

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 20 August 2008

Present: David Hohman (USA), Allehone Mulugeta Abebe (Ethiopia), Stephanie Hochstetter Skinner-Klee (Guatemala), Sonja Weinreich (Representing PCB NGOs), Andrew Ball (WHO, representing Cosponsors), Gian Luca Burci (Legal Counsel, WHO)

UNAIDS Secretariat: As Sy (PEX), Tim Martineau (TOS), George Tembo (TOS), Helen Frary (BUR), Yuki Takemoto (BUR)

Meeting's agenda:

1. Preparations for 23rd PCB meeting, 15-17 December
 - (1) Thematic Session
 - (2) Proposed agenda items
2. Finalization of agenda and logistics for Extraordinary PCB meeting, 2 October
3. Any other business

1. Preparations for the 23rd PCB meeting, 15-17 December

(1) Preparations/consultations on Thematic Session for 23rd PCB meeting

["The Relationship between UNAIDS and the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria: issues of relationships with the international technical support architecture and Public Private Partnerships"]

The Secretariat had sent a draft concept note to Member States, Cosponsors and PCB NGOs requesting input by 27 August. Separate consultations will be organized with respective groups to ensure their active involvement in the preparatory process. It was agreed that a representative of the PCB NGO delegation and WHO will join the Task Force that consists so far of the Global Fund, UNAIDS and UNICEF. The Secretariat will provide an update on the process at the next and future Bureau meetings leading up to the 23rd PCB meeting.

(2) Proposed agenda items

The Secretariat explained an addition to the draft agenda (2006-2007 Unified Budget and Workplan Performance Report). This agenda item is normally discussed at PCB meetings held in June with other financial reports. However, it was not able to be included in the last PCB meeting in April 08 due to the Board being held early in the year and too soon after the closing of the biennium for the necessary financial data to be available. Hence, it must now be on the agenda for the 23rd PCB meeting.

The Bureau discussed the possibility of including an agenda item based on decision 11.9 of the 20th PCB meeting: *"further requests UNAIDS Secretariat and Cosponsors, as a matter of priority, to work at the national level to assist governments to scale up HIV prevention among injecting drug users, in line with the decision of the PCB on the*

UNAIDS Policy Position Paper on Intensifying HIV Prevention". It was decided that, in order to dedicate the time this important issue merits at the PCB meeting, it would be given priority to be included in the agenda for the 24th PCB meeting in June 09.

2. Finalization of agenda and logistics for Extraordinary PCB meeting, 2 October

Venue and agenda

- The Bureau endorsed the venue for the Extraordinary PCB meeting to be the Palais des Nations (Room XVIII) and noted that no other meeting room will be available on that day at the Palais for group meetings.
- The deadline for applications for the position of Executive Director of UNAIDS had been extended to 25 August, but the rest of the selection process will take place according to the already agreed time line.
- As was requested by the Bureau at its last meeting, the PCB will receive not only the short list of candidates, but the full report of the Search Committee.
- Given the time restriction of this one-day meeting, it was agreed that observers will be strongly encouraged to prepare group statements in advance of the meeting and to work through their representation on the Board.
- The Bureau agreed the Draft Annotated Agenda for the Extraordinary Meeting of the PCB, which is attached.

Access to the venue:

The Secretariat is working with the Palais des Nations to ensure smooth entry into the Palais for all participants. All intending participants are requested to register well in advance of the meeting. Participants who are currently not in possession of a pass to the Palais des Nations (e.g. participants travelling from capitals and members of civil society) are strongly encouraged to pick up their badges at the Palais on the afternoon before (Wednesday, 1 October) the meeting. Participants are strongly advised against registering on the day of the meeting. The Secretariat requested that travel arrangements and registration for participants whose travel will be funded by the Secretariat be done in a timely manner. These and all other relevant information will be included in the information note for participants.

3. Any other business

- The Bureau and the Secretariat noted the request by PCB NGOs to ensure their active involvement in the preparatory process for the Thematic Session at the 24th PCB meeting ("People on the move – forced displacement and migrant populations").
- The Secretariat will provide an update on inputs received from Member States regarding the document "Country mapping of restrictions on the entry, stay and residence of people living with HIV" prepared by the Task Team on HIV-related travel restrictions and circulated by the Secretariat in July.

Next meeting

The Bureau decided that its next meeting would take place on Monday, 22 September at 10:00am Geneva time.