

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 15 February 2012

Present: Anna Marzec-Bogusławska (chairing), Jolanta Chojecka and Joanna Glazewska (Poland); Lavanya Kumar (India); Colin McIlff (USA); Ebony Johnson and Ed Ngoksin (PCB NGOs) joined by phone.

UNAIDS Secretariat: Bernhard Schwartländer, Helen Frary, Jacek Tyszko, Els Klinkert, Yuki Takemoto

Absent: David Wilson (World Bank)

Meeting agenda:

1. PCB Bureau Workplan and membership for 2012
 2. Draft agenda for the 30th PCB meeting
 3. Update, Thematic Segment at 30th PCB meeting, June 2012
 4. Any other business
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1. PCB Bureau Workplan and membership for 2012

- Under 4. *Increased involvement of Civil Society in the work of the PCB*, several Bureau members questioned the need for a meeting between the Bureau and the Communication and Consultation Facility (i.e. support mechanism) of the PCB NGOs given that PCB NGOs are formally represented in the Bureau. PCB NGOs agreed to respond within a week following which the Bureau will agree its workplan through electronic means by Friday, 24 February.

► **[PCB NGOs agreed to remove the item from the Workplan – 1 March]**

- Under 5. *Improved PCB meetings*, a Bureau member pointed out the value of a drafting group in certain situations and the need to consider the implications of the increased number of simplified decision points (e.g. 'taking note') at recent PCB meetings. The Bureau was reminded of the rationale behind the recommendations by the PCB Task Force on Governance included in the Bureau Workplan and agreed that the wording did not need to change. Meanwhile, it was agreed that the issues raised merited further discussions closer to the PCB meeting.

2. Draft agenda for the 30th PCB meeting

The Secretariat presented the draft agenda that includes regular reporting items as well as those that were specifically requested for the 30th meeting. The Bureau:

- Welcomed the proposal to create space on the agenda ("Leadership in the AIDS response") for keynote speaker(s) invited by the Executive Director to address the Board. The Chair suggested inviting the new General Manager of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis as a speaker.
- Requested an update from the Secretariat on the consultative process related to UNAIDS Technical Support.

- ▶ The Secretariat will share the proposed process and timeline with the Bureau electronically. **[DONE – 17 February]**
- Suggested linking the 30th PCB meeting agenda with the 2012 International AIDS Conference that will follow shortly after.
 - ▶ The Executive Director is expected to speak to this in his report to the Board. The Secretariat agreed to provide updates to the Bureau as appropriate.
- Requested to include concrete proposals for long-term solutions to mitigate risks associated with currency fluctuations.
 - ▶ The Secretariat will ensure its inclusion under the agenda item on Financial Reporting.
- Requested to consider updating the Board on the implementation of the *Agenda for Accelerated Country Action for Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV*.
 - ▶ The Secretariat confirmed that a report will be presented to the Board at the 31st meeting in accordance with a decision from the 28th meeting.
- Requested to include an update on the implementation of the *Global Plan towards the Elimination of New HIV Infections among Children by 2015 and Keeping Their Mothers Alive* as an information item.
 - ▶ The Bureau to discuss further at its next meeting.
- Requested to explore the possibility of including a country from Eastern Europe among the country case studies to be presented under the item on Performance Monitoring.
 - ▶ The Secretariat to provide additional information for the Bureau to discuss at its next meeting.
- Welcomed an update from the Secretariat regarding the UNAIDS Investment Framework:
 - Following a meeting between the Executive Director and African Ambassadors in Geneva, the Kenyan Ambassador has agreed to convene further consultations, whose outcomes will be reported back to the Board. So far three regional consultations (Africa, Asia, Latin America) are considered.
- In the interest of maintaining the practice of comprehensive reporting at the June Board meeting, asked the PCB NGOs to reconsider their request to postpone their report to the Board to the 31st meeting in December.
 - ▶ PCB NGOs to provide a response to the Bureau within a week (by 22 February) and the Bureau to discuss at its next meeting, if necessary.
 - ▶ **[PCB NGOs agreed to present their report at the June PCB meeting – 23 February]**

▶ The Secretariat will prepare an updated draft agenda to be discussed and agreed by the Bureau at its next meeting.

3. Update, Thematic Segment at 30th PCB meeting, June 2012

The Secretariat provided an update on preparations for the Thematic Segment at the upcoming 30th PCB meeting (“*Combination Prevention: Addressing the urgent need to reinvigorate HIV prevention responses globally by scaling up and achieving synergies to halt and begin to reverse the spread of the AIDS epidemic*”):

- The theme has attracted much interest as reflected in the constitution of the Core Working Group that includes 8 Cosponsors, 12 Member States, and a range of civil society members including PCB NGOs.
- Expected outcomes of the session as proposed to the Core Working Group are:
 - Increased understanding of effective combination prevention: what works and what doesn't work as well as opportunities for scaling-up (ref. Investment Framework);
 - Improved awareness on the need for cost-effective investments in combination prevention programmes to maximise returns (highest number possible of new infections averted);
 - Increased attention to and acknowledgment of the magnitude of HIV and viral hepatitis B & C co-infections and the ensuing challenges;
 - Enhanced awareness of the importance of monitoring and evaluating research and Combination Prevention programmes to show progress.
- The Core Working Group, responsible for determining the content and format of the day, is scheduled to hold its first teleconference on 17 February. The Bureau will receive regular updates from the Secretariat.

4. Any other business

- Poland informed the Bureau that the Polish Ambassador in Geneva would like to host the reception for PCB participants at the Polish Mission on the evening of first day of the upcoming PCB meeting (5 June).
- The next Bureau meeting shall be held mid/late March, after the 55th Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) meeting on 12-16 March, with the exact date to be agreed through electronic consultation.
 - ▶ **[Next proposed meeting: 22 March]**

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