

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 20 February 2008

Present: Prangtip Kanchanahattakij (Thailand), David Hohman (USA), Marian Schilperood (UNHCR, representing Cosponsors), Zonnibel Woods (IWHC, representing PCB NGOs) joined by telephone.

UNAIDS Secretariat: Debbie Landey (Deputy Executive Director), Paul De Lay (Director, EMP), Helen Frary (Chief, BUR), Eddy Beck (EMP), Marina Bezruchenko-Novatchuk (DRM/BAF) and Jacek Tyszko (PEX/BUR).

Absent: Mamadou Seck (Senegal)

Meeting's agenda:

1. Status of preparations for the 22nd PCB meeting
 - 1.1 Draft provisional agenda
 - 1.2 Thematic segment
 - 1.3 PCB Standing Subcommittee
 - 1.4 Vice-Chair
 - 1.5 Logistic arrangements
2. Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS
3. Themes for next PCB meetings
4. Other Business

2. Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS

The Bureau received an update on the evaluation process, including: reactions to its message announcing the membership of the Oversight Committee; preparations for the first Committee meeting scheduled for 4-5 March 2008; and preparations for the evaluation team bids process (UNOPS service provider). Due to the delay in the selection process, the Bureau discussed a revised timeline. The Bureau agreed that the Oversight Committee Chair would report to the 22nd PCB meeting on all issues related to the evaluation process.

1. Preparations for the 22nd PCB

1.1 Draft provisional agenda

The Bureau approved the draft provisional agenda for the 22nd PCB meeting. It was agreed that in accordance with the established practice it could be disseminated together with the invitation for the 22nd PCB meeting. Information for participants, including on field visits organized on 22 April, should be also included. The Secretariat

confirmed that all three documents and the registration form for PCB participants would be posted on the UNAIDS web site on 22 February 2008.

1.2 Thematic segment

The Bureau reviewed an outline of the thematic segment for review. The Secretariat was requested to proceed with the organization of proposed sessions.

1.3 PCB Standing Subcommittee

The Bureau reviewed the draft paper prepared by the Secretariat based on discussions at earlier meetings of the Bureau. The Secretariat will disseminate the final version of the paper to the Bureau members for their approval by the week of 25 February.

1.4 PCB Vice-Chair and Rapporteur

Potential candidates for both positions were considered. Bureau members will continue discussions with suggested member states.

3. Themes for next PCB meetings

The Bureau reviewed proposals for the themes for the next PCB meetings received in follow-up to the 21st PCB meeting decision and the call for submissions of 21 January 2008. All proposals were accompanied with a template against the four criteria for selection of themes that had been agreed by the Board at its meeting in December 2007. A total of 15 proposals were received. Having reviewed the proposals and finding them all to have merit in terms of their application of the criteria set by the Board the Bureau decided that the close or inter-related nature of some of the subjects of the themes proposed would lend themselves to consolidation. Therefore, they agreed to consider a consolidated list of 10 proposed themes:

- a. People on the move – migrants and mobile populations
- b. The Relationship between UNAIDS and the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria: issues of relationships with the international technical support architecture and public private partnerships
- c. Linking Sexual and reproductive Health services with HIV/AIDS interventions; scale-up of comprehensive PMTCT services.
- d. Harm reduction programmes in the fight against HIV/AIDS
- e. Prevention and gender
- f. The role of food security and nutrition in meeting universal access targets
- g. The role of UNAIDS in promoting the development and dissemination on new prevention technologies
- h. Children affected by HIV and AIDS; challenges posed by pediatric HIV to universal access to treatment, care and support
- i. Task shifting
- j. Discrimination and stigmatization of people living with HIV/AIDS

The Bureau then assessed the proposals with respect to the support that each had received and decided to recommend to the PCB the following:

a. 23rd Programme Coordinating Board meeting – December 2008

Theme: The Relationship between UNAIDS and the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria: the international technical support architecture and public private partnerships

b. 24th Programme Coordinating Board – June 2009

Theme: People on the move – migrants and mobile populations

The meeting also considered ways to improve transparency and collect views from Member States. The full list of responses to the call as well as proposed dates for future meetings of the Board will be included in the PCB background paper for this agenda item.

4. Other Business

Issues and dates for next meetings of the Bureau were considered.