

UNAIDS PCB Bureau

MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: Thursday, 14 May 2013

PARTICIPANTS

Ms Aradhana Johri (India: chairing); Dr Rajesh Ranjan (India); Dr Timothy Poletti (Australia); Ms Fernande Mvila (Republic of Congo); Ms Jane Bruning and Mr Joel Nana (PCB NGO Delegation); Mr Chris Castle and Ms Ariana Stahmer (UNESCO: Representing UNAIDS Cosponsors).

UNAIDS Secretariat: Jan Beagle; Morten Ussing; Joel Rehnstrom, Samia Lounnas.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Update, Regular Segment at 32nd PCB meeting

The Bureau to receive brief updates on key items of the regular segment of the upcoming Board meeting including the AIDS response in the post-2015 Development Agenda, UBRAF, update on strategic human resources management issues and the follow-up to the thematic segment from 31st PCB on Non-Discrimination.

2. Process and timeline for the call of proposals of themes for the 34th and 35th PCB meetings (June and December 2014)

The Bureau will discuss and agree on the process and timeline for the call of proposals of themes for the 34th and 35th PCB meetings.

3. Any other business

Opening remarks from the PCB Bureau Chair

Ms Aradhana Johri, the PCB Bureau Chair, welcomed all the participants to the last Bureau meeting before the 32nd PCB meeting in June. She recalled that the summary from the previous meeting of the PCB Bureau (21 March) has been shared by the Secretariat with all PCB stakeholders. After adoption of the agenda, the Chair gave the floor to the Secretariat to present the agenda items for the 32nd PCB meeting.

1. Update, Regular Segment of the 32nd PCB meeting

Ms Jan Beagle, UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director, provided an update on status of preparations for the 32nd PCB meeting as follows:

- The draft annotated agenda of the 32nd PCB meeting has been posted on the PCB website on 25 March.
- The report from the 31st PCB meeting was posted on 24 April.
- The Note verbale and information note were posted 24 April on the UNAIDS website (English and French).
- Invitations to PCB constituencies were sent on 26 April.
- Ms Beagle indicated that most of the outstanding papers (CCO report, AIDS response in the Post-2015 Development agenda, UBRAF papers, update on strategic human resources management issues, Follow-up of thematic segment 31st PCB meeting: Non Discrimination) are in the process of finalization and will be posted very soon.
- She also informed that the pre-32 PCB Missions' briefing would take place on Monday 3 June 2013 from 14h30-16h30 in Kofi Annan Room, UNAIDS Geneva.

Additional updates on specific agenda items were provided as follows:

(1) Report by the Chair of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organisations (CCO report)

UNESCO provided an update as follows:

- The information from all cosponsors will be consolidated in the CCO report.
- The CCO report will be finalized in the coming weeks and sent to the Secretariat for posting.

(3) AIDS response in the Post-2015 Development Agenda

The Secretariat provided the following update:

- As requested by the PCB Bureau, the invitation to express interest in being part of the PCB working group was sent by the UNAIDS Secretariat to all PCB Members (all constituencies) on 25 March
- Names of participants received by 8 April.
- First draft annotated outline of the PCB paper with invitation for the first meeting of the working group was sent on 12 April.
- The first meeting of the PCB working group took place on 16 April (30 participants) inputs recorded in a Note for the Record posted on the PCB web page.
- Written comments were received before and after the call
- On 22 April, the Secretariat sent the 2nd draft of the annotated outline for the paper with inputs/comments from the meeting and those sent by email integrated.
- The first draft paper was sent to the working group participants on 1 May
- The second meeting of the working group was held on 8 May. The paper was discussed and members of the working group provided additional ideas and suggestions to finalize the paper.
- Paper will be finalized with all inputs integrated and it will be posted by the 25 May.

- The PCB Bureau thanked the Secretariat for the excellent work on the post-2015 paper.
- Some members requested to strengthen key issues in the paper including adding a reference to the 2011 High Level Political Declaration and the UNAIDS Strategy. In order to reflect the country context, it was also requested that the Secretariat considers not limiting the list of groups under key populations (Example: mobile population and other vulnerable groups depending on country contexts need to be reflected).
- All PCB Bureau members indicated that the concept of “end of AIDS” should be carefully defined and offer room for debate about it at the PCB.

(4) UBRAF 2012-2015

The Secretariat provided the following update:

- Performance Monitoring

- The Board will receive a report on progress in implementing UNAIDS Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework in 2012.
- It is the first performance monitoring report on the UBRAF. It draws on the data of the Joint Programme Monitoring System (JPMS), that reflects implementation at country level.
- The report presents UNAIDS contributions to the AIDS response and accountability. It also highlights areas where progress is lacking.
- The report will be supplemented by the 3 country case studies (Ghana, Malawi and Uganda).

- Financial reporting

- The Board will receive the financial report and audited financial statements for 2012 as well as a financial management update as at 31 March 2013, which includes the issue of mitigation of currency fluctuation risks, as requested by the Board at its 30th meeting in June.
- The report will include the unqualified audit opinion by the external auditors, and highlight a 99 per cent financial implementation rate against the 2012 share of the 2012-13 UBRAF and a financial situation remaining stable with over 90 per cent of the resource mobilization target for 2012 achieved.

- Budget for 2014-2015

- The Board will receive the proposed budget for the second biennium of UNAIDS 2012-2015 Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework. The budget of US\$ 485 million for 2014-15 represents the fourth consecutive biennial budget with zero growth. The budget also includes a core allocation for UN Women as a new cosponsor and an overall increase of some US\$ 10 million in the cosponsors' core allocation.
- The PCB Bureau thanked the Secretariat for the update on PCB papers under the UBRAF agenda item and welcomed the country case studies which will supplement the main papers.
- Some members of the Bureau raised issues including the alignment of UBRAF process with country level UN planning and instrument in particular the UNDAF and the Joint Programme of Support plan. Questions on the number and quality of indicators on civil society participation were also raised.

- The Secretariat provided clarifications on the issues raised by Bureau members and confirmed that all comments to improve the reporting on UBRAF are welcomed. Finally, the Secretariat confirmed that all efforts are being done to reinforce alignment and harmonization of the UBRAF processes.

(5) Update on strategic human resources management issues

The Secretariat provided the following update:

- The report will be the first annual update to the PCB on strategic human resources management issues.
- It will include background on human resources management in the Secretariat, information on recent developments, gender, and deployment of staff.

(6) Follow-up to the thematic segment from 31st PCB on Non- Discrimination

UNAIDS Secretariat provided the following brief update:

- The summary report is finalized and will be shortly posted on the PCB web page.
- The summary report from the 31st PCB thematic segment has been elaborated by the UNAIDS Secretariat in consultation with the UNAIDS PCB Bureau (cleared the summary)
- It is essentially a summary of the proceedings of the day.
- The first part summarizes the discussions on programmes to reduce HIV-related discrimination within the health care, education, employment, justice and community sectors. Second part briefly highlights the dialogue on expanding programmes to reduce HIV-related discrimination in national responses, including discourse on putting PLHIV at the centre of efforts to reduce discrimination and funding non-discrimination programmes.
- The report also summarizes main points expressed by the UNAIDS Executive Director, the keynote speaker (Rev. MacDonald Sembereka) and the concluding speaker (Jonathan Cohen, co-chair of Ref Group on HIV and Human Rights).

Conclusion of the PCB Bureau on Update, Regular Segment at 32nd PCB meeting:

The PCB Bureau thanked the Secretariat for the preparations of the 32nd PCB meeting and the Bureau Chair requested the Secretariat to post the PCB papers when finalized following the required timeline in the Modus Operandi (at least 4 weeks before the meeting).

2. Process and timeline for the call for proposals for themes for the 34th and 35th PCB meetings (June and December 2014)

- The Chair gave the floor to the Secretariat to present the timeline and process for the call for proposals for themes for the 34th and 35th PCB meetings as follows:
- At its 31st meeting in December 2012, the PCB decided: “9.2 Further agrees to request the Programme Coordinating Board Bureau to take appropriate and timely steps to ensure that due process is followed in the call for themes for the 34th and 35th Programme Coordinating Board meetings, as necessary”
- The Secretariat proposed to facilitate the process following the below timeline:

- **Friday 28 June 2013:** The Secretariat on behalf of the PCB Bureau will send communication to all PCB constituencies as agreed by the Board at its 20th and 21st meetings. It is suggested that a reminder is sent by 23 August 2013.
- **3 September 2013:** Deadline for PCB constituencies to submit proposals.
- **Monday 9 September 2013:** The Secretariat will consolidate all the proposals of themes received from PCB stakeholders.
- **11 September 2013 Bureau meeting:** PCB Bureau members will discuss and possibly agree on the themes to be selected and presented to the 33rd PCB meeting in December 2013.

Conclusion of the PCB Bureau on the process and timeline for the call of proposals of themes for the 34th and 35th PCB meetings

The PCB Bureau approved the proposed timeline and process for the call for proposals for themes for the 34th and 35th PCB meetings. The Bureau requested the Secretariat to send a reminder to all constituencies by 23 August and to attach a list of themes received to date, when sending the reminder on 23rd August.

1. Any other business

The two following additional agenda items were discussed under the AOB:

- Follow-up of thematic sessions
- Update on ECOSOC Resolution on the Joint Programme

UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director introduced the two items:

Follow-up of thematic sessions:

- The PCB Bureau received two e-mails (on 5 and 30 April) from the PCB NGO Delegation on the follow-up of thematic segments bringing up the following issues:
 - The PCB NGO Delegation reiterated that the summary report for the follow-up of thematic sessions in the future preferably be prepared by the PCB working group preparing the segment together with the UNAIDS Secretariat and the Bureau.
 - The PCB NGO Delegation reiterated that follow-up of thematic sessions of future PCB meetings should lead to decision points. While acknowledging that the inclusion of decision points for thematic sessions will be assessed by the PCB Bureau on a 'case by case' basis, the PCB NGO Delegation requested to have a discussion and sought clarification on the criteria to decide whether to have decisions or not.
 - The PCB NGO Delegation suggested that the topic of Non-Discrimination be considered as an agenda item for the 33rd PCB meeting in December 2013.

Conclusion of the PCB Bureau on the follow-up of thematic sessions

- Following a discussion, the PCB Bureau agreed on the following:

- As the PCB Bureau has representation of all PCB constituencies, it makes an appropriate forum for effective and representative oversight of the summary report.
- The Bureau requested the Secretariat to develop a proposal for criteria for decision making following thematic segments for consideration by the Bureau in September. Subsequently a conference room paper may be prepared for the PCB.
- Meanwhile the PCB Bureau will continue proceeding on a case by case basis.
- PCB Bureau agreed to consider the PCB NGO Delegation's request to include the topic of Non-Discrimination as an agenda item for the 33rd PCB meeting in December 2013 at its first meeting in the fall of 2013, when possible agenda items for the 33rd PCB meeting are considered.

Update on ECOSOC

Jan Beagle provided an update on the upcoming ECOSOC item in July 2013 and the resolution on the Joint Programme:

- ECOSOC will consider the Report of Executive Director on the Joint Programme in July;
- The report is expected to be circulated in June;
- Informals to negotiate the resolution will be led by the PCB Chair and Vice-Chair probably in the weeks of 8 and 15 July and the debate will take place on either 19 July (as currently scheduled) or in the week of 22 July;
- It is expected that the resolution would include references to how the Joint Programme contributes to the implementation of the recommendations of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) as well as contributions of the AIDS response and the Joint Programme to the Post 2015 agenda;
- It would be important to have recognition of the lessons to be learned from the AIDS response for broader development in light of the context of the Post-2015 agenda, and of the work of the Joint Programme as a model for UN coherence and an effective way for the system to tackle complex development challenges.

Conclusion of the PCB Bureau on ECOSOC meeting

The Bureau thanked the Secretariat for the updates and requested the Secretariat to share with the Bureau previous ECOSOC resolutions.

Closing of the meeting

The PCB Bureau agreed to have the next Bureau meeting on Wednesday 11 September from 9:00-11:00.