

# Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 10 November 2006

**Present:** Annika Molin-Hellgren (Sweden), Prangtip Kanchanahattakij (Thailand), Geoff Adlide (Australia), Robin Jackson (WFP, representing Cosponsors)\*, Rachel Ong (APN+, representing PCB NGOs)

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**UNAIDS:** Eamonn Murphy (Director, GDU), Helen Frary (Chief, GUR), Jacek Tyszko (External Relations Officer, GUR)

## **Meeting agenda:**

1. Status of preparations for the 19th PCB meeting
2. PCB Bureau workplan for 2006-2007
3. Other business

## **1. Status of preparations for the 19th PCB meeting**

1.1. Eamonn Murphy presented a report on his recent trip to Zambia, which covered: his meeting with the new Minister of Health for Zambia; a briefing on the PCB for Lusaka-based embassies and UN organizations; the status of logistical preparations for the meeting; and information on the opening ceremony. He also noted the strong support of the both the Governments of Sweden and Zambia in the preparations for the meeting.

1.2 To facilitate consideration by the PCB of the agenda item on the Strategic Framework the Bureau agreed to split agenda item 4 "2007-2010 Framework for Joint Programme's support to countries to implement fully the 2006 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS" into two sub-items: 4.1 "2007-2010 Strategic Framework for UNAIDS support to countries' efforts to move towards universal access" and 4.2 "Review of UNAIDS tasks". The change will be reflected in a revision of the draft annotated agenda (Rev.1).

1.3 Helen Frary presented the status of background papers (all have been formatted, translated and dispatched, except the "2007-2010 Framework" and the "Review of UNAIDS tasks") and arrangements for round tables.

## **2. PCB Bureau workplan for 2006-2007**

2.1 Annika Molin-Hellgren presented a revised draft of the Bureau workplan for 2006-2007, which would be posted on the Bureau page of the UNAIDS website once approved. Fuller summaries would, in future, be made of Bureau meetings to indicate progress reports on individual PCB tasks.

2.2 It was agreed that the Bureau should initiate a wider discussion, involving other PCB member and observer states, on constituency building and increased involvement of member states in the work of the PCB. The Secretariat was asked to provide a short background paper on the issue including information on the models used by the WHO and Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

### **3. AOB: International Testing Day**

3.1 Annika Molin-Hellgren presented an update on the US initiative concerning the establishment of the International HIV Testing Day. The Secretariat had sent out an analysis paper for use by PCB members as they saw fit. Discussions on the matter were ongoing in New York and there was no further action for the PCB at this time.

### **AOB: Independent assessment of GTT**

3.2 Annika Molin-Hellgren presented an update on the independent assessment of GTT. The next meeting of the Reference Group was scheduled for November 15, where a decision would be taken on a consultant to conduct the assessment. The subsequent report to the PCB on progress in the assessment would be procedural rather than substantive and its contents would be discussed at the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **AOB: World AIDS Day**

3.3 The Secretariat was preparing a flyer on arrangements for this year's commemoration of the World AIDS Day (December 1<sup>st</sup>) which would be sent out to missions in Geneva. Dr. Chan, the Director General Elect of the WHO would be attending.