24 November 2026

59th Virtual Meeting of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board
Geneva, Switzerland

8 – 11 December 2026

Draft Decisions

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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;

Intersessional Decisions:

Recalling that, it has decided through the intersessional procedure (see decisions in UNAIDS/PCB(58)/26.3:

- Agrees that the 58th PCB meeting will be held in-person with optional online participation in accordance with the modalities and rules of procedure set out in the paper, Modalities and Procedures for the 2026 PCB meetings;

- Agrees that the Special Session of the PCB foreseen in decision point 7.3 from the 57th PCB meeting will be held virtually in accordance with the modalities and rules of procedure set out in the paper, Modalities and Procedures for the 2026 PCB meetings;

- Agrees that the 59th PCB meeting will be held virtually in accordance with the modalities and rules of procedure set out in the paper, Modalities and Procedures for the 2026 PCB meetings, on 8-11 December 2026, superseding decision point 9.3 of the 53rd PCB meeting;

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 Special Session of the PCB

2. *Adopts* the report of the Special Session of the Programme Coordinating Board;

Agenda item 1.3: Report of the Executive Director

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

Agenda item 1.4: Report by the NGO representative

4.1 *Takes note* of the report by the NGO representative, including the six principles described therein, designed to ensure that community leadership, co-creation and co-leadership are safeguarded and strengthened within the governance of the HIV movement;

4.2 *Recalls* the Global AIDS Strategy 2026–2031, Results Area 8 (Priority 3: Community Leadership), and the decisions relating to the meaningful engagement of communities and civil society in the HIV response of the 56th and 57th meetings and the 2026 Special Session of the Programme Coordinating Board, especially decision points 4.2 and 4.5 of the 57th PCB, and 3.4 of the 2026 Special Session;

4.3 Recalling decision 3.1 of the Special Session on the approval of the overall strategic direction for the transition of UNAIDS set out in the final report of the PCB Working Group on the further transition and integration of UNAIDS into the UN System and beyond and looking forward to the implementation plan of the Transition Task Team, *requests* Member States to:

a. Continue to ensure that country-level HIV governance, coordination and transition arrangements institutionalize meaningful community and civil society participation and co-leadership in agenda-setting, policy and priority-setting, implementation and accountability;

b. Ensure and sustain the involvement of communities and civil society in country-level capacity and readiness assessments and in shaping the timing and arrangements for the transfer of functions, in line with national contexts and the principles of community leadership set out in the Global AIDS Strategy 2026–2031;

c. Ensure that the further transition and integration of UNAIDS into the UN system and beyond maintains meaningful involvement of communities and civil society in decision-making and governance, and ensures continuity of community-facing support and engagement currently delivered by the UNAIDS Hub, building on the lessons of existing mechanisms for civil society participation;

4.4 *Further requests* Member States to:

a. Support civil society organizations in the implementation process of the six principles including the scaling up action to address structural, legal, policy and regulatory barriers that restrict civic space or limit the meaningful participation of community-led organizations in accountability and governance, and ensure that

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country-level transition arrangements are supported by enabling legal and policy environments that protect human rights and gender equality and support community leadership, in line with the Global AIDS Strategy 2026–2031;

b. Recall decision 4.4.a of the 57th PCB, ensuring "predictable, sustainable, and direct financing for community led organizations engaged in the HIV response, including through institutionalized social contracting, dedicated domestic budget lines and funding mechanisms, including within UNAIDS", that further support the implementation of the six principles and community leadership, advocacy, community-led monitoring and accountability;

c. Based on the UNAIDS guiding principles, support civil society organizations in the implementation of the six principles by developing context-appropriate safety protocols for community participation in governance, community-led monitoring and grievance mechanisms;

4.5 *Requests* the Joint Programme, through the work of the Transition Task Team and beyond, and in support the implementation of the six principles, to:

a. plan for the additional administrative requirements that accommodate the operational needs of civil society and community-led organizations, taking into account proportionate institutional due diligence, for travel, interpretation, connectivity and technical support, to facilitate their meaningful participation in governance and decision-making, further to the outcome of the work of the Task Team regarding co-creation;

b. ensure designated community-led representation and engagement in regional and country-level Joint UN Teams and other relevant coordination arrangements; and provide sustained resources for community-led engagement, monitoring and accountability mechanisms;

c. include regular reporting on resources invested in community-led HIV responses in financial, performance and accountability frameworks, building on PCB decision 6.12 from the 56th PCB and the indicator to be included in the 2027 Work Plan and Budget, and provide the Board with updates on the methodology used to track these resources;

d. ensure that, in the context of the transition consultation, the NGO delegation and wider Civil Society Organizations are involved in respective consultation modalities at different levels, in partnership with community representatives, people living with, affected by and vulnerable to HIV, key[1] and other priority populations, and ensure that consultation outcomes inform transition decisions;

Agenda item 3: Follow-up to the thematic segment from the 58th Programme Coordinating Board meeting

5.1 *Takes notes* of the background note (UNAIDS/PCB (58)/26.19) and the summary report (UNAIDS/PCB (59)/26.24) of the Programme Coordinating Board thematic

[1] As defined in the Global AIDS Strategy 2021-2026. Key populations, or key populations at higher risk, are groups of people who are more likely to be exposed to HIV or to transmit it and whose engagement is critical to a successful HIV response. In all countries, key populations include people living with HIV. In most settings, men who have sex with men, transgender people, people who inject drugs and sex workers and their clients are at higher risk of exposure to HIV than other groups. However, each country should define the specific populations that are key to their epidemic and response based on the epidemiological and social context.

segment on “Beyond 2025: countering health inequities through sustaining the HIV response, human rights and harm reduction for people who use drugs”;

5.2 *Recognizes* the need to strengthen action to address the lack of significant progress in expanding harm reduction programmes that respect the dignity and rights of all persons, including people living with, at risk of or affected by HIV, and that are informed by comprehensive harm reduction interventions in line with national contexts;

5.3 Recalling decision point 5.2 of the 53rd meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board, *requests* Member States, in collaboration with community-led HIV organizations and other relevant HIV-related organizations, with the support of the Joint Programme, to:

a. Collect and use disaggregated data, including community-generated data, to understand gaps in services and support decision-making on planning of HIV services for people who use drugs and targeted investment in harm reduction;

b. Integrate harm reduction into national health systems and budgets, in ways that strengthen and sustain community leadership, including through social contracting;

c. Create enabling legal and policy environments for effective HIV responses among people who use drugs and to reduce stigma and discrimination, including by revising national laws and policies in line with international human rights law;

d. Advance and support legal and policy reforms that enable community-led organizations, including by people who use drugs, to register, operate and receive domestic and international funding for advocacy, service delivery and accountability, as essential steps towards sustainability in the HIV response;

Agenda item 4: Evaluation and management response

6.1 *Recalls* decision 9.4 of the 57th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board approving the UNAIDS 2026 Evaluation Plan, as well as decision point 9.8 of the 57th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board requesting the next annual report to be presented to the Programme Coordinating Board in December 2026;

6.2 *Takes note* of the 2026 annual evaluation report and the summary of the main findings from the evaluations undertaken in 2026;

6.3 *Takes note* of the management response to the 2026 annual report on evaluation;

6.4 *Approves* the 2027 Evaluation Plan (UNAIDS/PCB (59)/26.25) endorsed by the Expert Advisory Committee on evaluation;

6.5 *Recalls* decision point 9.3 of the 47th session of the Board on the importance of adequately resourcing and staffing the evaluation function in accordance with the evaluation policy approved by the PCB in its decision 6.6 of its 44th session, taking into account the financial situation of the organization;

6.6 Recalling decision 9.6 from the 57th PCB meeting and decision 8.6 from the 55th PCB meeting, in accordance with provision 73 of the evaluation policy, *looks forward* to receiving the UN Evaluation Group peer review final report in 2027;

6.7 *Looks forward* to the annual report on evaluation to be presented to the Programme

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Coordinating Board in December 2027;

Agenda item 5: Transition Task Team implementation plan

7.1 *To be added*;

Agenda item 6: Process for the selection of the next UNAIDS Joint Programme Executive Director

8.1 Recalling decision 3.5 of the Special Session of the Programme Coordinating Board of October 2026, *approves* the Terms of Reference of the Search Committee for the nomination of the next UNAIDS Joint Programme Executive Director (UNAIDS/PCB (59)/26.28);

Agenda item 7: Next PCB meetings

9.1 *Agrees* that the theme for the 60th and 61st PCB thematic segment will be:

a. *Sustaining an Inclusive and integrated HIV Response Amid Funding Transitions and Growing Threats to Human Rights and Civic Space* (June 2027)*;*

b. Integrating Chronic HIV Care with Non-Communicable Disease Management: A Holistic Approach to Long-Term Health and Well-Being (December 2027)*;*

9.2 *Requests* the PCB Bureau to take appropriate and timely steps to ensure that due process is followed in the call for themes for the 62nd and 63rd PCB meetings; and

9.3 *Approves* the dates and venue of the 64th and 65th PCB meetings in 2029 as follows:

a. *64th PCB meeting: 26–28 June 2029, in Geneva, Switzerland;*

b. *65th PCB meeting: 11–14 December 2029, fully virtual;*

Agenda item 8: Election of officers

10. *Elects* the Chair, the Vice-Chair and the Rapporteur for the period 1 January to 31 December 2027 and *approves* the composition of the PCB NGO Delegation.

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