Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 8 October 2010

Present: Monique Middelhoff (Netherlands); Félix Ulloa and Rosibel Mendez (El Salvador), Yuji Otake (Japan), Evan Collins (Representing PCB NGOs), Alanna Armitage (UNFPA, representing Cosponsors)

UNAIDS Secretariat: Jan Beagle (DXD, MER), Helen Frary (CRG), Els Klinkert (RSV), Yuki Takemoto (CRG), Sarah Rimmington (Office of DXD, Programme)

Meeting agenda:

1. PCB subcommittee on UBW
2. Preparations for 27th PCB meeting
   a. Draft agenda (including review and consideration of inclusion of follow-up to SHR decisions of 19th PCB meeting)
   b. Thematic segment, 27th PCB meeting
   c. PCB Task Force on SIE follow-up related to all aspects of Governance
   d. Lunch time session on new prevention tools, etc.
3. Inclusion of country case studies in PCB meetings
4. Any other business

1. PCB subcommittee on UBW
   • The Bureau confirmed the membership of the PCB Subcommittee ad interim for the 2012-2015 Unified Budget and Workplan as follows, while agreeing to accept late nominations for the seats left vacant to date for Asia and Eastern Europe:
     
     AFRICA: Ghana, Senegal
     ASIA: Japan
     WEOG: Finland, Netherlands
     EASTERN EUROPE: Poland
     GRULAC: El Salvador, Venezuela
     PCB NGOs: Asia Pacific, Europe
     COSPONSORS: UNESCO, WHO
     UNAIDS SECRETARIAT: DXD, MER
     
     • Mindful of the names of individual representatives that have yet to be confirmed, the Bureau agreed to revisit the list at its next meeting to agree a proposed Chair.
     • The Secretariat informed the Bureau that the tentative date proposed for the first meeting of the subcommittee is 9 December, the day after the 27th PCB meeting. However, the final date as well as all additional information will be confirmed with the members of the subcommittee.

2. Preparations for 27th PCB meeting
   a. Draft agenda (including review and consideration of inclusion of follow-up to SHR decisions of 19th PCB meeting)
      • The Bureau took note of the progress and actions taken in follow-up to recommendations of the 19th PCB meeting on HIV, Security and Humanitarian
Responses (prepared jointly by the Secretariat and UNHCR) and agreed to include an information item on the subject at the 27th PCB meeting.

- The Bureau identified the document for the Universal Access agenda item as a key document that shall be subject to wide consultation. Input provided earlier by PCB NGOs has been considered in preliminary discussions by the Joint Programme.
- The written outline of the report of the Executive Director is expected to be made available two weeks before the Board meeting in order to maintain its timely nature.
- Following a successful Missions Briefing with over 60 representatives, the second draft of the UNAIDS Strategic Plan is currently being circulated for comments. The document to the Board is expected mid-November following approval of the content by the CCO.

b. Thematic segment, 27th PCB meeting (Food & Nutrition Security and HIV Programming)

- The Secretariat provided an updated on progress:
  - The core working group, co-lead by WFP and the Secretariat, has been established. All three constituencies are well represented (approximately 28 members with 4 member states, 4 Cosponsors, FAO, PCB communications facility focal point and 4 PCB NGOs, 2 Non-PCB NGOs).
  - Decisions and further work are expected shortly for the following:
    - Number and topics of breakout sessions
    - List of proposed high-level speakers
- A background framing paper is being drafted and is expected to be circulated for comments by the core working group during the week of 11 October.
- Bureau members and their respective constituencies are invited to propose potential new members to the core working group and provide input on any of the issues mentioned above.

c. PCB Task Force on SIE follow-up related to all aspects of Governance

- The Chair of the Task Force provided a summary of the discussions held at its third meeting (6-7 October).
- The Task Force examined (1) categories of decision points and (2) elements of the decision-making process, identifying the corresponding mandate, current practice, issues of follow-up and accountability and possible solutions and recommendations to the Board.
- At its next meeting the Task Force will examine the outline of the report to the 27th PCB meeting and other outstanding issues. Members of the Task Force shall be seeking input from their respective constituencies accordingly.
- The next meeting of the Task Force will take place on 9-10 November (and morning of 11 November if necessary).

d. Lunch time session on new prevention tools, etc.

- The Secretariat provided an update on preparations for the lunch time session on "Male and female condoms, research & development on new prevention technologies and resource tracking" in follow up to decision 3.6 at the 25th PCB meeting, as was agreed at the last Bureau meeting (8 July).
- It is proposed that the session cover the following topics:
  - Current accessibility, availability and affordability of male and female condoms (including next generation female condom): what are the trends and strategies to make condoms more available, accessible, affordable etc.
- Update on research and development of new preventive technologies: microbicides and HIV vaccine: how to move the agenda forward?
- Presentations will be kept short in order to allow time for questions and discussions.
- The Bureau asked that additional ideas be explored (e.g. displays, background documents, lunch arrangements) in order to enhance interaction and maximise the use of the time available.

3. **Inclusion of country case studies in PCB meetings**
   - In follow up to decision 10.3 at the 26th PCB meeting ("standardised country case studies are included as a regular item at PCB meetings") the Bureau agreed the following:
     - There is insufficient time for full implementation of this decision at the 27th PCB meeting. Instead, a panel to share country experiences shall be organised under the agenda item on Gender-sensitivity of AIDS responses. In order to capture the spectrum of the country experiences, panel members may include representatives of government, civil society, NAC or Joint UN teams on the ground.
     - The full implementation of country case studies shall begin at the 28th PCB meeting with two country case studies to be presented and discussed under the agenda item on the 2012-2015 UBW.
     - At future PCB meetings, the country case studies shall be connected, to the extent possible / when appropriate, to substantive agenda items.

4. **Any other business**
   The next Bureau meeting will take place on Thursday, 11 November at 14:00 (Geneva time) at the UNAIDS building in conference room 2.