

Revision requested by the PCB Bureau at its meeting of 24 September; for details see the summary of that meeting

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 23 August 2007

Present: Prangtip Kanchanahattakij (Thailand), David Hohman (USA), Paul Spiegel and Gebrewold Petros (UNHCR, representing Cosponsors), Zonnibel Woods (IWHC, representing PCB NGOs) joined by telephone.

UNAIDS Secretariat: Debbie Landey (DXD, MER), Paul de Lay (Director, EMP), Helen Fray (Chief, PER/BUR), Andy Seale (Acting Chief, Partnerships), and Desmond Whyms (Team Leader, Three Ones).

Apologies for absence: Senegal

Meeting's agenda:

1. PCB meetings in 2008
2. Independent evaluation of UNAIDS
3. Oversight of implementation of GTT recommendations
4. PCB Bureau workplan
5. Other Business

1. PCB meetings in 2008

1.1 After consideration of the availability of Geneva venues and the wide calendar of meetings in 2008, the Bureau decided to recommend to the PCB that the 22nd and 23rd meetings be held on 28-30 April and 15-17 December 2008, respectively. With respect to venues, the December meeting will be held in Geneva while member states will be invited to offer to host the April meeting¹. Thailand volunteered to host the April meeting but would like the nominations to be open to all member states. The USA expressed a preference for the meeting to be held in Eastern Europe as a region which had not previously hosted a PCB.

1.2 The Bureau discussed the themes to be recommended to the PCB for future thematic meetings including, but not limited to, HIV and TB and displaced populations ("people on the move"). It was agreed that themes should, to the extent possible, be of particular relevance to the venue for the PCB i.e. country and/or region if held outside Geneva. Therefore, allocation of the themes to specific PCB meetings would be made once the venue for the April 2008 meeting was known.

¹ It is noted that the decision on venue will be subject to discussion at the 21st PCB meeting in December whether all PCB meetings should be held in Geneva.

1.3 Discussion was also held around the need to set criteria for the identification of themes. These could include issues: not previously discussed; of new or emerging importance; or with linkages to other matters.

1.4 The Bureau briefly discussed the draft annotated provisional agenda of the 21st PCB meeting. Clarification and minor changes were suggested.

2. Independent evaluation of UNAIDS

2.1 The relevant decision of the 20th PCB meeting states that:

“5.1 Requests that an independent evaluation of UNAIDS be carried out in order to reassess priorities, determine how to build on achievements and understand how UNAIDS can play a more effective role in the future in strengthening global coordination on HIV/AIDS and requests the Programme Coordinating Board Bureau, in consultation with the Programme Coordinating Board members, to formulate the process, the mechanisms and terms of reference for this independent evaluation for submission to the 21st Programme Coordinating Board meeting for approval;”

2.2 In considering a draft concept note on the evaluation prepared by the Secretariat the Bureau agreed that the information contained was comprehensive and would form a good basis for consultations on the draft terms of reference (TOR) for the independent evaluation.

2.3 The Bureau requested that issues for inclusion in the concept note consider case studies of successful / least successful stories with analysis of best practices and lessons learned, and that consultations on the draft TOR include the private sector. The Secretariat said that it was ready to provide technical and logistical support to the Bureau and would prepare a calendar for consultations on the preparation of the draft TOR. UNHCR said that the Cosponsors would use their meeting on September 18 and 19 to prepare their input into the TOR and the NGO representative agreed to discuss with the Secretariat a request by the PCB NGOs to hold a face-to-face consultative meeting during the second week of September.

3. Oversight of implementation of GTT recommendations

3.1 The PCB Bureau received documentation prepared by the Secretariat pursuant to its obligations under the decision of the 20th PCB meeting:

*“13.1 Adopts the recommendations contained in the Report of the Global Task Team Independent Assessment (document UNAIDS/PCB(20)/07.9) and acknowledges their cost implications as outlined in the annex to the report;
13.3 Requests the PCB Bureau to establish a reference group for oversight of the² implementation of the recommendations in 13.1.”*

3.2 The documentation considered included the draft UNAIDS management response to the GTT recommendations, a timeline for implementation of the recommendations, options and a draft terms of reference for the Reference Group

² The Bureau agreed that the 20th PCB decision 13.3 should be read as “Requests the PCB Bureau to establish a reference group for oversight **of the** implementation **of the** recommendations in 13.1. instead of “...for oversight **and** implementation of the recommendations...”.

mentioned in decision 13.3, and a suggested workplan for the Bureau and the Reference Group. The Bureau agreed that nominations for membership would be sought for a “*GTT Oversight Reference Group*” (GORG) which would tentatively be comprised of 3 donor countries, 3 partner countries, 1 cosponsor and 1 NGO representative. However, the priority was to ensure a proportional balance of representation in the group and the exact composition would only be decided once nominations for membership had been received. The Secretariat was requested to invite nominations, on behalf of the PCB Bureau, with a deadline of early-September, to enable the Bureau to finalize the composition of the Group and the Reference Group to start working on its terms of reference for submission to the Bureau for approval at the next Bureau meeting.

3.3 The meeting also recognized that the UNAIDS management response was not final and would be discussed by the Cosponsors at their forthcoming meeting in September.

4. PCB Bureau workplan

4.1 Discussion of this item was postponed to the next meeting of the Bureau.

Next meetings: 24 September and 18 October 2007