



Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 13 September 2012

Present: Anna Marzec-Bogusławska (chairing), Joanna Glazewska (Poland); Lavanya Kumar (India); Jason Lawrence and Peter Mamacos (US); Ebony Johnson and Ed Ngoksin (PCB NGOs); and Rosalia Rodriguez-Garcia (World Bank) joined by phone.

UNAIDS Secretariat: Jan Beagle, Ussing Morten, Jacek Tyszko, Yuki Takemoto, Samia Lounnas

Meeting agenda:

1. **Draft agenda for the 31st PCB meeting**
The Bureau will discuss proposed agenda items on the agenda.
2. **Review of PCB NGO Participation in the Board**
The Bureau will receive an update on the review.
3. **Proposals for the Thematic Segment, 33rd PCB meeting (December 2013)**
The Bureau to discuss and possibly agree the theme to recommend to the PCB at the 31st PCB meeting.
4. **Any other business**

The Chair welcomed the participants and thanked UNAIDS Secretariat for the support provided to the PCB Bureau. In particular, she thanked Yuki Takemoto and wished her, on behalf of the PCB Bureau, all the best for her new assignment in UNAIDS Bangkok.

After adoption of the PCB Bureau agenda, the Chair requested UNAIDS Secretariat to present the draft agenda for the upcoming 31st PCB meeting which will be held in Geneva from 11 to 13 December 2012.

1. Draft agenda for the 31st PCB meeting

Jan Beagle, UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director, provided a summary overview and an update for the proposed agenda items of the 31st PCB meeting as follows:

Combination Prevention: *Follow-up to the thematic segment from the 30th Programme Coordinating Board meeting.*

- The summary report is about to be finalized. As agreed at the previous Bureau meeting, it will be sent to members of the Bureau for comments and inputs.
- Some members of the PCB Bureau highlighted the importance of maintaining the decision making process/recommendations for PCB thematic segments. The outcome document (summary report) for the follow-up to the thematic segment would accordingly propose recommendations and decision points for the Bureau's consideration.
- Members highlighted the importance in keeping the development of the summary report objective and inclusive.

- Member requested that all thematic summary reports are developed in collaboration with all PCB Stakeholders.
- Related governance issues were discussed.

Strategic Investment: *The Board will receive a report on progress toward enhanced strategic investment at the country level as requested at the 29th meeting.*

- The report is currently being prepared by the UNAIDS Secretariat. It will be based on documented experiences in the implementation of strategic investment approaches in 12 countries. Presentations by country stakeholders of 2 country case studies (one in Asia and one in Africa) are envisaged for the PCB meeting.

Gender-sensitivity of AIDS responses: *The Board will receive a mid-term review of implementation of the Agenda for Accelerated Country Action for Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV (2010–2014) as requested at the 28th meeting.*

- An independent consultancy firm has been selected to undertake the review (Dalberg). They have produced an inception report which was reviewed by a UNAIDS Secretariat working group as well as an external group (Cosponsors, Governments, CSOs). Three country missions have to date been undertaken (Guatemala, Cambodia and Rwanda). Two additional missions in Africa are being considered.
- Following a request from the Chair, the Secretariat provided an update on the ongoing integration of UN Women in the work of Cosponsors including defining its scope and modalities of work in the UNAIDS Division of Labour.

Review of NGO/Civil Society participation in the PCB: *The Board will receive a report on the NGO/Civil Society participation in the PCB (2007-2012) as requested at the 20th meeting.*

See below separate agenda item.

Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group (MERG): *The Board will receive a report on development concerning the Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group (MERG) as requested at the 30th meeting.*

- The UNAIDS Secretariat is working on an outline for the background paper to be presented to the PCB. The paper will subsequently be discussed with key partners to integrate their perspectives. A meeting of MERG is planned to be held on 21-22 November. This will help provide more information on new developments in the MERG during the PCB meeting.

Thematic Segment: Non-Discrimination

- Two working group meetings were held and some 60 country submissions were received, most of them on successful programmes in the Health and the Justice sectors and few in the in workplace, education and social protection sectors. The draft background paper based on the submissions and the proposed format for the meeting will be shared with working group members end of next week.

Conclusion of PCB Bureau:

- PCB Bureau approved the draft agenda of the 31st PCB meeting to be held 11-13 December in Geneva.
- UNAIDS Secretariat will send invitations to all PCB stakeholders and the approved draft agenda will be posted on the website soon.
- The PCB Bureau decided to continue the discussion on the decision making process as a follow-up to the thematic segment.

Review of PCB NGO Participation in the Board:

- UNAIDS Secretariat presented an update as follows:
 - The consultant has prepared an inception report for the Bureau's consideration.
 - The Secretariat believes that this review is a good opportunity to further strengthen the engagement of the broad civil society voices through the NGO delegation in the PCB and possibly consider new ways of working.
- The Chair provided feedback to Bureau members on the inception report received from the PCB NGO delegation and requested UNAIDS Secretariat to share them with the consultant. The suggestion of maintaining the number of interviews for the PCB NGO delegation, including former members (4-6) and reflecting the questions proposed by the PCB NGO delegation was agreed by the Bureau.

Conclusion of PCB Bureau

- PCB Bureau adopted the inception report as amended (**the final inception report has been shared with the oversight committee on the 17th September**)
 - UNAIDS Secretariat to consolidate comments and share with the consultant.
 - List of interviewees to be finalized by UNAIDS Secretariat based on the Bureau's feedback
 - The Oversight Committee to continue to guide the review.
2. **Call for proposals for the Thematic Segment, 33rd PCB meeting (December 2013)** *Proposals for the Thematic Segment, 33rd PCB meeting (December 2013).*
- Eleven (11) proposals have been received by UNAIDS Secretariat following the call for proposals sent in July 2012 (consolidated matrix annexed).
 - PCB Bureau members discussed the themes and expressed their preferences. A number of topics received broad support from Bureau members however there was no final agreement on a theme to be proposed for the 33rd PCB meeting.
 - *Based on PCB Bureau feedback and UNAIDS Cabinet guidance, UNAIDS Secretariat to prepare a consolidated version of themes taking into account the Bureau's reflections and share it electronically with Bureau for comments.*

3. Any other business

PCB field visit to Ukraine

- The Deputy Executive Director informed that the PCB field visit to Kiev, Ukraine is confirmed to take place on 4-5 October 2012. She also briefed the Bureau on the excellent outcome of the recent meeting held with Vice Prime Minister Ukraine. The

programme of the field visit is being finalized. All PCB stakeholders will be represented during this visit.

PCB NGO delegation and Communication Facility (CF)

- The NGO delegation representative requested UNAIDS Secretariat to provide some clarifications on the next steps for the recruitment of a new host for the CF as well as the status of extension of the current contract with ICASO (current CF host).
- The Secretariat clarified that key issues to be considered for the next steps were 1) the failure of the initial process for the selection of the CF means that the process will need to be reinitiated. The notification will be sent soon to bidders; 2) discussions are ongoing with ICASO to extend the current contract for another 3 months (October-December 2012) however the issue of funding is critical; 3) it is expected that the new host will be selected by January 2013.

Next Bureau Meeting:

- Final date to be communicated by email tentatively 24 or 25 October (**date confirmed: 25th October**)

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