

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 11 November 2010

Present: Monique Middelhoff (Netherlands); Rosibel Menendez (El Salvador); Yuji Otake (Japan); Evan Collins (Representing PCB NGOs); Elizabeth Benomar (UNFPA, representing Cosponsors) joined by phone.

UNAIDS Secretariat: Jan Beagle (DXD, MER), Helen Frary (CRG), Yuki Takemoto (CRG), Jantine Jacobi (GCW); Els Klinkert (RSV), Robin Jackson and Sarah Rimmington (Office of DXD, Programme)

Meeting agenda:

1. PCB subcommittee on UBW
2. Preparations for 27th PCB meeting
 - a. Draft agenda
 - 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. Any other business

1. PCB subcommittee on Unified Budget and Workplan 2012-2015

- Mindful of ongoing efforts by the Board (including discussions in the PCB Task Force on Governance) to strengthen the meaningful participation of African States in Board-related activities, the Bureau agreed to nominate Ms Miriame Sy, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Senegal in Geneva, as the Chair of the PCB Subcommittee ad interim for the 2012-2015 UBW.
- If Ms Sy accepts the nomination, endorsement of her election will be managed via a silent approval decision of the PCB inter-sessional mechanism.¹
- In the interest of minimizing travel for members, the first meeting of the subcommittee is scheduled for Thursday, 9 December, the day after the conclusion of the 27th PCB meeting.

2. Preparations for the 27th PCB meeting

a. Draft agenda (time-wise)

- The Bureau considered the indicative time-wise draft agenda for the 27th PCB meeting and agreed to publish a revised agenda that reflects the following changes:
 - The 'UNAIDS Strategic Plan 2011-2015' has now been renamed 'UNAIDS Strategy, 2011-2015'
 - More time allotted for agenda item 2.1 (UNAIDS Strategy 2011-2015) and 2.2 (Progress Report on implementation)
 - Annotation under 'Adoption of decisions, recommendations and conclusions' revised to read "should there be any decisions that remain".
 - 'Any other business' to be moved to Tuesday, 7 December
- The Bureau would encourage PCB participants to differentiate their comments on the EXD report and the UNAIDS Strategy and limit their interventions to a

¹ Ms Sy officially accepted the nomination on 19 November.

reasonable length – as is always requested in the interest of time management of the meeting.

- Ms Thoraya Obaid, UNFPA Executive Director is expected to attend the first day of the meeting to share the views of the CCO on the UNAIDS Strategy.
- The Secretariat clarified what the Strategy and Progress Report would each contain:
 - Strategy 2011-2015 (Division of Labour Matrix)
 - Progress Report on Implementation (Partnership Strategy, UNAIDS Technical Support Strategy, principles and process around Division of Labour, and a number of resource-related issues such as the capacity needs assessment of the Joint Programme, UNAIDS Secretariat Competency Framework and development and operation of an HR Strategy).
- The Secretariat provided an update on the agenda item 'Gender-sensitivity of AIDS responses' including the panel to follow the presentation of the report:
 - The document will be a comprehensive report covering all activities in the UNAIDS action plan with an emphasis on country progress. It will include an executive summary and in the annex a monitoring table of progress in countries that have initiated roll-out.
 - Highlights of the report will be presented followed by a panel discussion on realities and challenges of country implementation with representatives from (though still to be confirmed) China, Liberia and civil society. There will also be time for discussion.
- The content of 'AIDS, Security and Humanitarian Response' will be based on the table of follow-up actions that were already presented to the Bureau at its meeting on 8 October and the final version is expected early next week.
- 'Universal Access' that was designated a key document by the Bureau is also expected to include information reflecting ongoing discussions related to the High Level Meeting (HLM) in June 2011 (date TBC).
- Secretariat explained that many of the documents have been subject to extensive consultations resulting in delays.
- The Secretariat informed the Bureau that Poland had written formally to communicate its candidacy for the post of vice chair.

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

- The Secretariat provided an update on progress: preparations by the four breakout sessions are well underway (e.g. chairs and speakers being agreed and explored, drafting key messages, etc.).
- A background framing paper is going through clearance.²
- The Secretariat reminded the Bureau that unlike past thematic segments, the closing session will provide feedback to the plenary to be followed by a report with conclusions to be submitted to the PCB in June 2011 (though details are still to be confirmed).
- The Bureau welcomed the efforts that have gone into preparing an exciting session with a range of issues and speakers representing different regions, areas of expertise and interest. They expressed hope to see a closing session that would do justice to the interesting discussions that are expected throughout the day.
- The Bureau reminded the team that given that most PCB participants are not technical experts in the thematic area, broader issues such as human rights,

² The background document and annotated agenda for the thematic session were cleared and posted on the UNAIDS website on 16 November.

structural barriers and issues around sustainability should be addressed in all breakout sessions.

- The Bureau was reminded of the extensive efforts to date to ensure greater representation of languages and regions, however, this has been a challenge.

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 last meeting (9-11 November).
- The Task Force examined types of decisions, different elements and actors in decision-making process and determined which recommendations need to be decisions by the Board (in order to keep decisions to minimum),
- The Task Force will agree the draft document with recommendations to the Board by 19 November.
- The Task Force examined and agreed the draft template for CCO annual report to the Board – now shared with the Bureau. Agreed by the Bureau and annexed to the summary of this meeting. To apply as of June 2011.

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

- The Secretariat provided an update (attached) 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 Bureau meeting in July.
- Presentations will be made available on the UNAIDS website following the session.

3. Any other business

- El Salvador informed the Bureau that Mexico has expressed its wish to see ‘homophobia’ included in the thematic session. Mexico has been invited to participate in the various working groups and provide input directly.
- The Bureau agreed that unless an urgent issue arises requiring another meeting, this will be the last meeting of the Bureau in 2010.