

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 24 March 2010

Present: Monique Middelhoff (Netherlands), Yuji Otake (Japan), Evan Collins (Representing PCB NGOs), Jeff O'Malley (UNDP, representing Cosponsors) joined by phone.

UNAIDS Secretariat: Els Klinkert (PPD), Yuki Takemoto (BUR)

Absent: Carmen Elena Castillo-Gallandat (El Salvador)

Meeting's agenda:

1. Update on 26th PCB meeting, June 2010
2. Update on Thematic Segment, 26th PCB meeting
3. Update from PCB Task Force
4. Thematic Sessions in 2011
5. Any other business

1. Update on 26th PCB meeting, June 2010

- The Bureau agreed that the following sub-items should be presented to the Board under "Follow up to the SIE."
 - i) Progress report on the implementation of the SIE
The SIE Implementation Plan shall be included as an annex to this item.
 - ii) Report of the PCB Task Force on SIE follow-up related to all aspects of governance
The report will contain a number of recommendations to the Board for agreement.
 - iii) UNAIDS Mission Statement
Given that this will serve as the pillar of UNAIDS' future work, it should be presented to the Board as a distinct item for agreement.
- The Bureau reiterated its wish to see Universal Access addressed in the Executive Director's report to the Board at its 26th meeting in June.

2. Update on Thematic Segment, 26th PCB meeting

The Secretariat provided an update on preparations for the thematic segment - *"Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services with HIV/AIDS interventions in practice."*

- The core working group now consists of representatives of 7 Member States, 6 Cosponsors, PCB NGOs and other civil society organizations, the Global Fund, IPPF and UNAIDS Secretariat staff.
- The following decisions were made at the first teleconference on 9 March:
 - Due to practical reasons, membership of the core working group is now closed except for requests from developing countries to join.
 - The draft background paper will be circulated after 26 March and will also be shared with the Interagency Working Group on SRH and HIV for comments.
 - There will be four break-out sessions and Human Rights will be a cross-cutting theme in all.
- The second version of the draft concept note was shared for comments with Member States, Cosponsors and PCB NGOs (through the Communications Facility) on 19 March.

- The second teleconference will be held on 24 March.
- A short-term consultant has been hired to help coordinate preparations.

3. Update from PCB Task Force on SIE follow-up related to all aspects of governance¹

The Chair of the Task Force – also the Chair of the PCB Bureau – provided an update from the second face-to-face meeting (22-23 March).

- The Task Force further discussed the issues that were raised during its first meeting in February including the three SIE recommendations on governance (15, 16, & 17). The group will continue to work electronically to finalise its report that will include a number of recommendations to the Board.
- The report of the Task Force will point out clear linkages with other SIE recommendation areas (Work Stream 5 & 7 as spelled out in the SIE Implementation Plan) that are currently being developed.
- Task Force will likely propose draft decision points to the Board related to recommendations 15 (Revitalization of CCO) and 16 (Refocus the PCB) largely in line with the SIE recommendations probably along with some additional ones.
- Reflecting the extensive and at times difficult discussion by the Task Force around recommendation 17 (PCB working methods), the recommendation to the Board may be in the form of a discussion paper with preliminary ideas to be discussed and agreed by the Board.

4. Thematic Sessions in 2011

- The Bureau received six new proposals for themes for PCB meetings in 2011 and agreed to reach a decision on its recommendation to the Board at its next meeting.
- The Chair of the PCB Task Force mentioned that one of the proposals under discussion in regards to PCB working methods might be to not hold a thematic segment during the budget year (e.g. June 2011). This would allow three days to be dedicated to decision making by the Board.
- In the meantime, the following points were made:
 - All of the proposed themes are valid and relevant.
 - There are a number of proposals that could be combined. Some proposals to be considered further by the Bureau at its next meeting:
 - HIV and the Law – including criminalization, but also constructive uses of law. This could coincide with the conclusion of the Commission on AIDS and the Law in December 2011. It would also allow a focused look at key populations and concentrated epidemics like MSM, sex workers and drug users, as well as PLHIV.
 - Universal Access - including treatment and prevention, possibly also including children.
 - Themes should be broad enough to capture the interest of a wide audience, but focused enough to allow for concrete ideas for moving forward.
- The Bureau requested more information from the Secretariat regarding the possible timing of the UNGASS + 10 meeting in 2011. This might influence the decision whether to hold a thematic on Universal Access or not.

¹ Information related to the Task Force are being posted on the UNAIDS website at: http://www.unaids.org/en/AboutUNAIDS/IndependantEvaluation/PCB_TaskForce.asp

5. Any other business

- PCB NGOs reported the following:
 - Over a thousand completed responses (1,500 if including partially completed) were received for the on-line survey and results will be analyzed with the help of a specialist. This will provide input into the NGO report to the PCB.
 - PCB NGOs will soon be sending a letter to the Executive Director of UNAIDS to express concerns over and ask for clarification on what will happen after 2010, the target year for Universal Access.

- The Secretariat reported that no suitable venue for the PCB in December 2010 is available for the new dates (7-9 December) that were chosen by the Board at its 24th meeting. Given the choice between the ILO with no office space and reverting back to the original dates (6-8 December) for which the CICG is available, the Bureau agreed to the latter. A message will be sent to all constituencies to inform them of this change of date in advance of a formal decision by the Board at its 26th meeting.

- The next Bureau meeting will take place on Wednesday, 21 April at 14:00 (Geneva time).