Governance & Nominations Committee Update

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The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health
Governance Strengthening Process

- 2014 External Evaluation recommended strengthening PMNCH governance system
- SDGs, Global Strategy and PMNCH 2016-2020
- PMNCH positioned as the Partnership in support of EWEC
- In 2015-2016 PMNCH went through a comprehensive governance strengthening process (15 governance elements), including Board composition, mandates, etc.
I. Implication on PMNCH General Structure

- **Partners Forum**
  - **Constituencies (10)**
    - Adolescents & Youth
    - Academic/Research/Training Institutes
    - Donors & Foundations
    - Global Financing Mechanisms
    - Health Care Professional Associations
    - Intergovernmental Organizations
    - NGOs
    - Partner Countries
    - Private Sector
    - UN Agencies
  - **SO Groups / Working Groups**
    - SO1
    - SO2
    - SO3
    - SO4
    - Ad-Hoc

- **PMNCH BOARD**
  - **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
    - Governance & Nomination Committee
    - Finance Committee
    - Ad-hoc Working Groups

- **World Health Organization**
  - FWC Cluster

- **PMNCH Secretariat**
Roles and Membership of Governing Bodies (1/3)

- **Board:**
  - Strategic decision-making and oversight
  - Each Constituency is assigned a number of seats and is represented through Board members/alternates
  - A Board membership term is two calendar years, renewable once
  - From amongst each constituency Board members, a chair for the constituency is selected.

- **Executive Committee (EC):**
  - Operational decision-making and oversight
  - Membership of the EC is composed of constituency chairs, EWEC, chairs of the Finance Committee and Governance and Nominations Committee
  - WHO holds a permanent seat as the host organization.
Roles and Membership of Governing Bodies (2/3)

- **Finance Committee (FC):**
  - FC was restructured and re-established to provide proactive, strategic recommendations on budget, workplans, and other financial proceedings, including resource mobilization.
  - Membership of the FC is composed of three Board members representing three constituencies different from the FC Chair’s constituency.
  - At least one member must have strategic finance and accounting expertise, and at least one member must have fundraising expertise. If this is not possible, external Non-Partners with relevant expertise may join the.
Roles and Membership of Governing Bodies (3/3)

**Governance and Nominations Committee (G&N):**

- Improves Governance effectiveness, oversees nominations process, and address governance questions that may arise

- Membership of the G&N is composed of a representative from each constituency.
Thank you