete connections between different constituencies and structures.
- Critical to ensure that this is cross sectoral and intersectoral – especially at the country level
- There is a need for a coordinated multisectoral approach, especially at the country level.
- Constituency work is currently slightly siloed. Use the DAH's more effectively to share information, especially on ways in which constituencies can support each other in campaigns, social media, amplify each other's work and collaborate with one another etc.