

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 31 May 2010

Present: Monique Middelhoff (Netherlands); Yuji Otake (Japan); Rhon Reynolds (Representing PCB NGOs), Alanna Armitage and Elizabeth Benomar (UNFPA, representing Cosponsors) joined by phone.

UNAIDS Secretariat: Jan Beagle (DXD, MER), Els Klinkert (RSV), Yuki Takemoto (CRG)

Absent: Carmen Elena Castillo-Gallandat (El Salvador)

Meeting's agenda:

1. **Update on 26th PCB meeting, June 2010**
2. **Update on Thematic Segment, 26th PCB meeting**
3. **Draft Decisions, Recommendations and Conclusions, 26th PCB meeting**
4. **Any other business**

1. Update on 26th PCB meeting, June 2010

a. Documents:

- The Bureau was informed that most documents for the upcoming PCB meeting are now available on the UNAIDS website. Remaining documents include the two under consideration by the Bureau, two for the thematic segment and one conference room paper on broad activities and achievements in 2008-2009. The Chair underlined that the timely availability of PCB documents is essential for an adequate preparation.

b. "Next PCB meetings"

- The Bureau agreed the content of the document with the following changes to be made:
 - Simplify the options presented regarding the thematic session proposals for the ease of decision making by the Board.
 - Incorporate comments made by Bureau members on the draft description of the two proposed thematic sessions.
- The Secretariat mentioned that the EXD is highly committed to reducing meeting and travel costs and future selection of PCB venues as well as other aspects of PCB meetings will be carefully scrutinized accordingly. This will be brought to the PCB at a suitable moment.

c. Panel (respondents) to follow the presentation of the PCB NGO report and "Non-discrimination of responses to HIV"

- The Chair explained that since the two documents essentially address the same issue – stigma and discrimination – it was agreed that they will be presented and discussed together. Following the presentation of the two documents, a civil society representative will share his personal experience with stigma and discrimination and a Member State representative will share the country's experience working with the stigma index in particular.
- The Bureau was presented with the following three nominations for the civil society representative: Kenly Sikwese (Zambia); Paul Semugoma (Uganda); and Chivuli Riva Ukwimi (South Africa).
- Taking into consideration their relevant professional and personal experiences, it was agreed that Chivula Riva Ukwimi from South Africa would be asked to represent civil society.

- The Bureau will agree electronically when the nominations are confirmed for the Member State representative.

2. Update on Thematic Segment, 26th PCB meeting

The Secretariat provided an update on preparations for the thematic segment - *“Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services with HIV/AIDS interventions in practice.”*

- The concept note and background paper have been cleared by the core working group and are going through final clearance within the UNAIDS Secretariat before being made available through the website.
- Confirmed speakers for the opening session:
 - Ms Marijke Wijnroks - Representing the Netherlands, PCB Chair
 - Mr Michel Sidibe, Executive Director, UNAIDS
 - First Lady of Rwanda (TBC)
 - Ms Luisa Cabal, Director of the International Legal Program, Center for Reproductive Rights (The Centre works closely with governments and networks of people living with HIV - in Latin America and elsewhere-, SRH and human rights and access to justice).
 - Mr Ricky Swuanpyae, TOP, Myanmar (Service provider of SRH services for transgender, male and female sex workers), Community Organizer, Population Services International Myanmar, and Youth representative of Asia Pacific Network of Sex workers Myanmar.
- Preparations for the four breakout sessions and exhibitions are underway as was explained at the last Bureau meeting on 26 April.
- The reporting back to plenary at the end of the session will be done ‘interview style’ in order to make it more interactive.
- The Bureau suggested that one-page outlines of breakout sessions be prepared and distributed on the day of the thematic segment to facilitate participation in the respective sessions.

3. Draft “Decisions, Recommendations and Conclusions, 26th PCB meeting”

- The Bureau agreed the document with some observations:
 - The document is a compilation of draft decision points in the respective documents.
 - The exception is the set of draft decision points related to stigma and discrimination proposed jointly by PCB NGOs and the UNAIDS Secretariat – as was mentioned in their respective documents.
 - In both cases the Bureau is not in the position to propose substantive changes.
- The Bureau agreed to revise the title to read “Possible decision points coming from documents before the PCB” and the first sentence to read “The UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board traditionally recalls that:”

4. Any other business

- PCB NGOs asked for an update on two issues (below) and were encouraged to raise these questions during their scheduled teleconference with Michel Sidibé on 1 June.
 - a. What will be in the EXD report to the PCB
 - b. Follow up action to decision 5. at the 25th PCB meeting:

Agenda item 3: Impact of the global financial and economic crisis on the AIDS response

5. Welcomes the report and recommendations on the impact of the global financial and economic crisis on the AIDS response and calls on UNAIDS and its partners to

provide a comprehensive package of technical support to countries, paying particular attention to high burden countries, to contain and mitigate the negative impact of the current crisis on the HIV/AIDS response and to use its convening power to bring HIV/AIDS funders together, where possible coordinating with similar work underway at the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and other innovative financing mechanisms including UNITAID.

- The Chair mentioned that WHO is planning a lunch time briefing during the upcoming PCB to brief participants on the development of their new HIV policy.
- The Secretariat reminded Bureau members that all people planning to attend the PCB are encouraged to register as soon as possible.
- The next Bureau meeting will take place on Monday, 21 June at 13:00 (Geneva time) at the UNAIDS building (conference room 1).

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