

OUTLINE OF THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Additional documents for this item: *none*

Action required at this meeting – the Programme Coordinating Board is invited to:

Take note of the report of the Executive Director.

Cost implications for decisions: *none*

OUTLINE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE 40th PROGRAMME COORDINATING BOARD

Opportunities in Facing the Challenge of Change

Introduction

- Opportunities in a rapidly changing world

- Understanding global megatrends is crucial
 - Political shifts
 - Threats
 - Highlight the instability caused by famine in South Sudan and Nigeria.

These complex interconnected crises oblige us to connect the dots across issues and organizations.

- Past approaches for addressing complex humanitarian and security crises are out of step with what is happening.
- As the SG has emphasized we need to focus on prevention and preparedness to deal with multiple international challenges.
- The space for multilateralism is shrinking.
- This is a challenge both for the UN and the people we serve.
- Revitalizing the UN is at the top of the Secretary-General's reform agenda
- Many reforms called for in the QCPR are already part of the Joint Programme's DNA
- July's High-Level Political Forum will be a critical opportunity to review progress towards a number of SDGs.
- The UNAIDS Strategy, and the Political Declaration with its regional targets are unique tools for fast-tracking the response.
- The Political Declaration can drive progress and accountability.

We are taking advantage of our opportunities to change and deliver results.

As Martin Luther King said:

Our very survival depends on our ability to stay awake, to adjust to new ideas, to remain vigilant and to face the challenge of change.

- At UNAIDS we are **seizing the opportunities** that change represents for our shared future of the Joint Programme.

Global Review Panel

- The Joint Programme has accomplished great deal in the last six months towards refining its model, as mandated by the board.
- The Global Review Panel produced a **thoughtful and provocative report**.
- We welcome the Panel's specific, actionable recommendations on financing and accountability, joint working and governance.
- Joint Programme remains a **"bellwether" for both sustainable development and UN reform**.
- At the multistakeholder consultation, we heard strong support for a strengthened and refined Joint Programme model.
- Emphasis on prioritization and differentiation given challenging financing environment.

UNAIDS has delivered an Action Plan, UBRAF and budget, developed in light of the GRP recommendations

- The Action Plan is an urgent step to stabilize the JP in this resource-constrained environment.
- **Cosponsors** involved throughout. The April CCO meeting was an important milestone.
- This will guide refinement over the coming months.
- It is a **direct response to the panel** report and its recommendations and guided by consultation with stakeholders at the multistakeholder consultation.
- The Action Plan aims to strengthen the **coherence and effectiveness** of the Joint Programme's support to countries.
- It builds on the UNAIDS 2016–2021 Strategy.
- Joint Programme is introducing a differentiated and dynamic process for allocating resources to ensure they are directed to where they are needed most.
- **"Tailoring" as golden thread as each country context is unique**
- Action Plan is **one milestone in the journey of refining the Joint Programme**.
- UNAIDS remain at the forefront of policy making and innovation.
- It is our collective responsibility to deliver on Agenda 2030, and this Plan designs the path to get there

Since 2016 the Secretariat has implemented a repositioning exercise

- To **realign the Secretariat to a new political and financial environment**.
- To continue **supporting the Joint Programme** and the **AIDS response with maximum value added**.
- **A transparent process** and included a series of **cross-organizational consultations with staff**.

The broader global AIDS response has also seen change, much of it positive

- The AIDS journey has been characterized by partnership, innovation and activism.
- People living with HIV, communities, scientists, policy makers, private sector and **political leaders came together to fight injustice**.
- The Global Fund and PEPFAR are critical instruments for ending AIDS.
- MOPAN and several other bilateral reviews have highlighted what we are doing well and suggested areas for improvement.

It is now time for us to leverage the dividends of the investments made in the AIDS response for broader health outcomes

- New partnership with GAVI on HPV.
- Travel to Namibia with President Bush and Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon.
- The Chair of the UNITAID Board will address the PCB this afternoon.
- Travel to African Union next week for the AIDS Watch Africa Heads of State meeting.

Thanks to these investments we are seeing great progress in the AIDS response

- 18.2 Million people on treatment.
- 60% reduction in new infections among children in the 21 priority countries of the Global Plan.
- Increased domestic financing of the AIDS response - now stands at 57%.
- Countries have embraced the 909090 HIV treatment target.
- Fast-track is working and we are starting to control the epidemic.
- Convening an expert consultation on defining “epidemic control”.
- The Global HIV Prevention Coalition - meeting in October in Nairobi.
- Uganda -- President Museveni launched the first Presidential Fast-Track Initiative.
- amfAR event in Washington last week -- innovation to reach everyone.
- With UNAIDS Goodwill Ambassador, Kenneth Cole, we will be launching a Coalition on Ending AIDS at the IAS conference in Paris.

But even with all of this progress AIDS is not yet over

- As Martin Luther King reminded us we must stay vigilant and break what I call the conspiracy of complacency.
- We should be outraged that:
 - 18 Million more people are waiting for treatment.
 - In the past hour 125 people died of AIDS related causes.
 - 240 people were newly infected with HIV
 - We are failing young women.
 - Men are not accessing testing and services.

Audacious thinking, courage and commitment have always driven us forward in the AIDS response.

- Let us face the “challenge of change” together

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