



**26th Meeting of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board
Geneva, Switzerland
22-24 June 2010**

Decisions, Recommendations and Conclusions

The UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board traditionally recalls 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-fifth meeting

2. *Adopts* the report of the 25th meeting of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board;

Agenda item 1.3: Outcome(s) of the thematic segment

3. *Takes note* of the outcomes of the thematic segment on "*Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services with HIV/AIDS interventions in practice*" 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; and *requests* that the issue of *Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV Interventions* be discussed at the 27th Programme Coordinating Board meeting in December 2010 as an agenda item;

Agenda item 1.4: Report of the Executive Director

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

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

5. *Takes note* with appreciation of the report of the Chair of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations;

Agenda item 1.6: Report by the NGO representative

6. *Recognizing* that the decisions in the report of the NGO representative will be considered under the agenda item on ensuring non-discrimination in responses to HIV *takes note* with appreciation of the report of the NGO representative;

Agenda item 2: Ensuring non-discrimination in responses to HIV

- 7.1 *Reaffirms* its commitment to the elimination of HIV-related stigma and discrimination and reducing gender inequality as called for in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (2001) and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS (2006), and to ensure that reducing stigma and discrimination becomes one of the main priorities in the 2011 High Level Meeting to review progress to date and determine a clear, costed way forward to fulfilling outstanding commitments;
- 7.2 *Calls upon* Member States, with the support of UNAIDS, to remove punitive laws, policies and practices, that block access to HIV services, effective responses to HIV and progress towards the Millennium Development Goals, in order to create an enabling environment;
- 7.3 *Calls upon* Member States to implement and expand programmes to reduce stigma and discrimination, within a comprehensive package of programmes to increase access to justice, at sufficient scale to improve the lives of those at risk of infection and people living with HIV;
- 7.4 *Requests* UNAIDS to work with national governments, donors and civil society to address the low coverage of programmes to reduce stigma and discrimination and increase access to justice in national AIDS responses, and develop guidance on the planning, costing, implementing, monitoring, evaluation and expansion of such programmes. This includes supporting more evaluations of stigma and discrimination reduction programmes, and using evidence and results to inform design, implementation and scale up of programmes and allocate resources;
- 7.5 *Requests* UNAIDS, together with Member States, to engage with ministries of health, professional health care associations and civil society to intensify efforts to implement workplace programmes for health workers with a focus on counteracting stigma, and train health care workers on all aspects of HIV, including non-discrimination, informed consent, confidentiality, duty to treat, sexuality, and specific needs of key populations so as to ensure that staff within health care settings provide care to all populations in a manner that is non-discriminatory and protective of their human rights;

- 7.6 *Requests* UNAIDS, together with Member States and other partners, to intensify its assistance to networks of people living with HIV and key populations at risk to measure HIV-related stigma and discrimination and to mobilize comprehensive responses to reduce it, including increased support to the implementation of the PLHIV Stigma Index. UNAIDS should work with partners to ensure that stigma measurement tools are consolidated, strengthened, and resourced and build the capacity of governments and civil society to use these tools;
- 7.7 *Requests* UNAIDS to work with partners to improve indicators for measuring progress at global, national and at programmatic level to reduce HIV-related stigma and discrimination, including indicators specific to key populations and the National Composite Policy Index. These indicators should be used to provide a baseline, progress and analysis of how we are progressing toward universal access generally, and how we are addressing stigma and discrimination, especially amongst key affected populations specifically;
- 7.8 *Requests* Member States, with support from UNAIDS, to increase the direct participation of people living with HIV and consider ways to involve key populations, as articulated in the *Joint Action for Results: UNAIDS Outcome Framework 2009-2011*, in HIV programmes and data collection;

Agenda item 3: Financial and Implementation Reports for 2008-2009 and Update on the 2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan

- 8.1 *Accepts* the financial report and audited financial statements for the financial period 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2009, and the report of the external auditor;
- 8.2 *Takes note* of the interim financial management update for the 2010-2011 biennium for the period 1 January 2010 to 31 March 2010;
- 8.3 *Encourages* donor governments and others to release their contributions towards the 2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan as soon as possible;
- 8.4 *Takes note* of UNAIDS need for working capital to ensure the continuous and smooth operations and implementation of the Unified Budget and Workplan;
- 8.5 *Acknowledges* ongoing efforts to monitor the working capital to ensure it is maintained at an appropriate level;
- 8.6 *Approves* a maximum level for UNAIDS working capital equivalent to 35 per cent of UNAIDS biennial budget. The introduction of such a maximum level of working capital should be in compliance with possible formal requirements in bilateral donor agreements regarding the management of fund balances. The level and practice should be closely monitored and revised as necessary, as part of regular financial reporting;

Agenda item 4.1: Progress report on implementation (of the Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS)

9. *Takes note* of the progress report on implementation of the Second Independent Evaluation;

Agenda item 4.2: Report of the PCB Task Force on SIE follow-up related to all aspects of Governance

10.1 *Requests* the UNAIDS Executive Director, Programme Coordinating Board, and all UNAIDS Cosponsor Heads of Agency to revitalise the role of the CCO, with two regular formal CCO meetings per annum, supported by:

- Revision of the CCO modus operandi to reflect the de facto greater role for the global coordinators and to include decision 14.1 from the 15th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board that:” *14.1 decides that future proposals by UN-system organizations to join the Programme as Cosponsors should be reviewed by the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations and then submitted to the Programme Coordinating Board for its consideration and approval*”;
- Greater investment by the global coordinators and secretariat in preparing the CCO agenda and background briefing material to ensure that deliberations of the heads of agencies are focused on (i) key decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board that need to be discussed with the governing boards of cosponsor agencies and (ii) progress towards the implementation of the new strategy and lessons for division of labour at country level;
- Strengthening accountability within the individual cosponsors by revising the CCO MOU to state that the cosponsors will ensure that the relevant objectives and indicators agreed in UNAIDS global level results frameworks are incorporated in the corporate results framework, or equivalent, of each cosponsor. This work should be closely linked to the evolution and development of the Unified Budget and Workplan;
- Enhancement of the role of the CCO in agreeing benchmarks for performance and measuring progress against them;
- Building on the solid progress that has been made to ensure that HIV is part of the regular agenda for cosponsor agencies. The Programme Coordinating Board should work with the Executive Director and cosponsors to ensure, where possible, that these deliberations consistently include discussion of key Board decisions;
- Guidelines to be prepared by the PCB Bureau on the content of the annual written Report of the CCO to the Programme Coordinating Board which is to be provided in advance of the relevant Board meeting, based on the need for more strategic reporting;
- Attendance of the CCO Chair at Programme Coordinating Board meetings to deliver an oral report;

10.2 *Reiterates* its commitment to the results of the Global Task Team Assessment which were adopted by the PCB at its 20th meeting in June 2007, in particular that: bilateral partners should fulfil their global commitments to the Rome and Paris Declarations and Global Task Team processes, ensuring that global and country level funding and programming is consistent with these global commitments and supports implementation of the Global Task Team recommendations. Of particular relevance is the need to shift away from funding individual UN agencies and

individual programmes to funding Joint Programmes of Support that are consistent with national priorities and the UNAIDS division of labour, and to ensure coordination of technical support provision (Global Task Team recommendation 16);

- 10.3 *Recognizing* the need to support a strong Secretariat and avoid micro-management of the Joint Programme, and *taking* effective responsibility for governance of UNAIDS, *agrees* to refocus its work on ensuring:
- Cosponsor and Secretariat plans for provision of support at country level are based on epidemic priorities, whether generalized or concentrated, and the comparative advantages of the UN;
 - standardised country case studies are included as a regular item at Programme Coordinating Board meetings;
 - decisions of the Executive Director on the allocation of Unified Budget and Workplan money between the 11 organisations (ten cosponsors and Secretariat) are based on epidemic priorities and the comparative advantages of the UN;
 - future plans reflect the previous performance of the Secretariat and Cosponsors;
 - continuation of a standing invitation for all UN and related partners to attend the Programme Coordinating Board for relevant agenda items and the thematic session;
 - commitments made by the 11 organisations on building relevant UN capacity at country level are met and taken into account in considering future roles and funding allocations;
 - that the Secretariat does not assume roles that could be carried out by a Cosponsor; and
 - the efficiency and effectiveness of the Secretariat;
- 10.4 *Requests* the Executive Director to provide the Programme Coordinating Board with a forward looking written report in advance of each Board meeting (as distinct from the Annual Report);
- 10.5 *Take* effective responsibility for oversight of UNAIDS, by revising the working practices of the Programme Coordinating Board to improve the effectiveness of its meetings, issues and changes to include the following:
- a. Role of the PCB Chair: that the role of Chair as a neutral moderator be formalized in a revision to the PCB Modus Operandi as well as greater clarity on roles of Vice Chair and Rapporteur. The role of the Chair to include, inter alia, to encourage participation by Executive Heads in the Programme Coordinating Board, to continue and explore further the current practice of pre-Programme Coordinating Board meetings with PCB NGOs, and to initiate similar meetings with Cosponsors;
 - b. Capacity building and representation: provision, by the Secretariat, of greater support to delegations, especially African States (i.e. implementation of

decision 9.1 of the 24th PCB), and that the speaking protocol to remain as Programme Coordinating Board members/participants followed by observers;

- c. PCB decisions and decision-making: building on previous agreement decisions should include costing, source of funds, responsible body and timeline; and that clearer principles for decision-making should be identified;
- d. Length of PCB meetings: Board meetings to remain at three days with the replacement of the thematic segment at the meeting when the draft Unified Budget and Workplan for the following biennium is scheduled for consideration (one in every biennium) with an extended discussion on budgetary and finance matters;
- e. Drafting group: strong discouragement of group sessions being run in parallel with Programme Coordinating Board plenaries but retention of the option for parallel working in exceptional situations;
- f. Thematic segments: continuation of thematic segments, except in the Board meetings where the draft Unified Budget and Workplan is scheduled for consideration, which were highly valuable and important; shifting the thematic segment to the final day of Board meetings, thus allowing for more time to summarize and feed into discussions at the next meeting, possibly supplemented by documentation prepared by the Secretariat;
- g. Civil society participation in the PCB: recognition of the increased coordination and participation of the PCB NGOs in Board meetings; the need to ensure adequate representation of the Middle-East and North Africa and other sub-regions and constituencies within each geographical region; and that the PCB NGOs work to enhance sub-regional representation considering diversity within regions and limitations such as language barriers;
- h. PCB Bureau: strong emphasis on the crucial role of the PCB Bureau in Programme Coordinating Board agenda setting; agreement on the value and continuation of face-to-face meetings; continuation of the role of the Bureau in implementing decisions delegated to it by the Board e.g. the establishment of working groups, recognising that the effectiveness of the Bureau in delivering mandates from the Board is dependent on good (clear) decision making by the Board;
- i. Inter-sessional working methods: inter-sessional activities should remain exceptional, upon the mandate of the PCB, with a view to facilitating and expediting the PCB decision-making process; there is a need to ensure appropriate representation, possibly through an expanded ad hoc Bureau structure for decisions. However, as a general rule, decision making should rest with the Board;
- j. PCB subcommittee on the UBW: that the subcommittee continue with a revised terms of reference, including an assessment of budgetary allocations to different cosponsors; and to encourage appropriate and full representation with qualified, engaged and financially-competent participants who have a working knowledge of the UN and preferably UNAIDS, also that the

subcommittee would not be a permanent structure but will be convened when relevant to the preparation of the Unified Budget and Workplan;

- k. Consultation mechanisms: recognizing the scope for increased formal interactions between different constituencies (e.g. civil society being invited to attend Missions Briefings) a request to the Secretariat to provide more support to consultations for and between constituencies;
 - l. Field Visits: recognizing that lessons have been learned from the lack of participation in field visits when they have been scheduled with past Programme Coordinating Board meetings outside of Geneva and the positive feedback from the recent pilot visit to Viet Nam suggest that future field visits should have stronger linkages with issues to be discussed at upcoming Programme Coordinating Board meetings, and that any future linkages to Board meetings held outside Geneva would need to be discussed and agreed by the Board in advance;
- 10.6 *Requests* the PCB Task Force to complete its work, with the assistance of relevant external expertise, and provide recommendations on the principles and processes for draft decisions and decision making and the role of the PCB Bureau, to the Programme Coordinating Board at its 27th meeting;

Agenda item 4.3: Mission Statement

- 11.1 *Endorses* a new vision statement for UNAIDS of: “*Zero new HIV infections. Zero discrimination. Zero AIDS-related deaths*”;
- 11.2 *Endorses* a new UNAIDS new mission statement of: “*UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, is an innovative United Nations partnership that leads and inspires the world in achieving universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support.*”

UNAIDS fulfills its mission by:

Uniting the efforts of United Nations System, civil society, national governments, the private sector, global institutions and people living with and most affected by HIV;

Speaking out in solidarity with the people most affected by HIV in defense of human dignity, human rights and gender equality;

Mobilizing political, technical, scientific and financial resources and holding ourselves and others accountable for results;

Empowering agents of change with strategic information and evidence to influence and ensure that resources are targeted where they deliver the greatest impact and bring about a prevention revolution; and

Supporting inclusive country leadership for sustainable responses that are integral to and integrated with national health and development efforts”;

Agenda item 5: Reducing HIV transmission among men who have sex with men and transgender people

12. *Takes note* of the report on the progress made by UNAIDS since 2009 on the implementation of the *"UNAIDS Action Framework: Universal Access for Men who have Sex with Men and Transgender People"* and *calls upon* UNAIDS and all partners to intensify efforts to meet the health needs of men who have sex with men and transgender people in the context of HIV and to ensure non-discrimination, in particular to urgently address the key economic, legal, social and technical barriers, which impede effective HIV responses, and to enhance their direct participation in national, regional and global HIV policy and programming¹;

Agenda item 6: Gender-sensitivity of AIDS responses

- 13.1 *Takes note* of the UNAIDS report on gender-sensitivity of AIDS responses;
- 13.2 *Requests* UNAIDS to report on the policy and programmatic progress achieved in country as outlined by the three recommendations of the Operational Plan in its comprehensive report, as decided, to the 27th PCB

Agenda item 7: Statement by the representative of the UNAIDS Secretariat Staff Association

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

Agenda item 8: Next programme Coordinating Board meetings

- 15.1 *Requests* the PCB Bureau to conduct a new call for nominations of themes for the 30th meeting (June 2012) the results to be considered at the 28th meeting (June 2011), taking into consideration the suggested theme be *"The Role of combination prevention in achieving Universal Access"*.
- 15.2 *Agrees* that the theme for the 29th Programme Coordinating Board meeting will be *"HIV and Enabling Legal Environments"*;
- 15.3 *Requests* the PCB Bureau to take appropriate and timely steps to ensure that due process is followed in the call for themes for the 30th and 31st Programme Coordinating Boards, as necessary;
- 15.4 *Agrees* the following dates for the Programme Coordinating Board meetings:

27th meeting: 6-8 December 2010

29th meeting: 6-8 December 2011

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¹ The Islamic Republic of Iran disassociated itself from this decision point