

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 3 November 2009

Present: Monique Middelhoff (Netherlands), Sulmi Barrios (Guatemala), Jeff O'Malley, Ludo Bok (UNDP, representing Cosponsors) and Vince Crisostomo (Representing PCB NGOs) joined by phone

UNAIDS Secretariat: Helen Frary (Chief, BUR), Carlos Avila (Chief a.i. RTN: Resource Tracking needs & Costing Team), Mihaela Darii (RTN), Yuki Takemoto (BUR)

Absent: Allehone Mulugeta Abebe (Ethiopia)

Meeting's agenda:

- 1. PCB draft agenda - revised**
- 2. SIE report and UNAIDS management response**
- 3. Working group a.i. on working methods of PCB**
- 4. Update on preparations for the 25th PCB meeting**
 - a. "Impact of the global financial and economic crisis on the AIDS response"**
 - b. Logistics**
- 5. Any other business**

1. Draft agenda for 25th PCB meeting - revised

- The Bureau agreed the following change to the draft agenda for the 25th PCB meeting:
 - o Anticipating general comments and discussions to emerge when the report of the SIE report is presented to the Board under "Introduction and Context", "General comments and discussion" will be removed as a separate item.
- The Bureau also agreed that the Chair should remind participants that procedural issues related to the evaluation should be raised under agenda item 2.1 "Report of the Oversight Committee" in order to allow for a more substantive discussion around the content of the report under 2.2 "Introduction and Context."
- It was noted that the Executive Director of UNAIDS will refer to the "Operational Plan for the Action Framework on Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV: Making HIV Responses Work for Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV" in his report to the Board, accompanied by the plan as a Conference Room Paper. PCB NGOs shared the positive feedback from participants of the consultation process.

2. SIE report and UNAIDS management response

- The Secretariat gave an overview of the drafting process of the UNAIDS management response, informed the Bureau that the document was endorsed by the CCO (Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations) on 30 October and was subsequently made available through the UNAIDS website.
- The Secretariat and Cosponsors agreed that it was both an efficient and constructive exercise for the Joint Programme.
- The Bureau agreed on the content of the "Compilation of Recommendations" (UNAIDS/PCB(25)/09.28) that will be made available through the UNAIDS website as at 4 November.

3. Working group a.i. on working methods of PCB

- The Bureau agreed to nominate Allehone Mulugeta to Chair the group.
- It was agreed that the working group a.i. will try to hold its first meeting before the 25th PCB meeting, possibly on 7 December, to discuss the Terms of Reference and other issues related to the composition of the group.
- A message relaying the composition of the working group a.i. will be sent out to all PCB participants from the Bureau. [Done: 6 November]

4. Update on preparations for the 25th PCB meeting

a. “Impact of the global financial and economic crisis on the AIDS response”

- The Secretariat briefed the Bureau on the preparation and drafting of this document by the UNAIDS Secretariat and the World Bank and its key findings.
- The Bureau welcomed the inclusive process and the information provided in the report.

b. Logistics

- The Secretariat provided an overview of the logistical arrangements of the 25th PCB meeting and the Bureau agreed that the reception should be organized at the venue of the meeting (CICG) given that the UNAIDS building will be under renovation.

5. Any other business

- The Secretariat reminded the Bureau that there will be two vacant seats (one for Asia and another for Africa) on the Board as of 1 January 2010. It was agreed that Member States of those regions should be urged to fill the seats as soon as possible.
- The next PCB Bureau meeting will take place on 7 December 2009 at 12:30.