

Quarterly Message from the Chair

Mon. April 6, 2015

Dear Colleagues,

The Steering Committee held our second quarterly meeting in Ottawa on Wednesday, March 25, 2015. Updates and highlights of our discussion are below.

Mom-mentum Mother's Day Tea: The Parliament Hill event, called *Through Her Eyes*, will be held on May 5, 2015. This is an opportunity for Partners to join us to engage in conversations with our Members of Parliament. Proposals for participation in the poster displays were accepted last week through a *Call for Participation*. RSVP: Click here (Space is limited.)

CAN-MNCH Funding Proposal: As noted in the <u>January Quarterly Message from the Chair</u>, DFATD invited the Canadian Network to submit a proposal for funding from 2016 – 2020. This proposal has been reviewed, approved and submitted. We are now working collaboratively with DFATD to finalize details. Thank you to the many Partners who participated in its development.

CAN-MNCH Membership/ Governance: We explored a number of issues pertaining to Network membership, including: expanding the type and scope of organizations that join the Network; the roles and responsibilities of members, including considering membership fees; and the value of the Network to its members. Building on this discussion, we explored Board composition and renewal, in addition to a review of other governance processes. Final decisions will be contingent on the DFATD funding proposal discussions and the ongoing incorporation process.

Global Strategy for Women's, Children's, and Adolescents' Health: Working Papers are now posted open for comment until April 15. http://everywomaneverychild.org/global-strategy-2/working-papers

Monthly Newsletter

Be sure to review our monthly newsletter for regular updates and opportunities.

Happy Spring!

Sincerely,

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