

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of Friday 1 March 2013

Present: Mr. Lov Verma (chairing); Dr Rajesh Ranjan (India); Ms Shireen Sandhu (Australia); Ms Fernande Mvila (Republic of Congo); Ms Jane Bruning and Mr Joel Nana (PCB NGO Delegation); Mr Christopher Castle (UNESCO: Representing UNAIDS cosponsors)

UNAIDS Secretariat: Jan Beagle, Joel Rehnstrom; Morten Ussing; Samia Lounnas

Meeting agenda:

1. **31st PCB meeting follow up & preparation for the 32nd PCB meeting**
The Bureau will receive elements of a draft agenda for the 32nd meeting taking into account decisions from the 31st and previous meetings.
 2. **UBRAF –financial report, performance monitoring report, budget for 2014-2015**
The Bureau will receive a briefing on progress in the development of the 2014-15 UBRAF and the proposed consultation process involving all stakeholders. The Bureau will also receive an update on the 2012 UBRAF Progress Report.
 3. **Any other business**
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1. 31st PCB meeting follow up & preparation for the 32nd PCB meeting

At the outset, Mr. Lov Verma, Secretary, Department of AIDS Control, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India as the Chair of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board Bureau welcomed the new PCB Bureau Members for 2013. He welcomed Australia as Vice- Chair of the PCB Bureau and took the opportunity to congratulate Australia for hosting the AIDS International Conference in 2014 in Melbourne. The Chair equally welcomed the Republic of Congo as rapporteur in the Bureau for 2013 and the representatives of the PCB NGO Delegation as well as UNESCO, representing UNAIDS cosponsors. Mr. Verma also thanked Ms. Jan Beagle and her team for their support in preparing the PCB Bureau meeting.

Before starting with the agenda of the meeting, the Chair summarized the priorities in the National AIDS Response in India. He indicated that in the last 5 year cycle of the National AIDS Control Programme, which ended on 31st March 2012, the fund share of Government of India was approximately 15%. He emphasized that in the next 5 years cycle, this share has gone up to 85% of the total funding portfolio which in absolute numbers the funding will be approximately US\$ 2 billion (9-fold increase in domestic funding). Mr. Verma confirmed that India stands by its commitment to supply low cost generic medicines to all countries in the world that need them. India has contributed to the Global AIDS response through its capacity to manufacture generic antiretroviral drugs in the private sector. 80% of these generics drugs are being purchased from India. Finally the Chair emphasized that at the last BRICS meeting in January 2013 that took place in New Delhi, Ministers of Health called for a renewed efforts to face the continued challenges posed by HIV and committed to ensure that bilateral and regional trade agreements do not undermine TRIPS flexibilities to assure availability of affordable generic ARV drugs to developing countries.

After adoption of the PCB Bureau agenda, the Secretariat presented the possible agenda items for the upcoming 32nd Programme Coordinating Board meeting which will be held in Geneva from 25 -27 June 2013. The presentation of the proposed agenda items was based on the table of follow-up items from PCB meetings (see annex 1).

On behalf of UNAIDS Executive Director, Ms. Jan Beagle, UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director Management and Governance welcomed the new PCB Bureau members.

UNAIDS Secretariat explained the content of the table of follow-up items from PCB Meetings (annex1) capturing all decisions points and specific requests made by Board Members that need to be implemented from previous PCB meetings. The table was used to guide the Bureau members in the discussion on agenda items for the 32 PCB meeting. Secretariat presented the possible agenda items for the 32nd PCB meeting and Bureau Members decided as follows:

EXD report: Confirmed for 32nd PCB meeting.

CCO report: Confirmed for 32nd PCB meeting.

PCB NGO report: Ms Jane Bruning, representing PCB NGO Delegation, informed Bureau members that due to the process for selecting a new host for the communication facility, the PCB NGOs were not in a position to provide a report for the June 2013 PCB and therefore requested to present it in the December 2013 PCB meeting. The Secretariat clarified that the bidding process for the selection of a new communication facility (CF) had been restarted at the request of the PCB NGOs and the final contracting of the new host is about to be finalized. The Bureau agreed that this item will be considered at the December 2013 PCB meeting.

Statement by the UNAIDS Staff Association: Confirmed for the 32nd PCB meeting.

UBRAF financial report, performance monitoring report, budget for 2014-2015: Confirmed for the 32nd PCB meeting including **Strategy to mitigate risk due to currency fluctuations.**

Leadership in the AIDS Response: Confirmed for June PCB meeting.

Strategic use of ARVs for treatment and prevention of HIV: Bureau agreed that this item will be considered for the December 2013 PCB meeting. UNESCO proposed that the title of the thematic segment be amended for the 33rd PCB meeting in December 2013: "Young people and HIV" by defining the age breakdown of young people as it differs from an organisation to the other. A concrete proposal will be presented by UNESCO on behalf of UNAIDS cosponsors at the next PCB Bureau meeting.

Follow-up to the Thematic Segment from the 31st PCB meeting Non-Discrimination:

Confirmed for the 32nd PCB meeting. Bureau confirmed Secretariat will provide a summary report from the debate which will be cleared by the Bureau. The Bureau agreed to discuss the follow-up of PCB thematic segments at a later session.

Annual update on strategic human resources management issues: Confirmed for the 32nd PCB meeting.

AIDS in the Post-2015 Framework: Confirmed for the 32nd PCB meeting in June. Bureau Members requested UNAIDS Secretariat to send a short discussion paper explaining the process and the proposed outline for this PCB paper.

UNAIDS to report on progress in implementation of human rights- related PCB decisions: PCB Bureau considered that this item could to be considered at either the December 2013 PCB meeting or the June 2014 PCB meeting and agreed to get back to this at a future session.

Next PCB meetings: Bureau requested Secretariat to provide, at one of the next Bureau meetings, a proposed timeframe for the call of proposals of themes for the 34th and 35th PCB meetings.

The PCB NGO Delegation raised the decision point 5.5 (“Requested UNAIDS to propose ways forward and options to address the documented decreases in funding especially affecting developing countries and to support Member States’ and civil society’s capability to meet the goal laid out in the 2011 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS and the HIV-related Millennium Development Goal by 2015”) from the 30th PCB meeting in June 2012.

Bureau Members agreed to discuss this proposal at the next PCB Bureau meeting.

2. UBRAF –financial report, performance monitoring report, budget for 2014-2015

UNAIDS Secretariat provided an update on this agenda item. Mr. Rehnstrom described the different papers that will be presented under this agenda item as follows:

- *Financial Report 2012 (with audited financial statements)*
- *Financial update 2013*
- *Performance monitoring report 2012 (programmatic)*
- *Budget for 2014-2015*
- *Conference room papers to complement with more information.*

The papers will be illustrated by case studies to make the discussion more interesting. He also informed Bureau Members that there will be a Missions’ Briefing ahead of the PCB meeting to enable timely preparation of Members for the discussion and debate on this agenda item.

Bureau Members encouraged Secretariat to have country specific snapshots and more friendly presentations of the different papers under the UBRAF agenda item. The Chair requested UNAIDS Secretariat to make the UBRAF more useful to countries and welcomed the new Joint Performance Monitoring tool, seeing it as the first step towards showcasing country realities in terms of implementing the UBRAF.

3. Any other business

- In the context of their role as UNAIDS PCB Vice-Chair for 2013 and PCB Chair in 2014. Australia emphasized that the Response to AIDS is a national priority and expressed their full commitment to perform their role in the Bureau. They will ensure the appropriate level of representation, both from Capital and Geneva, at the PCB meetings.
- The PCB Bureau agreed the date and time for the next Bureau meeting: Thursday 21st March from 9:00 am-11:00.

Annex1: Table of follow-up items from PCB meetings - UPDATE FOR 32nd PCB Meeting

ACTION ITEMS FOR 32nd MEETING (25-27 June 2013):

PCB	Para no.	Action
		EXD report
		CCO report
		PCB NGO report
		USSA report
		UBRAF - financial report, performance monitoring report, budget for 2014-2015 (approve)
		Leadership in the AIDS Response
31st	9.2	Agrees that the theme for the 33rd Programme Coordinating Board meeting be “HIV and young people” and that the theme of “ Strategic use of ARVs for treatment and prevention of HIV ” be addressed by the PCB in 2013 as a regular agenda item.
		(NO THEMATIC SEGMENT)
31st		(Follow up to the thematic segment from the 31st PCB meeting) - Non-Discrimination (Summary Report).
30th		The Board requested UNAIDS to provide an annual update on strategic human resources management issues.
30th & 31st		AIDS response in the Post-2015 Framework.
30th	7.9	[Financial and performance reports for biennium 2010-2011 & 2012-2015] Recognizing the need for a comprehensive strategy to mitigate risk due to currency fluctuations, requests UNAIDS to conduct further analysis of the shorter and longer term financial and programme implications including planned changes in staffing patterns and the options for currency fluctuation risk mitigation, including the potential for splitting the currency of contributions and to provide this analysis to the 32nd meeting of the PCB for its consideration.
22 nd	5.2	[Report of the EXD and Report of the Chairperson of the CCO] UNAIDS to report on progress on implementation of human rights-related Programme Coordinating Board decisions at a future Programme Coordinating Board meeting.
31st	9.2	<i>Next PCB meetings - agrees to request the Programme Coordinating Board Bureau to take appropriate and timely steps to ensure that due process is followed in the call for themes for the 34th and 35th Programme Coordinating Board meetings as necessary.</i>