

**NOTE FOR THE RECORD**  
**PCB Bureau Meeting, 1 February 2006**  
**UNAIDS**

**Participants**

- Mr. Pedro Saldanha (Chair), Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Brazil, representing PCB Chair
- Ms. Harriet Pedersen, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Sweden, representing PCB Vice-Chair
- Ms Sophia Kisting, ILO Global Coordinator on HIV/AIDS and the World of Work, representing Cosponsors
- Ms. Deborah Landey, Deputy Executive Director, UNAIDS
- Mr. Eamonn Murphy, Associate Director, Governance, Donor and UN System Relations, UNAIDS
- Ms. Andrea Miller, External Relations Officer, Governance, Donor and UN System Relations, UNAIDS

**1. Increase and improve involvement of Member States in the work of the PCB**

- Mr. Saldanha and Ms. Pedersen both felt that the reaction to the December lunch was extremely positive. It was agreed that another informal lunch would be arranged to reach out to other missions and those not available in December. It was also suggested that during this meeting countries could discuss possible agenda items for the June PCB, to encourage additional participation.
- Mr. Saldanha reported on his meeting with the members of GRULAC. GRULAC agreed to focus on UNAIDS as well as others when working on health-related issues. Mr Saldanha informed that El Salvador currently held the coordination.
- Ms. Kisting stated that she felt that greater efforts should be made to involve countries from Africa.
- Ms. Pedersen suggested that the UCCs based in member countries could raise awareness with PCB members, perhaps by using the agenda as a driving force to intensify interest.

**2. Preparations for 18<sup>th</sup> PCB meeting (Geneva, 27-28 June 2006)**

**Concept for 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> PCBs**

- Ms. Landey presented the proposed concept for the June and December PCB meetings. She suggested that the June meeting could look at where we are now and where we are going, from a global perspective, while December could be a “reality check” on country/regional progress in efforts to scale up the global response and multilateral reform issues.
- Ms. Landey suggested that the location of the December meeting be based on criteria, such as countries with high incidence levels and locations where UN teams are currently coming together in response to the epidemic. She suggested Malawi and Zambia as two options for the meetings, potentially highlighting their experiences as “best practices”.
- Following up on Ms. Landey’s comments, Mr. Murphy stated that part of the concept would be to cluster agenda items around specific themes in order to better focus the meetings.

- Mr. Murphy informed the group that PNG and other Pacific island countries had expressed interested in doing a case study for the December meeting on GTT.
- It was agreed that a draft of the June PCB agenda will be discussed at the next Bureau meeting in early March.

### **PCB Bureau Review and Report**

- Mr. Saldanha mentioned that the Bureau would be reviewed at the June PCB. He said that the Bureau would need to make the Bureau's report a consultative process, receiving input from member countries regarding the work done, next steps, representation, etc.
- Ms. Landey stated that the Secretariat could support the Bureau in this process, by preparing background documents.
- Mr. Saldanha suggested that the discussion on the Bureau could be included during the meeting with the Mission representatives.
- Mr. Murphy mentioned the possibility of creating an informal, written survey, for those who are less comfortable discussing this issue.

### **Officers for 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> PCBs**

- Based on the listing of previous Vice-Chairs and Chairs, there was a good deal of discussion around the possibility of choosing a Vice-chair from either Asia or Africa. It was mentioned that it would be difficult to choose, since the group did not know who would be selected as the next member from Asia region.
- Ms. Pedersen mentioned the possibility of choosing a country in Eastern Europe, since they have been under-represented.
- Mr. Saldanha stated that he felt that this might be an issue, since the Bureau would then have two countries from Europe holding office.
- The Bureau decided that it would further discuss this issue at the next meeting.

### **Other business**

- Mr. Murphy raised the need to change the dates of the December PCB meeting, currently scheduled for 12-13 December 2006. He stated that the current date conflicts with the high-level ASEAN meeting to be held from 11-14 December and, additionally, some member countries had requested that the meeting be earlier in December, so it would not conflict with the holiday season.
- Mr. Saldanha said that perhaps the issue could be flagged prior to the June PCB (where the formal decision is to be made), in order to determine how the member countries will view the change in date.
- Mr. Murphy suggested that it could be discussed during the Missions briefing.
- It was agreed by all Bureau members, that the next meeting would be held on 7 March 2006.