



## Process of Appointing Members of the Independent Accountability Panel

*The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health*

*Secretariat Hosted by the World Health Organization and  
Board Chaired by Mrs Graça Machel*

# Accountability (I)

- The Global Strategy for Women's Children's and Adolescent's Health (GS2) issued on September 26 2015, states that: 'Global accountability for the implementation of the Global Strategy will be brought together in a unified framework.'
- To harmonize global reporting, a comprehensive synthesis report of the GS2 will be produced using information routinely provided from United Nations agencies and independent monitoring groups.
- This annual report will be prepared by the Independent Accountability Panel (IAP) , and will provide recommendations and guidance to all stakeholders.
- The IAP will be supported by a small secretariat housed at the Partnership.

# Accountability (II)

- The IAP will submit its report to the UN Secretary General in time for consideration at the UN General Assembly and by the High Level Political Forum.
- Prior to its submission to the UNSG, the IAP report will be shared with the Partnership Board so that the Board can add a commentary, representing a broad stakeholder perspective on the findings of the report and on the report's recommendations for follow up actions.

# Urgent action is needed

- The Independent Expert Review Group for the 2010 Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health ceases to function on December 31, 2015 and rapid action is needed to ensure that the first IAP report can be issued in time for the 2016 UNGA.
- The GS2 Strategy and Coordination Group has reviewed and agreed the IAP's scope of work and criteria for selection of Panelists as described in later slides.
- This note provides the background for a Board decision to facilitate the rapid appointment of members of IAP to start work in January 2016.

# IAP Scope of Work

- Annual report to track progress in implementing GS2 will include, but not be limited to:
  - Results reporting against GS2 actions/targets.
  - Review of key policy commitments and their implementation by global health community;
  - Review of good practice and innovations
  - Review of any major bottlenecks to implementation
  - Progress on CoIA recommendations;
  - Analysis, recommendations and guidance to all stakeholders on how to accelerate progress and overcome major bottlenecks.
- Annual theme determined by IAP after consultation with the Partnership Board with likely focus (after year 1) on tracking follow up to findings and recommendations in previous year's report and implementation of the accountability framework;
- PMNCH Board commentary to provide broad stakeholders' perspective.

# Selection Criteria for IAP Panelists

- Diverse skills, gender, geographical distribution, experience, sectors, stakeholders etc. with e.g. relevant experience in government, private sector, civil society, parliament, academia, law, professional organizations. With strong focus on adolescents priority should be given to the appointment of a young person who can meet many of the selection criteria.
- Commitment to GS2 objectives and values;
- Extensive experience and accomplishments in one or more of GS2 core areas;
- Extensive, hands - on experience in policy review and/or in implementing reform;
- Proven capacity in many elements of GS2 e.g. continuum of care, health policy/finance, contribution of other sectors, human rights;
- Leadership and capacity to work in multi-sector global environment;
- Skills and capacity to interact at the highest policy and political levels;
- Commitment and willingness to provide time;
- No disqualifying conflicts of interest e.g. current employment by agencies that may be subject to IAP review.

# The appointment process (II)

- The Secretariat will coordinate the application/nomination process including collection of applications and providing administrative support to the WG.
- The WG will vet candidates against the agreed criteria and will submit a list of qualified candidates to the Board Chair.
- Board Chair will submit a list of up to 15 qualified candidates to the UNSG for the nine member IAP, including any suggestions for the IAP Chair.
- There will be strict confidentiality throughout these proceedings.
- The UNSG will select members of the Independent Accountability Panel and appoint a Chair.
- The names and qualifications of panelists will be published.

# The appointment process (I)

- IAP members will be appointed by the UN Secretary General through a transparent process under the auspices of the Partnership Board as follows:
  - The Executive Committee will establish a five member Board Working Group (WG), comprising sitting Board members led by the EC Chairperson.
  - A global call for candidates will be issued by the Partnership's Secretariat, using the agreed SCG criteria for IAP members.
  - The Secretariat will coordinate the application/nomination process including collection of applications and providing administrative support to the WG.





## Decision (I)

- A. The Board is asked to {welcome the SCG's agreed scope of work and criteria for selection of IAP members and to} agree to assist the UNSG with the appointment process for the IAP to be completed by December 2015.
  - The Board is now requested to agree to do the following:

## Board Decision (II)



- B. Delegate to the Executive Committee the process to establish a five person working group comprising current Board members, led by EC Chair to lead the IAP selection process (the GS2 Strategy and Coordination Committee will provide the WG with the IAP's scope of work and selection criteria of IAP members).



## Board Decision (III)

- C. PMNCH secretariat to support the WG in the selection process.
- D. The WG will report a confidential list of nominations for the IAP to the UNSG via the PMNCH Chair. The office of the UNSG will announce the appointment of IAP members and the IAP chair.



# Timeline proposed

Action	Time
Board agreement to appointment process	17 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting
EC appoints WG	Oct 16
Call for applications (Secretariat)	Oct 22
Receipt of Applications	Nov 13 (or Nov 18)
WG reviews	Nov 13 – Nov 30
WG submits list to Board Chair	Nov 30
Board Chair submits final list to UNSG	Dec 7
UNSG appoints IAP members & IAP Chair	Dec 20



A close-up photograph of two young girls. The girl on the left is wearing a bright yellow headscarf and is smiling, looking slightly upwards and to the left. The girl on the right has dark hair in a braid and is smiling broadly, leaning her head against the first girl. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**Thank you**