Decision and Guidance Points

The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health
ITEM 1 – Approval of previous Board minutes

- The Board approved the minutes of the 19th Board meeting, Maputo, 26-27 October 2017 with one correction.
The Board welcomed the progress update on the Global Strategy Progress Report and appreciated the inclusivity of the process so far.

The Board requested:
- the Secretariat to share the GSPR draft and key messages with the full Board, with feedback to be channelled through constituency chairs (via Executive Committee);
- the SO3 Steering Group to support the development of advocacy messages and the dissemination of the report;
- the Secretariat to facilitate dialogue around common thematic areas to underpin future accountability reports.
Item 5: PMNCH Closer Alignment with EWEC – One Brand, One Website, One Advocacy Strategy & Joint Workplan

- The Board agreed to proceed towards closer alignment with EWEC, acknowledging the need to retain autonomy for the Partnership.

- Specifically, the Board requested:
  - the Secretariat to develop options for new Partnership branding (new name + new logo) linked to EWEC as well as for online presence (website, twitter etc.), to be presented to the Executive Committee for approval;
  - the Secretariat and EOSG to proceed with the development of a joint workplan for 2018.
Item 6: Strengthening the EWEC Architecture: A proposal for Improving EWEC Governance & Institutional Arrangements

- The Board agreed to proceed with a review of the EWEC architecture to develop options for strengthening the alignment of and synergies between EWEC core partners;

- The Board requested the Secretariat to reach out to the other core partners to jointly develop TORs for the review to:
  - map the current architecture;
  - analyse the roles and comparative value added of each core partner;
  - develop a set of options for greater alignment and synergies for the core partners to consider.
Item 9: 2018 EWEC Partners’ Forum

- The Board expressed support for the organization of the 2018 Partners’ Forum.

- The Board approved the proposed governance structure for the planning and implementation of the Partners’ Forum and requested constituencies to nominate one representative by June 15.

- The Board approved the establishment of a Steering Committee and instructed the Secretariat to review the proposed terms of reference and share with the Board.
Item 10: Any Other Business

- The Board agreed to conduct the next PMNCH Board Meeting in Malawi on November 29-30 with preconstituency meetings on November 28.
Thank you