

## Fact Sheet

### Review of NGO/Civil Society Participation in the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board

UNAIDS was the first United Nations programme to have formal civil society representation on its governing body. At present, the Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) allows for an NGO Delegation of 5 representatives and 5 alternates. The Delegates have formal terms of reference, can serve for up to three years and have non-voting status. (More information is available at: <http://www.unaids.org/en/AboutUNAIDS/Governance/default.asp> and [http://www.unaids.org/unaid\\_resources/images/UNGASS/20060306\\_PCB\\_NGOTORs.pdf](http://www.unaids.org/unaid_resources/images/UNGASS/20060306_PCB_NGOTORs.pdf)).

The tenth anniversary of UNAIDS presents a vital opportunity to appraise and strengthen NGO/civil society participation the PCB. A Review has been commissioned to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the existing system and identify concrete improvements for the future. The Review responds to the mandate of the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PCB and the request of the current NGO Delegation. It is being carried out by an independent consultant, under the guidance of a Working Group<sup>1</sup> with membership from civil society and UNAIDS.

The Review presents a unique and exciting opportunity to: build on ten years of experience and lessons, learn from other models of multi-sectoral governance and significantly strengthen the future participation of civil society/NGOs in UNAIDS.

The Review will focus on identifying **current strengths and weaknesses and future areas for improvement** in relation to areas such as:

- The official **structures, processes and roles** in relation to NGO/civil society participation in the UNAIDS PCB.
- The **composition, selection criteria and selection processes** for the NGO Delegation on the UNAIDS PCB.
- The systems for **communication, consultation and accountability** between the NGO Delegation on the UNAIDS PCB and broader civil society.
- The **capacity and resources** needed by and available for NGO/civil society participation in the UNAIDS PCB.
- The **greater involvement of people living with HIV (GIPA)** and other marginalized groups in NGO/civil society participation in the UNAIDS PCB.

The Review will involve four key methodologies

1. Literature review
2. 'Peer practice' review
3. International call for input issued to civil society via global networks.
4. Interviews with key informants, including representatives of NGO Delegations, broader civil society, UNAIDS, partner agencies, governments and donors.

The results of the Review will be available at the end of March 2007. They will be presented to the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PCB in June 2007.

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