38th Meeting of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board
Geneva, Switzerland
28-30 June 2016

Decisions

The UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board,

Recalling that all aspects of UNAIDS work are directed by the following guiding principles:

● Aligned to national stakeholders’ priorities;
● Based on the meaningful and measurable involvement of civil society, especially people living with HIV and populations most at risk of HIV infection;
● Based on human rights and gender equality;
● Based on the best available scientific evidence and technical knowledge;
● Promoting comprehensive responses to AIDS that integrate prevention, treatment, care and support; and
● Based on the principle of non-discrimination;

Agenda item 1.1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. Adopts the agenda;

Agenda item 1.2: Consideration of the report of the thirty-seventh meeting

2. Adopts the report of the 37th Programme Coordinating Board meeting;

Agenda item 1.3: Report of the Executive Director

3. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director;

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

4. Takes note of the report of the Chair of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations;
Agenda item 1.5 Report by the NGO representative

5.1 *Takes note* of the report;

5.2 *Urges* UNAIDS and other partners to continue to provide funds and technical assistance to strengthen civil society and community-level capacity consistent with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

Agenda item 3: Follow-up to the thematic segment from the 37th Programme Coordinating Board meeting

6.1 *Takes note* of the summary report of the Programme Coordinating Board Thematic Segment on “Shared responsibility and global solidarity”;

6.2 *Recognizes* that:

   a. The Fast-Track requires accelerated action, focus, front-loading of resources, and innovation in service delivery, financing and partnerships and, therefore, it is critical to ensure continued international and increased domestic support to achieve the ambitious Fast-Track goals by 2020 in order to end AIDS by 2030;

   b. In view of the meaningful and measurable involvement of civil society organizations and people living with HIV in the AIDS response, it is important to continue investing and supporting civil society, including networks of people living with HIV, to enhance their essential role in fast tracking the AIDS response;

6.3 *Encourages* member states to:

   a. Pursue tailored approaches to investment in the AIDS response in cooperation with their development partners, civil society organizations and the private sector based on values of equity and fairness guided by principles enshrined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, including common but differentiated responsibilities and Global solidarity and shared responsibility, as well as regional commitments, such as the African Union Roadmap on Shared responsibility and global solidarity for AIDS, TB and Malaria;

   b. Base resource allocation on good-quality and more granular data and continue to strengthen data systems to eliminate inefficiencies and reallocate existing resources based on a population and location approach; and

   c. Accelerate actions regarding resource mobilization, efficiency gains, Universal Health Coverage and social protection, human resources for health, technology transfer and capacity-building to fill the existing funding gap to gain epidemic control;
6.4 Requests the Joint Programme to:

a. Support member states and civil society organizations and other partners in coordinating discussions on HIV financing and transition planning for programatically and financially sustainable AIDS responses;

b. Further support member states and civil society organizations in maximizing the use of available resources and exploring and implementing innovative financing options;

c. Support countries to strengthen systems for health that incorporate the public sector, private sector and local communities in the response, and explore innovative service delivery options; and

d. Support countries in identifying opportunities to improve and/or sustain the supply of antiretroviral medicines and other HIV-related health commodities;

Agenda item 4: Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework (UBRAF)

4.1 Performance reporting

7.1 Takes note of the performance monitoring report and continued efforts to rationalize and strengthen reporting, in line with decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board, and based on experience and feedback on reporting;

7.2 Looks forward to further streamlined performance monitoring reports based on a simpler structure, fewer outputs and improved indicators in the 2016-2021 Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework;

7.3 Encourages the further strengthening of performance reporting with independent evaluation and validation;

7.4 Urges all constituencies to contribute to efforts to strengthen performance reporting and use UNAIDS’ annual performance monitoring reports to meet their reporting needs;

4.2 Financial reporting

7.5 Accepts the financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015;

7.6 Takes note of the interim financial management update for the 2016–2017 biennium for the period 1 January 2016 to 31 March 2016, including the replenishment of the Building Renovation Fund;

7.7 Encourages donor governments to make multi-year contributions and release their contributions towards the 2016–2021 Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework as soon as possible, and;
7.8 **Requests** the UNAIDS Secretariat to continue to monitor the fund balance of the UBRAF with a view of increasing it to be within the minimum and maximum levels established by the Programme Coordinating Board;

**Resource Mobilization**

7.9 Bearing in mind decision 6.2 at the 37th Programme Coordinating Board that approved the UBRAF budget 2016-2017 and recognising the unprecedented and unexpected financial shortfall due to a decrease of contributions by donor governments as well as currency fluctuations, amongst others, currently facing the Joint Programme, **recognises** the urgent need of the Programme Coordinating Board to support and guide the Joint Programme in ensuring the continued delivery of core functions;

7.10 **Recognises** the impact of the current situation on our common goal to end AIDS as an epidemic by 2030 as stated in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and on the already observed impacts on the ability of the Joint Programme to provide support at regional and country levels;

7.11 **Reaffirms** its full support to UNAIDS and the unique and innovative nature of the Joint Programme, which has been key to reaching unprecedented results in the AIDS response and promoted coordination and coherence across the UN on a critical cross-cutting issue, including the delivery of critical technical assistance in improving the efficiency of national and global HIV investments;

7.12 **Recognises** the urgency of the current financial situation of UNAIDS and **reaffirms** the shared responsibility of finding both short and medium-term solutions to avoid negative consequences on the implementation of the UNAIDS 2016-2021 Fast-Track Strategy and the 2016 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: On the Fast-Track to Accelerate the Fight against HIV and to End the AIDS Epidemic by 2030, including country-level delivery;

7.13 **Urges** all member states and other funding partners to contribute to UNAIDS whilst acknowledging the critical role played by domestic resources;

7.14 **Urges** donor countries to maintain and, where possible, to increase their contributions to UNAIDS, particularly in funding the core budget, in the context of their overall investment in tackling the epidemic;

7.15 **Recognises** the strong partnership between UNAIDS and the Global Fund and the critical technical assistance UNAIDS provides to maximise impact of Global Fund grants, strongly **encourages** UNAIDS to engage with the Global Fund to explore a variety of means through which UNAIDS could further benefit from the relationship with the Global Fund, and report back to the 39th Programme Coordinating Board;
7.16 Stresses the direct contribution of the work of the Joint Programme to the broader 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in that regard encourages the Joint Programme to strengthen its communication on the impact of their work to the epidemic and beyond;

7.17 Urges UNAIDS to generate additional resources, including at country level, which should be fully accounted for, in support of the implementation of the UBRAF, including from non-traditional donors, in-kind contributions, private sector, private foundations and innovative financing mechanisms;

**2017 resource allocation**

7.18 Recalling the extraordinary financial situation of UNAIDS and the critical need to find solutions to protect the core competencies of the Joint Programme in the current biennium, decides that if the 2016 budgetary shortfalls were to persist in 2017, requests that the Executive Director, on an exceptional basis, bases the allocation of resources in 2017 on the following criteria:

a. Decision 6.8 from the 37th Programme Coordinating Board which urged that the Secretariat to be sufficiently funded and encouraged Cosponsors to strengthen their own resource mobilization efforts in support of the Joint Programme;

b. The amount provided to Cosponsors should amount to a minimum threshold of 15% of funds mobilized against the UBRAF, with a guarantee of no less than US$1.5 million to each Cosponsor;

c. Above this minimum threshold, funds should be provided to the Cosponsors, considering the Cosponsors with a high share of HIV spending accounted for by the Joint Programme and who are most at risk of being unable to maintain critical core functions, which would have a disproportionate negative effect on the ability of the Joint Programme to implement the 2016-2021 Strategy;

7.19 Requests that the Executive Director provide a report at the 39th PCB on how these criteria have been applied to support a differentiated approach to Cosponsor funding for 2017;

7.20 Requests UNAIDS to conduct an analysis on how the 2016 budgetary shortfall and the 2017 projections will affect delivery of the UNAIDS 2016-2021 Strategy, and to develop funding scenarios and provide a report on findings to all Programme Coordinating Board members and all member states through the Programme Coordinating Board Bureau, as soon as possible. The Programme Coordinating Board will revisit these decision points based on this analysis at the 39th Programme Coordinating Board;

7.21 Requests that UNAIDS inform the Board by beginning of October 2016 on how they intend to manage the Joint Programme’s budgetary shortfall, bearing in mind decision 6.8 from the 37th Programme Coordinating Board;
Medium term funding

7.22 Requests that the Joint Programme to better define its critical core functions, as well as criteria for the differentiated allocation of resources within the Joint Programme, for presentation at the 40th Programme Coordinating Board and to present a 2018-19 budget detailing the different sources of financing the budget which provides a strong link between resources and results including Cosponsor core financing;

4.3 Revised 2016-2021 UBRAF

7.23 Recalls decisions 6.1 and 6.2 of the 37th Programme Coordinating Board meeting approving the 2016-2021 UBRAF, US$485 million as the core budget for 2016-2017, and the budget and allocations of the Cosponsors and the Secretariat;

7.24 Takes note of the report and conclusions of the Programme Coordinating Board working group established in accordance with decision 7.2 of the 36th Programme Coordinating Board “to review and further develop the Results and Accountability Framework and to present the revised Results and Accountability Framework to the 38th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board”;

7.25 Approves the final, prioritized and more detailed 2016-2021 UBRAF based on the recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board working group;

7.26 Requests the Secretariat to inform the 39th Programme Coordinating Board on the continued work to refine the UBRAF taking into account the targets set in the 2016 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS and to consider using diverse and geographically balanced external expertise as appropriate, and;

7.27 Requests the Joint Programme to provide more information in future reports on how the Cosponsors use the core UBRAF funding, and what results have been achieved;

Agenda item 5: Update on strategic human resources management issues

8. Takes note of the update on strategic human resources management issues;

Agenda item 6: Statement by the representative of the UNAIDS Staff Association

9. Takes note of the statement by the representative of the UNAIDS Staff Association.

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