
RENEWAL OF TERMS FOR THE INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Agenda item 10
UNAIDS 56th PCB



Background

Decision point from the 53rd PCB meeting in December 2023:

- 11.3 As per the terms of reference, requests the Executive Director, in consultation with the PCB Bureau, to initiate the process for selecting the new membership of the Independent External Oversight Advisory Committee for 2025–2026 and 2026–2027.

54th PCB meeting in June 2024:

- The Board approved the composition of the UNAIDS Independent External Oversight Advisory Committee for 2025–2026 as submitted by the PCB Bureau.

Terms of reference of the IEOAC

21. Members of the IEOAC are appointed to serve a term of two years. Terms are renewable for a second and final term of two years, which need not be consecutive. However, in the inaugural IEOAC, half of the Committee members will be asked to serve a single three-year term so as to allow for a staggered replacement of members at the time of renewal, thereby ensuring that all members do not complete their terms at the same time. Thereafter, all renewable terms will be for two years only.

Process and timeline

- The terms of four current IEOAC members are set to conclude in December 2025.
- To ensure continuity and effectiveness, and in line with the decision of the Board at the 53rd PCB meeting, the PCB Bureau initiated the selection process for new members in 2024, including identifying a search firm to facilitate the recruitment process.
- [Bureau meeting on 27 February 2025](#) – Secretariat informed that recruitment timeline had shifted due to financial constraints.

Process and timeline

- Bureau meeting on 23 May 2025 – Bureau endorsed the proposal to **delay the cost of a new search** to select new IEOAC members for the 2026-2027.
- Revision to IEOAC terms of reference to provide for three-year terms (instead of two-year terms) would be included in the annual report of the IEOAC for the Board's consideration and approval at the 56th PCB meeting.
- The Bureau agreed to submit this report on the exceptional renewal of terms for the four IEOAC members whose terms expire in December 2025.
- This approach would:
 - Have cost savings of around US \$60,000 for 2025.
 - Preserve institutional memory during a time of multiple concurrent and concluding processes.