

**24th Meeting of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board
Geneva, Switzerland
22-24 June 2009**

Decisions, Recommendations and Conclusions

The UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board,

Recalling that all aspects of UNAIDS work are directed by the following guiding principles:

- Aligned to national stakeholders' priorities;
- Based on the meaningful and measurable involvement of civil society, especially people living with HIV and populations most at risk of HIV infection;
- Based on human rights and gender equality;
- Based on the best available scientific evidence and technical knowledge;
- Promoting comprehensive responses to AIDS that integrate prevention, treatment, care and support; and
- Based on the principle of non-discrimination.

Agenda item 1.1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. *Adopts* the agenda;

Agenda item 1.2: Consideration of the report of the twenty-third meeting

2. *Adopts* the report of the 23rd meeting of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board;

Agenda item 1.3: Outcome(s) of the Thematic Segment

- 3.1 *Takes note* of the outcomes of the thematic segment on "*People on the move – forced displacement and migrant populations*" as contained in the rapporteurs' reports to the Board plenary and requests UNAIDS to include such outcomes in its future work and to report on progress to a future Programme Coordinating Board meeting in line with its general reporting on activities;
- 3.2 *Requests* the UNAIDS Secretariat and Cosponsors to ensure that staff at global, regional and national levels facilitate the incorporation of mobile populations,

including migrants and forcibly displaced persons, into regional and national AIDS strategies to achieve universal access to prevention, treatment, care and support services, paying particular attention to HIV-specific restrictions on entry, stay and residence to ensure that people living with HIV are not excluded, detained or deported on the basis of HIV status;

- 3.3 *Requests* the UNAIDS Secretariat and Cosponsors to support governments in harmonizing all laws and policies on HIV testing to ensure adherence to internationally accepted standards that include: informed consent, confidentiality, pre and post-test counseling, and proper referral to treatment, care and support services;

Agenda item 1.4: Report of the Executive Director

4. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director;

Agenda item 1.5: Report by the Chairperson of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations

5. *Takes note* of the report of the Chairperson of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations;

Agenda item 1.6: Report by the NGO representative

- 6.1 *Takes note* with appreciation of the report of the NGO Representative which highlights the importance of human rights and tackling barriers to an effective response such as stigma and discrimination and gender inequality and *requests* that the issue of non-discrimination be discussed at a Programme Coordinating Board meeting in 2010 as a substantive agenda item;
- 6.2 *Recalling* decision 7.1 of the 19th Programme Coordinating Board meeting *agrees* the addition of a sixth guiding principle as intrinsic in all Programme Coordinating Board recommendations, decisions and conclusions, to read: "*Based on the principle of non-discrimination*";

Agenda item 2: 2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan and 2008-2009 Reports

- 7.1 *Endorses* the action agenda and priority areas of the 2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan to accelerate progress towards universal access;
- 7.2 *Approves* the 2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan and the proposed distribution of those resources as follows: US\$ 161.0 million to be shared among 10 Cosponsors; US\$ 182.4 million for the UNAIDS Secretariat; US\$ 136.4 million for interagency activities and US\$ 5.0 million as a contingency fund;
- 7.3 *Takes note* of the planned Cosponsor supplemental and global/regional resource budgets;
- 7.4 *Endorses* the UNAIDS 2010-2011 Performance Monitoring Framework;
- 7.5 *Takes note* of the UNAIDS Performance Monitoring Report for 2008;

- 7.6 *Takes note* of the unaudited interim financial report and related financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008;
- 7.7 *Takes note* of the interim financial management information for the 2008-2009 biennium and the financial update for the period 1 January 2008 to 31 March 2009;
- 7.8 *Encourages* donor governments and others to release their contributions towards the 2008-2009 Unified Budget and Workplan as soon as possible;
- 7.9 *Takes note* of the recommendation of the subcommittee that – following the inclusion of a number of modifications and improvements in the documents – the 2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan and Performance Monitoring Framework be approved by the Board at its 24th meeting;
- 7.10 *Agrees* that the 2010-2011 Performance Monitoring Framework should be used by all constituencies – member States, donors and other constituencies – to meet the reporting needs for UNAIDS;
- 7.11 *Requests* the UNAIDS Secretariat to carry out a review ahead of the 2012-2015 planning period of how the 2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan and the Performance Monitoring Framework have been operationalized, and accountability has been enhanced;
- 7.12 *Takes note* of the conclusion of the subcommittee that the establishment of a standing subcommittee on budgetary issues could help strengthen budget preparation and monitoring of achievements, but that a decision on this is scheduled to be taken by the Programme Coordinating Board at its 25th meeting, taking into consideration the findings and recommendations of the Second Independent Evaluation;
- 7.13 *Requests* UNAIDS, with relevant global institutions, to report on spending on AIDS linked to outcomes by region and by country taking into account other Unified Budget and Workplan processes;
- 7.14 *Requests* the UNAIDS Secretariat and Cosponsors to report at the 25th Programme Coordinating Board meeting on the anticipated impact that the financial crisis will have on countries' ability to meet their universal access targets and to include recommendations and mitigation strategies;

Agenda item 3: HIV prevention among injecting drug users

- 8.1 *Requests* the UNAIDS Secretariat and the Cosponsors, in particular UNODC, to significantly expand and strengthen the work with national governments to address the uneven and relatively low coverage of services among injecting drug users and to develop comprehensive models of appropriate service delivery for injecting drug users in line with relevant national circumstances and the UNAIDS/UNODC/WHO “*Technical Guide for countries to set targets for Universal Access to HIV prevention, treatment and care for injecting drug users*”;
- 8.2 *Recognizing* that resources should be expanded for service delivery and capacity development to enable communities to provide prevention, care and support services to drug users living with HIV on a larger scale whilst, at the same time,

tackling the issue of stigmatization and discrimination *requests* UNAIDS and its stakeholders to work with multilateral donors, and national governments, to facilitate greater resource mobilization on this issue, consistent with the level of identified need;

- 8.3 *Requests* UNAIDS to intensify its assistance to, and work with, all groups of civil society, including those affected by drug use and those that provide services to people who use drugs, aimed at advocating for anti-stigmatizing, anti-discriminating, and evidence-based approaches to HIV and Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) epidemics at national, regional and global levels;
- 8.4 *Calls upon* Member States to further harmonize national laws governing HIV and drug use, in accordance with relevant national circumstances both from a public health and a human rights perspective;
- 8.5 *Requests* the UNAIDS Secretariat and the Cosponsors, in particular UNODC, to support national authorities to align policies, clarify roles and responsibilities of various national entities - including drug control, the penitentiary system, public health and civil society - and support increased capacity and resources for provision of a comprehensive package of services for injecting drug users including harm reduction programmes in relation to HIV as enumerated in the UNAIDS/UNODC/WHO *“Technical Guide for countries to set targets for Universal Access to HIV prevention, treatment and care for injecting drug users”*;
- 8.6 *Calls upon* UNAIDS, Member States and civil society organizations, in addition to specific interventions that target injecting drug users, to develop and implement guidance and programme models to respond to the needs of other sub-groups of drug users, including female drug users, drug users who also exchange sex for money or drugs, drug users who end up in prison settings, underage and young drug users, migrant drug users, drug users amongst refugees and other displaced populations, stimulant and poly-drug users and men who have sex with men who use drugs, spouses and partners of people who use drugs, as well as interventions that target broader health needs of people who use drugs;
- 8.7 *Calls upon* Member States, civil society organizations and UNAIDS to increase attention to certain groups of non-injecting drug users, especially those who use crack cocaine and amphetamine type stimulants, and those who abuse alcohol, and their link to increased risk of contracting HIV through high-risk sexual practices, as well as to responses to emerging epidemics of injecting drug use in many African countries;
- 8.8 *Recognizing that* existing data on HIV and drug use are far from adequate in both quality and quantity, *requests* UNAIDS to support greater investment in data collection required to inform the development of HIV prevention, treatment, care and support initiatives, resource allocation and comprehensive service delivery, including a system of regular and rapid assessments of the risk potential for new epidemics where anecdotal evidence indicates an emerging problem, and *calls upon* Member States to ensure accurate estimates are made of the size of IDU populations, while taking into consideration the shifting patterns of injection;
- 8.9 *Encourages* governments to reaffirm commitment to, and intensify harm reduction efforts in relation to HIV as enumerated in the UNAIDS/UNODC/WHO *“Technical*

Guide for countries to set targets for Universal Access to HIV prevention, treatment and care for injecting drug users”; including needle and syringe programmes and opioid substitution programmes, essential for reaching universal access to comprehensive HIV prevention, care, treatment and support for people who use drugs in accordance with relevant national circumstances;

- 8.10 *Requests* the UNAIDS Secretariat and WHO to support countries in the implementation and improved surveillance of hepatitis B and C including co-infection with HIV in all countries, and to develop the necessary guidelines for Member States to elaborate policies, strategies and other tools to prevent and control hepatitis co-infection in people living with HIV;
- 8.11 *Recognizing* that stimulant drug use is a rapidly growing health problem, *requests* UNAIDS to strengthen its work on HIV and stimulant drugs;

Agenda item 4: Cooperation with the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and the PCB: Support mechanisms for African States

- 9.1 *Welcomes* the effort and pilot initiative to strengthen the meaningful participation of African States in the Programme Coordinating Board and, to the extent possible the Board of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, including the establishment of an independent communications focal point, and *notes* the need for indicators to measure the successful implementation of these initiatives before consideration of extension to other regions;
- 9.2 *Recognizing* that the Global Fund has its own process under way on this issue, requests the UNAIDS Secretariat to hold further discussions with the Global Fund to seek coherent approaches and possible cost savings and cost sharing;
- 9.3 *Requests* UNAIDS, when piloting this in the African region, to seek ways of facilitating regional consultation meetings and to the extent possible rationalizing such meetings with ongoing health related meetings with a view to mitigating costs;
- 9.4 *Recognizes* the necessity of language diversity and of providing Board related documents in languages other than English, particularly French in full respect of established UN procedures, and possibly in other languages dependent on logistical and financial feasibility;
- 9.5 *Reaffirms* that national and regional level processes in relation to this proposal - and broadly to the development of national policy positions in relation to HIV/AIDS - continue to uphold the core principle of the effective and meaningful participation of civil society;

Agenda item 5: UNAIDS participation in “One UN” Country Pilots

- 10.1 *Calls upon* the Executive Heads of Cosponsoring Agencies to reaffirm their commitment to UN Reform and make all efforts to put actions in place to achieve these objectives;
- 10.2 *Requests* the UNAIDS Secretariat and Cosponsors to strengthen their individual and collective capacity for effective involvement in, and contribution to, the

Delivering as One agenda, and to prioritize processes that give a clearer and stronger strategic focus for the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS;

- 10.3 *Requests* UNAIDS to ensure that Unified Budget and Workplan resources support the AIDS component of the One Programme in the Delivering as One pilot countries;
- 10.4 *Requests* UNAIDS to apply lessons learned in the Delivering As One in all countries where it has a presence;
- 10.5 *Requests* the UNAIDS Secretariat to continue to assess the performance of Joint Teams on AIDS in all countries, and examine the outcomes and impact of UNAIDS participation in the Delivering As One for application in all countries where it has a presence;
- 10.6 *Requests* UNAIDS to document transaction costs relating to the AIDS component of Delivering As One in pilot countries;
- 10.7 *Calls upon* donors and partners to adhere to their commitments to the Three Ones and the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, IHP+ and the Accra Agenda for Action;

Agenda item 6: Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS

- 11.1 *Takes note* of the progress report from the Chair of the Oversight Committee for the Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS;
- 11.2 *Recognizing* the need to stream-line the working methods of the Programme Coordinating Board in line with existing resolutions establishing the Joint Programme as well as implementing decisions by the Programme Coordinating Board, and respecting the role and responsibility of the Executive Director, *decides* to establish a working group *ad interim* to review the working methods of the Programme Coordinating Board and prepare proposals for the 25th Board meeting taking into consideration the conclusions and recommendations of the Second Independent Evaluation. The group shall be established by the PCB Bureau aiming at the following composition: two Member State representatives per region; and two NGO representatives;

Agenda item 7: Gender-sensitivity of AIDS responses

- 12.1 *Welcomes* the promulgation of the “UNAIDS Action Framework: Universal Access for Men who have Sex with Men and Transgender People”, and the follow-up action that is already underway, and *urges* UNAIDS and other partners to support further action, particularly on decriminalization as part of the agreed Unified Budget and Workplan priorities, and also in other areas of policy and practice both inside and beyond the health sector;
- 12.2 *Takes note* with appreciation of the update on progress by UNAIDS in assisting countries to accelerate action on women, girls and gender equality within the context of AIDS, including the establishment of an inter-agency strategy (UNAIDS Action Framework) to address HIV and women and girls in line with the strategy undertaken with lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender;

- 12.3 *Recognizes* the need to further strengthen the framework on women, girls and gender equality by creating enabling environments for upholding women's human rights and addressing the needs of women living with HIV, including by providing a strong focus on comprehensive prevention approaches to HIV, Sexual and Reproductive Health, and Violence against Women, and through resource allocation and capacity building of women's organizations and networks of women living with HIV;
- 12.4 *Recognizing* the need to urgently move to implementation of the UNAIDS Action Framework as a tool for accelerated UN action, and the need to garner the necessary support for the document from the Programme Coordinating Board, requests the Executive Director of UNAIDS to, appoint an advisory working group, made up of experts on women and HIV, with representation of women's organizations and women living with HIV, to work with the Executive Director in developing, implementing, and monitoring an operational plan and *further requests* UNAIDS to begin operationalization of the document by October 2009, incorporating feedback from the two technical dialogues held on 20 and 29 May respectively, and from the UNAIDS Human Rights Reference Group and the Inter-Agency Expert Group on Women and Girls. Such operationalization being undertaken without prejudice to the outcomes of the Second Independent Evaluation as they relate to the gender dimensions of the UN response to the AIDS epidemic;
- 12.5 *Further requests* UNAIDS to provide a comprehensive progress report to the 27th Programme Coordinating Board on UNAIDS activities in relation to the gender dimensions of the AIDS response, including a review of the Action Framework;
- 12.6 *Recalling* decision 12.1 from the 20th Programme Coordinating Board *urges* Governments, donors and UNAIDS to significantly expand efforts to address inequality and inequity between men and women, gender based violence including sexual and physical abuse of women, men, girls and boys, and harmful gender-based practices and social and cultural norms as major drivers of the HIV epidemic, including through increased and better coordinated funding to national programs and civil society partners;
- 12.7 *Further urges* UNAIDS and other partners to support actions on laws and policies that promote gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and reduce vulnerability of women and girls to HIV including those that prevent and eliminate violence against women, prevent child marriage, give women equal rights to property and inheritance, and that decriminalize and/or regulate sex work;
- 12.8 Taking into consideration the initial stages of implementation, *requests* UNAIDS to report back on the progress of implementation by the 26th Programme Coordinating Board meeting and an assessment of this at the 27th Programme Coordinating Board to include the recommendations from the Second Independent Evaluation;

Agenda item 8: Statement by the representative of the UNAIDS Secretariat Staff Association

13. *Takes note* of the statement by the representative of the UNAIDS Secretariat Staff Association;

Agenda item 9: Next Programme Coordinating Board meetings

- 14.1 *Approves* the themes for the 26th and 27th meetings of the Programme Coordinating Board as “*Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services with HIV/AIDS interventions in practice*”, and “*Food and nutrition security and HIV: how to ensure food and nutrition security are integral parts of HIV programming*”, respectively;
- 14.2 *Requests* the Programme Coordinating Board Bureau to initiate a process for the identification of themes for the 28th and 29th Programme Coordinating Board meetings;
- 14.3 *Agrees* the dates for the next Programme Coordinating Board meetings as:
- 26th meeting – 22-24 June 2010
 - 27th meeting – 7-9 December 2010
 - 28th meeting – 21-23 June 2011

[End of document]