

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 2 November 2011

Present: Rosibel Menendez (El Salvador); Jolanta Chojecka and Joanna Glazewska (Poland); Ebony Johnson (PCB NGOs), Chewe Luo, Thilly De Bodt and Natalie Amar (UNICEF) joined by phone.

UNAIDS Secretariat: Jan Beagle, Joel Rehnstrom, Helen Frary, Yuki Takemoto and Nina Sun

Absent: Mokhtar Warida (Egypt)

Meeting agenda:

1. PCB inter-sessional process: UNAIDS budget increase proposal
 2. Update on preparations for the 29th PCB meeting
 - a. Update on overall preparations
 - b. Thematic segment, 29th PCB meeting
 3. Themes for 31st PCB meeting, December 2012
 4. Any other business
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1. PCB inter-sessional process: UNAIDS budget increase proposal

The Secretariat provided an update on the process to-date.

- On 14 October, the Bureau had agreed to submit the proposal by the UNAIDS Executive Director to programme and disburse funds over and above the approved level of the 2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan to the Board's inter-sessional decision-making process.
- On 21 October, a message from the PCB Chair was sent to representatives of the current PCB Member States, copying PCB NGOs and UNAIDS Cosponsors, asking for a decision to be taken by 4 November through a silent approval process.
- Following that message, the Secretariat followed-up individually with every PCB Member providing additional information as necessary.
- To- date approval for the inter-sessional decision had been from 5 Members (2 in writing and 3 verbal)
- The Secretariat informed the Bureau that a follow up message responding to comments and questions received so far from various Members had been prepared in English and French. The Bureau welcomed the idea and agreed that the deadline should be extended by a week to 11 November to allow more time for consultations.
- *Note: on 2 November following the Bureau meeting, a message in English and French was sent to the inter-sessional focal points and alternates as was agreed above.*

2. Update on preparations for the 29th PCB meeting

a. Update on overall preparations

- On-line registration for the upcoming PCB meeting is now available through the UNAIDS website along with the information for participants:
<http://www.unaids.org/en/aboutunaids/unaidsprogrammecoordinatingboard/upcomingmeetingofunaidspcb/name%2C61050%2Cen.html>

- Documents will be posted on the website as they become available. There have been delays, due in large part to extensive consultations in preparing them, however, many documents are expected to be finalized and posted in the week beginning 7 November.
- As mentioned in the information for participants, the meeting will take place at the Palais des Nations. All participants, except for those who already possess a badge that gives them access (e.g. Permanent Mission representatives, UN officials based in Geneva), need to bring a print out of their registration form as required by security rules of the Palais. Pre-registered participants will be able to pick up their badges at the Palais on the afternoon of 12 December, the day before the start of the meeting.
- A pre-PCB missions' briefing will take place on 18 November (15:00-17:00) at UNAIDS Geneva, and as is normal practice the Secretariat stands ready to provide any additional briefing to individuals or groups upon request.

b. Thematic segment, 29th PCB meeting

The Secretariat provided an update on preparations for the Thematic Segment at the upcoming PCB meeting:

- A Core Working Group has been established consisting of 3 Cosponsors, 7 Member States, 6 PCB NGOs, 2 Non-PCB NGOs, International Development Law Organization and the PCB NGO communications facility focal point.
- Structure agreed by the group: a morning preparatory session followed by interactive dialogues on the three components of the legal environment; access to justice, law enforcement and law.
- The interactive dialogue will involve pre-selected speakers to facilitate meaningful interventions by participants: the Working Group is currently in the process of nominating and selecting speakers.
- A background note and suggested format and agenda are being circulated for comments by the Working Group. Both documents are expected to be finalized next week.
- Efforts are underway to select the moderator for the session.
- The Bureau was informed that in the interest of maximizing the time available for the interactive dialogue, the thematic day will begin at 8am instead of its usual 9am.
- The Bureau requested that due attention be paid to factors such as region, gender and area of expertise in selecting the speakers.

3. Themes for 31st PCB meeting, December 2012

- The Bureau was presented with 14 proposals in total, including new proposals and ones that were not adopted for the 30th PCB meeting.
- Recognizing the value of all of the proposals received, the Bureau agreed to group the related themes together resulting in 7 themes to be considered by the Bureau.
- In order to allow more time for consultation, it was agreed that each Bureau member would communicate -by 10 November- their top three preferences to the Secretariat, who will compile and communicate the final results.

4. Any other business

- Poland requested an update on the security situation in Kenya in light of the upcoming PCB field visit. The Secretariat is in the process of obtaining a security assessment from Nairobi and will advise participants as necessary.