

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 2 September 2009

Present: Allehone Mulugeta Abebe (Ethiopia), Monique Middelhoff (Netherlands), Stephanie Hochstetter Skinner-Klee (Guatemala), Jeff O'Malley (UNDP, representing Cosponsors) and Vince Crisostomo (Representing PCB NGOs) joined by phone

UNAIDS Secretariat: Jan Beagle (DXD, Management and External Relations), Jacek Tyszko (BUR), Yuki Takemoto (BUR)

Meeting's agenda:

1. Draft agenda for 25th PCB meeting
2. Role of PCB Bureau in oversight mechanism for implementation of agreed Second Independent Evaluation (SIE)-related decisions
3. Working group ad interim on the working methods of the PCB
4. 26th PCB meeting (June 2010) – proposed venues
5. Any other business

1. Draft agenda for 25th PCB meeting

- The bureau agreed on the draft agenda for the 25th PCB meeting that will be sent out by the Secretariat along with the invitation letter some time in September.
- If any changes become necessary to the draft agenda following the release of the final report of the Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS, the Bureau will agree on a revised version that will then be circulated.

2. Role of PCB Bureau in oversight mechanism for implementation of agreed SIE-related decisions

- The Bureau agreed that there should be an agenda item on the follow up to the SIE and that the details regarding that follow up process should emerge out of the discussions by the Board at the 25th meeting, on the understanding that UNAIDS could include proposals in the management response.

3. Working group ad interim on working methods of PCB

- Noting that apart from the PCB NGOs and Cosponsors only 3 Member States from two regions (Denmark, U.S.A., Ecuador) had nominated members to the working group a.i. so far, the Bureau recommended that the establishment of the group be postponed until the 25th PCB meeting in December 2009 - subject to consent of the nominated members.
- The members already nominated could be included once the working group a.i. is established.
- (Note: Subsequently, all nominated members to the working group a.i. were consulted and agreed to the recommendation by the Bureau.)

4. 26th PCB meeting (June 2010) – proposed venues

- The Bureau was informed of the available venues for the 26th PCB meeting in June, 2010. The Secretariat will make a decision in due course.

5. Any other business

- The PCB NGOs raised a query regarding the process of the establishment of the advisory working group on gender led by the Executive Director of UNAIDS. The Secretariat agreed to clarify the process that was followed and inform the Bureau.
- The Secretariat informed the Bureau that in line with the decisions by the Board at its 24th meeting ("*Cooperation with the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and the PCB: Support mechanism for African States.*") (Agenda item 4. Decisions 9.1-9.5) a pre-PCB consultation for African States is planned for 6-7 November in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to coincide with the pre-Board activities by the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The two organizations are currently exploring possible areas of collaboration and cost-saving.
- The next Bureau meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, 3 November.