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

PMNCH BOARD

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Governance & Nomination Committee
Finance Committee
Ad-hoc Working Groups

SO Groups / Working Groups
- SO1
- SO2
- SO3
- SO4
- Ad-Hoc

World Health Organization
FWC Cluster

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

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

● **Executive Committee (EC):**
  o Operational decision-making and oversight
  o Membership of the EC is composed of constituency chairs, EWEC, chairs of the Finance Committee and Governance and Nominations Committee
  o 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