Meeting objectives

1. Approve 2020-2023 milestones, work plan and metrices
2. Agree on objectives, agenda, invitees and communications for November 'high level' political advocacy event
3. Agree on coordination mechanisms and support for countries

Context

COVID-19: The renewed focus on quality timely data has increased the profile and need for collaborative support for stronger Health Information Systems and aligning partner support for country driven data plans. Countries, partners and individuals' priorities have shifted to ensure detection, protection and responses to the pandemic are first priority. This has impacted essential services, such as immunization, as staff and resources are allocated elsewhere. It has challenged the constituency planning at all levels to maintain traction on agreed tasks. However, on the other hand the need for quality, timely and usable data has massively increased in profile and the HDC has been able to respond to various requests.

Governance: The constituency-based governance model, mission, objectives and principles were approved in the 19-20 March virtual meeting. This was the first partners meeting since the strategic planning retreat in January 2019 and Dec 2019-Jan 2020 stakeholder review. 7 constituencies are represented by 12 representatives. All but the private sector constituency are complete. The HDC has 3 new co-chairs and constituency-based calls have been in place since May.

Country focus: One of the main challenges faced during the 2016-2019 implementation period was demonstrating sustainable country impact. This meeting aims to hear more from countries, and framing action according to their needs – with aligned partner efforts and investments at country level, highlighted in a new theory of change.

Milestones, workplan and metrices: An initial framework for the work plan was made in March. Several constituencies gave further suggestions. This meeting aims to approve milestones, objectives activities and metrices. Possible budgets could be discussed later, once activities have been approved.

Working groups: Representatives from the five existing working groups attended monthly calls and an update have been provided. The Routine Health Information Systems Working group (RHIS) has been reconstituted and a proposal for a Data Governance working group will be considered.

Advocacy and political traction: HDC remains technically focused. Political and advocacy support at all levels – global, regional and country – now needs strengthened for Collaborative to meet its mission and objectives. Demonstrating success in terms of alignment and country impact is important to support advocacy efforts. Global and country health influencers and leaders will be invited to a high-level advocacy event to reconsider pledges made in the 2015 call to action and recognize the need for stronger political commitment for data and aligning investments with the HDC mission and goals, in the COVID-19 era.

Communications: The [website](#) has been revised and updated. All new governance documents and background tools are now publicly available.   Working group spaces have been set up on the website. Various webinars have been hosted that have attracted wide audiences. Regular newsletters are planned as more country centric activities are underway.

Collaborative planning

This meeting is a result of extensive collaboration between partners and countries.

Coordination: Draft agenda received inputs from 3 HDC co-chairs 7th August and SRG on 20 August. Constituency specific facilitators gave further inputs to the agenda, substance and background documents. The agenda was finalized by the 3 co-chairs & secretariat.

Country constituency preparation: There has been intensive coordination with each of the 9 country teams to prepare one-page summaries outlining main issues for HDC coordination, focal points, issues for HIS and digital and potential HDC support 2020-2023. Results of these consultations will be presented. Some country teams may join as observers

for the meeting.

CSO constituency preparation: The secretariat is supporting CSO efforts to strengthen country-based representation and actions and increase constituency membership.

Private sector constituency preparation: Together with the UHC 2030 core team, the secretariat initially worked with the World Economic Forum and then the World Bank to strengthen private sector participation in HDC. Several private sector constituency members will join the call as observers.

Background Documents:

Background documents were sent on 16th September. Each session will have some slides summarizing objectives, outputs and asking pertinent questions to stimulate discussion and feedback.

Agenda item	Background documents
Background General	Meeting agenda, objectives and background Governance Members Sept 2020 SRG and WG members Sept 2020 Mission, operating principles and ToC Summary 'one pager' Stakeholder feedback from March 2020
Session 1: HDC status update	Constituency summaries (7 constituencies) March 2020 meeting Note For Record Tracker of action points March – Sept 2020
Session 2: Countries – update and identified needs	Country emerging issues Country table highlighting HDC partner priorities Country one page summaries (5: Kenya, Tanzania, Botswana, Malawi, Cameroon)
Session 3: Working Group update	RHIS WG ToRs for approval Governance WG ToRs for feedback Community WG update Community WG ToRs Community WG members DH&I WG ToRs 2017 consolidated WG ToRs
Session 4: Work Plan and milestones	Work plan narrative (word version / PDF) 2020-2023 Work plan and milestone / Gantz chart (excel) 2020-2023
Session 5: November high level event	Options for November high level event

Target audience and invitees:

Stakeholder	Description
HDC Stakeholder Representative Group (SRG)	12 representatives from the 7 HDC constituencies
10 country teams	MoH and partner representation from HDC partners from Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Cameroon, Botswana, Uganda, Nepal, Indonesia, Myanmar and Bangladesh
HDC Global Partner Group (GPG)	1 (max 2) representative per partner
HDC working group co-chairs:	Five WGs, 1 representative per WG
HDC secretariat	3

Agenda

Wednesday 23rd September

Overall chair – Jennifer Requejo (UNICEF)	
13.00 – 13.15 Co-chairs Welcome Welcome, issues arising since March, vision for 2023 and added value in current global health landscape Kenya MoH (Helen Kiarie), UNICEF (Jennifer Requejo) and WHO (Somnath Chatterji)	
13.15 - 13.30 Overview of meeting outcomes, objectives, agenda and background documents HDC Secretariat (Craig Burgess and Mwenya Kasonde)	
Outputs: Clear meeting outcomes, objectives, agenda and background documents	Overview of meeting outcomes, agenda, objectives and background documents
13.30 – 14.30 Session 1: For information - HDC status (March – September), achievements, challenges and strategic issues Session facilitator: Jeff Markuns (PHCPI) and Heidi Reynolds (GAVI), Global Health Initiative constituency	
Output: Status update, achievements, challenges since March and strategic issues identified *Output*: Agree ways to strengthen governance further & supporting under-represented constituencies	*10 min:* Presentation of achievements, challenges & HDC strategic issues (Craig Burgess & Mwenya Kasonde, secretariat) *50 min:* Feedback from constituencies and agreement on support for constituencies (esp. Under-represented constituencies) and governance mechanism.
14.30-14.45 Coffee break	
14.45 – 16.15 Session 2: For decision: Country needs, support mechanisms & additional countries *Session facilitators:* Nicola Wardrop (DFID) and Tessa Lennemann (GIZ), bilateral donor and foundation constituency	
Output: HDC country experiences and potential future plans (strengths, weaknesses, suggestions for improvement) *Output*: Identify partners comparative advantages supporting country coordination and plans *Output:* Identify regional support and peer review mechanisms *Output:* agree on potential expansion of HDC countries	*15 mins:* Presentation outlining country issues, possible regional peer review mechanism & support for countries in focus support mechanisms (Malawi team & Mwenya Kasonde, secretariat) 75 mins: Open facilitated discussion with questions for decision **Decision points:** 1. Agree on support to country mechanisms 2. Agree on regional peer review and support mechanisms 3. Agree on # countries for HDC expansion
16.15 – 17.50 Session 3: For information and decision: Working Groups *Session facilitator*: Javier Bellocq (GNP+), CSO constituency	
Output: Update on five WG achievements and challenges *Output:* Approved RHIS WG ToRs for RHIS and considered Governance WG ToRs *Output:* Agreed on mechanisms to strengthen links between WGs, with HDC and increase diversity in WG membership	*10 mins:* Presentation of five WGs (secretariat and WG chairs) and two new WG ToRs: • RHIS ToRs (Jorn Braa, University of Oslo) • Data Governance ToRs (Marie Donaldson, City University New York, Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy) *60 mins:* Discussion on ToRs and inputs to strengthen links between WGs, between WGs and HDC and increasing diversity in WGs and WG work for countries. **Decision points:** 1. Two new WGs ToRs considered and potentially approved: RHIS WG ToRs and Governance WG ToRs 2. Mechanisms to strengthen links between WGs, with HDC and increase diversity of WG membership
17.50 – 18.00 Conclusions: Jennifer Requejo (UNICEF)	

Thursday 24th September

Overall chair: Somnath Chatterji (WHO)	
13.00 – 13.15 Review of previous day action points Jennifer Requejo (UNICEF)	
13.15 – 15.30 Session 4: For decision - Approval of 2020-2023 Milestones, Workplan and metrices Session facilitators: Alvin Marcelo (AeHIN),Chris Murrill (CDC), Carrie Eggars (CDC): Research, Academia and Technical Networks constituency	
Output: Agree 2020-2023 milestones, work plan and metrices *Output:* Agree on partnership technical support mechanisms to support country needs within work plan.	*10 mins:* Presentation of 2020-2023 workplan, milestones and metrices (Craig Burgess and Mwenya Kasonde, secretariat) *125 mins*: Constituencies input to work plan, milestones and metrices **Decision point:** Approval of 2020-2023 milestones, work plan and metrices
15.30-15.45 Coffee break	
15.45 – 17.30 Session 5: For decision – Review and approval of 18 November HDC advocacy and political meeting S*ession facilitator:* Peter Ghys (UNAIDS) and Helen Kairie (Kenya MoH)	
Output: Agree on objectives, agenda points, invitees & communications strategy for 18 November political advocacy meeting – aiming to increase visibility and political support for HIS and alignment in countries and at global level	*10 mins*: Presentation of options for agenda and objectives for 18 November high level advocacy meeting (Nicole Schiegg, secretariat) *125 mins*: Facilitated discussion for constituency inputs to objectives, agenda points, invitees & communications strategy for strengthening advocacy and political traction. Seeking inputs for newsletters, website, webinars and other events (UNGA, Road to Bern, UNWDF, WHA) **Decision point:** Agree on objectives, agenda points, invitees and communications strategy for 18 Nov meeting
17.30 – 17.35 Closing remarks and summary of main issues: Somnath Chatterji (WHO)	
17.35 – 17.40 Action points and responsibilities *HDC secretariat*: Craig Burgess and Mwenya Kasonde	
17.40-18.00 Closing: Samira Asma, Assistant Director General, WHO Co-chairs: Helen Kairie, Jennifer Requejo and Somnath Chatterji	

Time: Sep 23, and 24, 2020 13:00-18:00 CET (Geneva)
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