

**18th Meeting of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board
Geneva, Switzerland
27–28 June 2006**

DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

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

1. The Programme Coordinating Board adopted the provisional agenda.

Agenda item 1.2: Election of Officers

2. Sweden was elected as Chair, Thailand as Vice-Chair and Australia as Rapporteur of the 18th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board.

Agenda item 1.3: Consideration of the reports of the seventeenth meeting

3. The Programme Coordinating Board adopted the report of the 17th meeting.

Agenda item 1.4: Report of the Executive Director

4. Taking note of the major trends in the epidemic and its impact, as well as the key initiatives and achievements of UNAIDS over the last year, as summarized in the Report of the Executive Director, the Programme Coordinating Board:

4.1. Recognizes that there has been substantial progress in many countries towards the milestones in the 2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, but that many countries have failed to fulfil the pledges specified in the 2001 Declaration;

4.2. Recognizes that the exceptional nature of the epidemic requires an emergency response as well as a more strategic, forward-looking, long-term and sustainable response that includes exceptional measures and interventions that are mainstreamed into broader development efforts;

4.3. Recognizes that the “Three Ones” principles, the recommendations of the Global Task Team on Improving AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions and International Donors and ongoing country-driven processes for scaling up towards universal access provide a comprehensive framework to guide alignment of the global AIDS response with national ownership and priorities and to significantly strengthen delivery of services at country level; and

4.4. Endorses the Directions for the Future at the conclusion of the Report of the Executive Director as a guideline for stronger UNAIDS support for the translation of financial and political commitments on AIDS into effective and sustainable action in countries.

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

5. Taking note of the joint and synergistic actions of UNAIDS Cosponsors and the Secretariat summarized in the Report of the Chairperson of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations, the Programme Coordinating Board:
 - 5.1. Recognizes that the implementation of the Global Task Team recommendations and an increase in technical support provided by UNAIDS are important elements of efforts to scale up towards the goal of universal access;
 - 5.2. Encourages bilateral agencies and other actors to actively work with multilateral institutions in the implementation of the Global Task Team recommendations; and
 - 5.3. Recognizes the need for sustainable financing and interventions responding to the needs of vulnerable groups as countries scale up towards the goal of universal access to comprehensive prevention programmes, treatment, care and support by 2010.

Agenda item 1.6: Report by the Nongovernmental Representative

6. The Programme Coordinating Board takes note of the report by the PCB nongovernmental representatives.

Agenda item 2: Outcomes of the High Level Meeting 2006 - moving the global response forward

7. Taking note of UNAIDS efforts to promote the goal of universal access to comprehensive AIDS programmes and to support countries' efforts to achieve this goal, including the support provided to the 31 May –1 June 2006 UN General Assembly Comprehensive Review and the 2 June 2006 High Level Meeting on AIDS, and the country-driven processes to identify common obstacles to scaling up, the Programme Coordinating Board:
 - 7.1. Welcomes the reported progress on UNAIDS' efforts to intensify HIV prevention, and encourages UNAIDS to continue efforts for a renewed emphasis on HIV prevention in national AIDS responses, in line with the UNAIDS policy position paper: *Intensifying HIV prevention*;
 - 7.2. Welcomes the new commitments by UN Member States in the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS, made at the High Level Meeting on AIDS, as well as the reaffirmation of the commitment to fully implement the 2001 UN Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, and recognizes the renewed commitment by African governments and regional institutions to scale up their own HIV/AIDS responses;
 - 7.3. Requests UNAIDS to strengthen its assistance to national AIDS programmes' coordination of the national response, as elaborated in the "Three Ones" principles, including the development of a scorecard-style accountability tool and support to national assessments of partner alignment, in line with recommendations of the Global Task Team;
 - 7.4. Reaffirms the coordinating role of the UNAIDS Secretariat and the Cosponsors in the process of supporting countries to scale up comprehensive prevention programmes, treatment, care and support, as has been reconfirmed by the UN General Assembly Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS;

7.5. Requests UNAIDS, in consultation with Programme Coordinating Board members, to elaborate options for strengthening global coordination on AIDS, including through the thematic meetings of the Programme Coordinating Board, and to report to the December 2006 thematic meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board;

7.6. Requests UNAIDS to build on and support national efforts to set in 2006, through inclusive, transparent processes, ambitious national targets on HIV prevention, treatment, care and support—including interim targets for 2008—in accordance with the core indicators recommended by UNAIDS, that reflect the commitment of the 2006 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS and the urgent need to scale up significantly towards the goal of universal access to comprehensive prevention programmes, treatment, care and support by 2010, building on the recommendations contained in the Secretary-General's note A/60/737, which reflects the results of the country-driven processes, facilitated by UNAIDS, to identify common obstacles to scaling up;

7.7. Further requests UNAIDS to assist national and regional efforts to monitor and report on efforts to achieve national targets, as called for in the 2006 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS;

7.8. Requests UNAIDS to strengthen further its engagement with civil society—including networks of people living with HIV—to facilitate full, active and meaningful civil society participation in target-setting and monitoring and reporting on progress over the next five years, and to intensify social mobilization for the broadening of national AIDS responses to ensure they reach the community level, as well as protect and promote all human rights and fundamental freedoms of people living with HIV, children and members of key affected groups and populations, including women and girls, youth, men who have sex with men, injecting and other drug users, sex workers, people living in poverty, prisoners, migrant labourers, people in conflict and post-conflict situations, and refugees and internally displaced persons;

7.9. Requests UNAIDS to work with national governments, international donors, the Global Fund and other stakeholders to facilitate the building of costed national plans, to improve its methodology for global resource needs estimates, and to meet global financial resource needs—estimated by UNAIDS to reach US\$ 20-23 billion annually by 2010—by mobilizing new and additional resources from donor countries and from national budgets and other national sources, as well as strengthening existing financial mechanisms and continuing development of innovative sources of additional funds;

7.10. Requests UNAIDS, in partnership with national governments, to conduct a gender assessment of three to five national AIDS plans and in addition submit to the Programme Coordinating Board, at its 2007 meeting, technical and policy guidelines to address gender issues in a practical way for use by governments, national AIDS programmes, donors, international agencies, the UN system and nongovernmental organizations in response to the increased feminization of the epidemic;

7.11. Requests UNAIDS to cooperate as appropriate with initiatives based on innovative financing mechanisms, including the International Drug Purchase Facility/UNITAID, that aim to contribute to universal access on a sustainable and predictable basis;

7.12. Commits to promote, at the international, regional, national and local levels access to HIV and AIDS education, information, voluntary counseling and testing and related

services, including access to comprehensive prevention programmes, treatment, care and support, with full protection of confidentiality and informed consent, and to promote a social and legal environment that is supportive of and safe for voluntary disclosure of HIV status; takes note of the idea for an international HIV testing day as a way to promote greater access to voluntary HIV counseling and testing, organized with the participation of civil society, especially networks of people living with HIV, and requests UNAIDS to analyze the potential impact of and implementation issues relating to an international testing day, no later than December 2006;

7.13. Requests UNAIDS to develop for review by the Programme Coordinating Board at its December 2006 thematic meeting a 2007-2010 framework for the Joint Programme's support to countries' efforts to implement fully the 2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the 2006 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS, taking into account the recommendations made by UNAIDS in its assessment on scaling up HIV prevention, treatment, care and support;

7.14. Requests the UNAIDS Secretariat, in developing the framework referred to in decision 7.13, to identify all tasks requiring UNAIDS action originating from the Programme Coordinating Board and to present to the 19th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board recommendations, as appropriate, for the retirement and/or consolidation of tasks;

7.15. Requests UNAIDS, within its mandate and in cooperation with the World Trade Organization, to include in the framework referred to in decision 7.13 proposals on how to help enable developing countries to employ the flexibilities outlined in the World Trade Organization's Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and to strengthen their capacities for this purpose;

Agenda item 3: Effectiveness of multilateral action on AIDS

8. Taking note of the progress on applying the "Three Ones" principles at country level, the actions of the multilateral partners in implementing the recommendations of the Global Task Team, and reaffirming the role of the UNAIDS Secretariat in coordinating the international support to the national AIDS response to ensure most effective and rapid progress towards universal access, the Programme Coordinating Board:

8.1. Urges all partners to fully respect their commitments to the "Three Ones" and the Global Task Team recommendations;

8.2. Urges all partners to ensure that the provision of technical and financial support to national AIDS responses is fully harmonized and aligned in accordance with the "Three Ones" principles, and the 2003 Rome and 2005 Paris Declarations on Aid Effectiveness;

8.3. Urges UNAIDS and partners to support the finalization and piloting of guidelines and to provide resources to support civil society involvement in the implementation of the "Three Ones" and to ensure strengthened national AIDS responses through more inclusive and coordinated stakeholder action;

8.4. Requests UNAIDS Cosponsors and the Secretariat, and invites the Global Fund and other development partners, to accelerate implementation of the Global Task Team recommendations as a concrete response to the UN Secretary-General's call for greater UN system-wide coherence, and to pay particular attention to the "second One"—the national coordinating authority. The national coordinating authority should, with guidance from

UNAIDS, take the lead on reducing duplication between Country Coordinating Mechanisms and national coordinating authorities, in order to retain the best features of both (particularly the inclusive nature of Country Coordinating Mechanisms), and to consider eventual mergers where appropriate;

8.5. Requests the members of the Programme Coordinating Board and UNAIDS to support discussion at the relevant boards (World Bank and the Global Fund) on the findings in the Shakow report on “Global Fund – World Bank HIV/AIDS Programmes”;

8.6. Calls upon UN Resident Coordinators, in accordance with the 12 December 2005 letter of the UN Secretary-General, to establish rapidly in their respective countries a Joint UN Team on AIDS with one Joint UN HIV/AIDS Programme of Support and one consolidated budget for AIDS, in line with the decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board at its 17th meeting, and to do so in line with wider efforts on coherence of the UN development system at country level;

8.7. Endorses the UNAIDS Technical Support Division of Labour, its adaptation to national realities and its implementation by UN Country Teams and Joint UN Teams on AIDS, as a basis for providing UN technical support to the national AIDS response; encourages UNAIDS Cosponsors to resolve any remaining areas of overlap in light of experience at the country level in implementing the Division of Labour; and further recommends an independent assessment of Global Task Team implementation at country level to report to the December 2006 meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board;

8.8. Endorses the complementary approaches to increasing UNAIDS technical support to national AIDS programmes—as elaborated in the paper for agenda item 3—including through the mobilization by UNAIDS of an additional US\$ 40 million for the biennium 2006–2007 as an interagency component of the Unified Budget and Workplan, specifically dedicated to the provision of technical support to countries, and through expanded use of the Programme Acceleration Fund mechanism, and recommends that UNAIDS reports on the deployment of these resources at the global, regional and country level, providing a breakdown of allocations to technical support providers and beneficiaries;

8.9. Recommends that UNAIDS Cosponsors, the UNAIDS Secretariat and the Global Fund work closely to strengthen links among Technical Support Facilities, technical support mechanisms of the Cosponsors, the Global Joint Problem Solving Team—including related mechanisms at country level—and the Global Fund Early Alert and Response system to ensure the rapid provision of technical support to unblock implementation obstacles;

8.10. Recommends that partners participating in the Global Joint Problem Solving Team support its Chair and the UNAIDS Secretariat in its effective and efficient operation;

8.11. Further recommends the involvement of other development partners, such as bilaterals and NGOs, where necessary, in the Global Joint Problem Solving Team; and

8.12. Encourages UNAIDS to ensure the participation of civil society in the piloting of the Country Harmonization Assessment Tool in several countries, and requests UNAIDS to present the results of these pilots for consideration at the December 2006 thematic meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board.

Agenda item 4: Unified Budget and Workplan (UBW): funding UNAIDS' role in the multilateral response

9. The Programme Coordinating Board:

9.1. Endorses the 2006-2007 Unified Budget and Workplan Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Framework to strengthen results-based management of the Joint Programme—including its scope, approaches and mechanisms—and looks forward to receiving reports developed in the context of the Framework;

9.2. Approves the revision of the Key Results of the UNAIDS Cosponsors and the Secretariat in the 2006-2007 Unified Budget and Workplan and the planned reprogramming of resources within the approved budget, in order to take into account the recommendations of the Global Task Team and other recent initiatives;

9.3. Approves the proposed amendment of the 2006-2007 Unified Budget and Workplan to include a new supplemental budget line in the interagency part in the amount of US\$40 million specifically dedicated to the provision of technical support to countries; and

9.4. Endorses the proposal for the development of the 2008-2009 Unified Budget and Workplan, and looks forward to consideration of the transition plan for the Unified Budget and Workplan at its 19th meeting in December 2006, which should take into account the implications of the 2006 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS.

Agenda item 5: Governance of UNAIDS: review of the functioning of the PCB Bureau

10. The Programme Coordinating Board:

10.1. Endorses the continued functioning of the Programme Coordinating Board Bureau, with no changes to its role, functions or membership; and

10.2. Requests the Bureau to further enhance its visibility and transparency by preparing an annual workplan and making it available to PCB Members and Observer States; and making available to PCB Members and Observer States the outcomes of its meetings.

Agenda item 6.1: Financial reports

11. Noting with satisfaction the financial report and audited financial statements for the financial period 1 January 2004–31 December 2005 and the report of the external auditor, and taking note of the interim financial management information for the 2006–2007 biennium and the financial update as at 30 April 2006, the Programme Coordinating Board:

11.1. Notes the opinions of the External Auditors that the financial statements included in the Financial Report for the 2004-2005 biennium accurately reflect UNAIDS accounts and the results of its operations and are consistent with Financial Regulations and Legislative Authority;

11.2. Approves the Executive Director's proposal to utilize US\$ 20 million of the 2004–2005 carried-over funds to cover the costs of additional investments in information technology and information gathering, and for strategic priority activities of the Global Joint

Problem Solving Team, UNAIDS Technical Support Facilities and UN system support to scaling up towards universal access; and

11.3. Encourages donor governments and others to make available their contributions towards the Unified Budget and Workplan for 2006-2007 as soon as possible, if they have not already done so.

Agenda item 6.2: Statement by the representative of the UNAIDS staff association

12. The Programme Coordinating Board:

12.1. Takes note of the statement by the UNAIDS staff association representative.

12.2. Requests the UNAIDS Secretariat to share with the Board the results of the Geneva and field staff survey conducted by the UNAIDS Secretariat as well as a report on the follow-up of concerns raised by staff.

Agenda item 7: Next PCB meetings

13. The Programme Coordinating Board:

13.1. Decides that the 19th meeting of the PCB will take place on 7–8 December 2006 in Zambia; and

13.2. Further decides, in principle, that the 20th meeting of the PCB will be held on 26–27 June 2007 in Geneva, the 21st meeting will be held on 24–25 June 2008 in Geneva, the 22nd meeting will be held on 9–10 December 2008, location to be confirmed and the 23rd meeting will be held on 23–24 June 2009 in Geneva.

Agenda item 8: Any other business

No decisions expected.

Agenda item 9: Adoption of decisions, recommendations and conclusions

14. The Programme Coordinating Board adopts the decisions, recommendations and conclusions of the 18th UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meeting.
