

UNAIDS PCB Bureau

MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: Wednesday, 14 May 2014

PARTICIPANTS

Dr Timothy Poletti (Australia: chairing); Ms Paidamoyo Sharon Takaenzana (Zimbabwe); Mr John Rock (PCB NGO Delegation); Ms Sylvie Bertrand (UNODC: Representing UNAIDS cosponsors).

UNAIDS Secretariat: Ms Jan Beagle (DXD), Mr Joel Rehnstrom (PFA), Mr Morten Ussing (GMA), Ms Samia Lounnas (GMA), Ms Mikaela Hildebrand (PPA), Ms Meheret Melles (PPA).

MEETING AGENDA

1. Update, Regular Segment at 34th PCB meeting

The Bureau will receive updates on key items of the regular segment of the upcoming Board meeting including the AIDS response in the Post-2015 Development Agenda, the UBRAF related agenda items and the follow-up to the thematic segment from 33rd PCB on “HIV, Adolescents and Youth”.

2. Update, Thematic Segment at 34th PCB meeting: “Addressing social and economic drivers of HIV through social protection”.

The Bureau will receive an update on preparations for the thematic segment at the 34th PCB meeting.

3. Any other business

SUMMARY

Opening remarks from the PCB Bureau Chair

Dr Timothy Poletti, representing the PCB Chair, welcomed participants to the last Bureau meeting before the 34th PCB meeting on 1-3 July 2014.

Under the adoption of the agenda, Ms Jan Beagle proposed to add an update on the 2014 PCB field visit to be organized later in the year under AOB.

After adoption of the agenda, the Chair gave the floor to the Secretariat to present the status update for each agenda item of the 34th PCB meeting (1-3 July 2014).

1. Update, Regular Segment at 34th PCB meeting

UNAIDS Secretariat provided an update on the status of preparations for the 34th PCB meeting as follows:

- The draft annotated agenda of the 34th PCB meeting has been posted on the PCB website on the 23 April in both languages French and English;
- The Note verbale and information note are being posted today, 14 May 2014 (English and French);
- Invitations to PCB constituencies are being sent out this week;
- Sir Andrew Witty, CEO GSK, has confirmed his participation as a key note speaker for the Leadership in the AIDS response session.

Additional updates on specific agenda items were provided as follows:

(1.4) Report of the Chair of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations (CCO)

- The Executive Director of UNODC, Mr Fedotov, has confirmed his participation at the opening session of the 34th PCB meeting. He will be delivering a speech on behalf of UNAIDS Cosponsors.
- The CCO report will no longer contain annexes on the individual work of each Cosponsor, which in line with requests at previous Board meetings will be an integral part of the Performance Monitoring Report.

(3) Update on the AIDS response in the post 2015 development agenda

UNAIDS Secretariat advised that the paper is currently being finalized and it will be posted shortly:

- As agreed by the Board, this is a standing agenda item for all PCB meetings through 2015;
- The purpose of the PCB paper is to present a proposed position on HIV in the post-2015 agenda, as well as to provide an update on the broader post-2015 process since the 33rd PCB meeting in December 2013;
- The paper starts with a section on the evolving HIV epidemic in the changing world. It focuses on the Millennium Development Goals, the UNAIDS Strategy and the 2011 UNGA Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS. It makes the case for continued investment in the AIDS response in the next development era. It includes aspects of gender and human rights. The future of the AIDS response is described, including the importance of it being based on rights and evidence. The paper covers some of the barriers to access health services. Finally, there is a brief update on the UNAIDS and the Lancet Commission;
- The next section focuses on the positioning of HIV/AIDS in the post-2015 development agenda, and the role of the UNAIDS PCB as a forum for a common HIV positioning built

on previous PCB commitments from the June 2013 session and the ECOSOC resolution¹;

- Recalling the PCB decisions from June 2013 to encourage Member States to use the lessons learned from the HIV response including through their membership in the Open Working Group process, the paper shapes the proposed position around four elements: the commitment to end AIDS by 2030; the Open Working Group commitment to end the three epidemics as one of the targets of the health goal within the current draft (stressing on new HIV infections, stigma and discrimination experienced by PLHIV and, AIDS related death); importance of HIV sensitive indicators on the goals; and the need to strengthen accountability and broad participation and ownership of the AIDS response;
- The Secretariat also referred to the Missions' Briefing on the AIDS response in the post-2015 agenda, which took place the day before the Bureau meeting, hosted by the ILO, and welcomed the input received from member states; and
- Bureau members were informed of a draft resolution on health in the post-2015 proposed by the Africa Group for the 67th session of the WHA.

(4) Follow-up to the thematic segment from the 33rd Programme Coordinating Board meeting

UNAIDS Secretariat provided the following update:

- The paper has been shared with the Bureau members and will be finalized with comments from Bureau members;
- The paper is a summary of the day and in the spirit of the session, it focuses on the key recommendations stated by the young people themselves;
- The outline highlights the unique format that was adopted as a suggestion for other thematic sessions;
- The paper describes the four segments – the first was on the young people living with HIV and the key issues such as understanding sexual health issues, the support needed by young people living with HIV and wider perspective in stigma and discrimination; the second on HIV prevention where case studies from member states were presented. Young people also provided their perspective from the field as the implementers of the programmes; the third on HIV testing by looking at the current global guidance in particular the issue of parental consent and capacities; and the fourth on HIV treatment and care focusing on the quality of care;
- The paper noted five key conclusions:
 - Scaled up informed programmes that are delivering for young people to have impact;
 - Put emphasis on youth and adolescents friendly services;
 - Parental consent laws (raised by some Member States);
 - Invest and put value on youth participation to empower young people and have an impact on health outcome of the programmes;
 - Limited data available in relation to adolescents both in terms of ethical protocols to include young people in research and the limited investments in research;
- The proposed decision points for this item were discussed;

¹ “Stresses the importance of ensuring that the HIV and AIDS response continues to be an important element of the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and of advocating for the inclusion of targets under relevant goals towards achieving zero new HIV infections, zero AIDS-related deaths and zero discrimination;” “Recognizes the value of the lessons learned from the global HIV and AIDS response for the post-2015 development agenda, including the lessons learned from the unique approach of the Joint Programme;” – see more at http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=E/RES/2013/11

- One member of the Bureau recalled that as indicated in the 2011 UNGA Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS, the AIDS response should take into account national priorities and cultural contexts. Some discussion points should be reworded to ensure maximum support.

(5) UNAIDS 2012-2015 Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework

The UNAIDS Secretariat provided the following update:

- Since the last meeting of the Bureau, there has been a multi-stakeholder consultation on 27 March 2014 with good participation from Member States, Civil Society and other partners. Written comments provided afterwards are now reflected in the final versions of the papers;
- Last week (7 May) at the meeting of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organisations (CCO) in Rome, the Heads of Agencies of UNAIDS Cosponsors provided their feedback on the UBRAF;
- The papers are being reviewed by the Secretariat and will be posted four weeks before the 34th PCB meeting;
- **Under sub-item 1** on the mid-term review, the main report is supported by an annex which is a summary of external assessments of UNAIDS conducted during the last two years;
- The paper highlights the three main findings of the mid-term review:
 - Demonstrated contributions of UNAIDS to continued progress in the AIDS response;
 - Improved coherence and effectiveness of the Joint Programme;
 - Need for predictability and continued efforts in the AIDS response based on and reflecting lessons learned.
- **Under sub-item 2** on performance monitoring, the comprehensive review of the Joint Programme, achievements and challenges against the ten global AIDS targets from the UNGA 2011 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS, and the paper is accompanied by a revised 2014-2015 indicator framework;
- **Under sub-item 3** on financial reporting, the financial report covers 2013 while the annexed financial management update gives the picture of the 2014 income and expenditure;
- The financial report, with the transition to the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), has become more comprehensive than in the past. The paper present the information for 2012-2013 and compared to the 2010-2011 biennium;
- The financial report presents the financial aspects of key initiatives in the Secretariat, such as the strategic realignment. It details the reduction in general costs, travel, consultant contracts and services, which was an important objective of the realignment to achieve cost savings and efficiencies;
- Country case studies will be available as conference room papers;
- Responding to the request from the Board last year, short summaries of UNAIDS work in all 30+ High Impact Countries will be prepared and thematic studies were conducted (e.g., on UNAIDS engagement with PEPFAR and the Global Fund).

(6) Update on strategic human resources management issues

- The paper provides an update on the organizational realignment and outlines key strategic elements of human resource management over the past year, workforce

planning, staff development, recruitment and, mobility, skill developments, performance management and staff wellbeing;

- The paper also provides statistical information on the workforce profile and its evolution and provisions for the future.

2. Update, Thematic Segment at 34th PCB meeting (Addressing social and economic drivers of HIV through social protection)

The UNAIDS Secretariat provided an update as follows:

- The PCB Working Group (WG) with 30 members has met twice already;
- It is developing the background note and discussing the agenda, case studies and speakers of the day;
- The first meeting allowed the participants to conclude on the draft outline of the background paper;
- The discussion at the second meeting focused on the content of the draft Background Note, which will be completed with inputs from all stakeholders at the third meeting but also allowing for acceptance of written comments in the days after the meeting.
- The fourth meeting will discuss the format, the agenda and speakers for the day;
- On 26 May, the paper will be finalized and sent for translation;
- The Secretariat recalled the request for case studies to inform the Background Note. 42 submissions of best practices were received to date.

3. Any other business

- Ms Jan Beagle, Deputy Executive Director of UNAIDS, informed the Bureau that the Secretariat in accordance with usual practice, would organize the PCB Field Visit in the second half of the year. It was proposed to organize the 2014 visit in Indonesia. Bureau members welcomed the proposal.
- The pre-PCB Missions Briefing will take place in mid-June. Further information will be communicated by email shortly. The Secretariat is available for regional or bilateral briefs, if requested.
- The Secretariat suggested sending out the communication to all constituencies on the call for proposals of themes for the next thematic session in December 2015 in advance of the 34th meeting of the PCB, by mid-June.
- Bureau members welcomed this approach which will give constituencies a good amount of time to submit proposals of themes.
- The Secretariat announced that the PCB online registration will open on 16 May.

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