

UNAIDS PCB Bureau

MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: Friday, 3 November 2017

PARTICIPANTS

PCB Bureau: Mr Daniel Graymore (United Kingdom: representing the Chair and Vice-Chair); Mr Jeffry Acaba (representing the PCB NGO Delegation); Ms Nazneen Damji (UN Women: representing UNAIDS Cosponsors).

UNAIDS Secretariat: Mr Joel Rehnstrom (acting Deputy Executive Director), Mr Morten Ussing (Chief, Governance and Multilateral Affairs), Ms. Samia Lounnas (Senior Adviser, Governance and Multilateral Affairs).

MEETING AGENDA

1. Update, Regular Segment at the 41st PCB meeting

The Bureau will receive brief updates on key items of the regular segment at the upcoming Board meeting.

2. Update, Thematic Segment at the 41st PCB meeting: Zero Discrimination in health care settings

The Bureau will receive a brief update on the agenda and preparations for the thematic segment at the 41st PCB meeting.

3. Proposals for the Thematic Segments at the 42nd and 43rd PCB meetings (June and December 2018)

The Bureau will select themes to recommend to the PCB for the 42nd and 43rd PCB meetings in 2018.

4. Any other business

SUMMARY

Opening remarks from the PCB Bureau Chair

Mr Daniel Graymore, representing the PCB Chair, welcomed participants to the Bureau meeting before the 41st PCB meeting on 12-14 December 2017.

After adoption of the agenda, the Chair passed the floor to the Secretariat to present the preparations of each agenda item of the 41st PCB meeting (12-14 December 2017).

1. Update, Regular Segment at 41st PCB meeting

UNAIDS Secretariat provided an update on the preparations for the 41st PCB meeting as follows:

- The draft annotated agenda of the 41st PCB meeting was posted on 29 September in English and French.
- The report of the 40th PCB meeting was posted on 20 October in English and French after clearance by the Chair and the Bureau.
- Invitations were sent to all constituencies and the note verbale and information note were posted on the UNAIDS website on 12 October.
- The outline of the Executive Director's Report will be ready approximately in the week leading before the PCB meeting.

Additional updates on specific agenda items were provided as follows:

(1.2) Report of the Executive Director

- The report will provide the most important achievements in the global AIDS response over the past six months as well as remaining challenges. It is expected that some focus would be on the implementation of the UNAIDS Action Plan. Usually the outline of this report is the last document available on the website some 7 days before the PCB.

(1.3) Report by the NGO representative:

The representative of the PCB NGO Delegation updated the Bureau as follows

- The paper is entitled: *The UNAIDS We Need Must Leave No One Behind: Getting to Zero Includes All of Us (the 10-10-10)*.
- The report seeks to highlight the inequity and neglect faced by individuals and communities that are disproportionately affected by HIV and have long been disregarded or unrecognized in HIV responses at one or more levels (local, national, regional, global), for reasons including lack of data about them; social, cultural, economic, legal and political barriers; and, stigma and discrimination.
- The PCB NGO indicated that the report was sent to the Secretariat on 23 October for review. The report will be finalised further to this review.
- The PCB NGOs intend to consult on the report with UNAIDS Secretariat and Member States in the lead up to the PCB.

(2) Leadership in the AIDS response

- The Secretariat informed that UNAIDS EXD has invited the former President of Switzerland, Ruth Dreifuss to address the PCB. The intervention will be focused on harm reduction and drug policies and political leadership in this regard.

(3) Follow-up to the thematic segment from the 40th PCB meeting – HIV Prevention 2020: A global partnership for delivery.

The Secretariat provided the following update:

- The paper is a summary of the discussion and debate at the thematic day.

- The report was sent to the Bureau for clearance on 24 October with 30 October as deadline to provide comments.
- Comments and proposed additions were sent by the PCB NGOs. Secretariat finalised the report and it will be posted shortly.

(4) Report on progress in the implementation of the UNAIDS Joint Programme Action Plan

The Secretariat and the Chair of the CCO provided the following update

- The Report on Implementation of the Joint Programme Action Plan was sent to Cosponsor Heads of Agencies on 2 November in advance of the CCO meeting on 7 November.
- The report had already been circulated to Cosponsors for comments, and these have been integrated into the report.
- The report is an update on the implementation of the Action Plan, presenting the concrete actions that have been undertaken and as well as the processes that have been put in place to effectively implement the Action Plan. It is divided into 3 chapters:
 - **Joint working at country level**
 - Country capacity assessments
 - Joint UN Plans on AIDS
 - Country envelopes
 - 3 or 4 country case studies will be presented to exemplify the process at country level
 - **Resources mobilization strategy**
 - Intensifying engagement with existing donors
 - Emerging donor engagement approach
 - Value of the GF and JP relationship
 - **Improved governance mechanisms (including within context of UN Reform)**
 - CCO agenda item on thematic discussion
 - EXD report to the SG on CCO conclusions
 - Cross-board coherence and coordination

(5) Update on actions to reduce stigma and discrimination in all its forms

The Secretariat provided the following update

- The paper is in the clearance paper.
- The paper was developed in collaboration with the Cosponsors.
- The content of the paper is an update on actions to reduce stigma and discrimination in all its forms since 2015. The report is an update of a paper that was submitted to the PCB in December 2014. It is divided in 4 chapters:
 - Catalyzing political commitment to end discrimination to achieve the SDGs;
 - Advancing in-country capacity to reduce stigma and discrimination for PLHIV and other key populations;
 - Promoting national programmes that address the needs of women and girls and counter gender based violence;
 - Challenges and opportunities.
- The Secretariat will present the paper followed by a discussion at the Board meeting.

(6) Update on HIV in prisons and other closed settings

The Secretariat provided the following update

- The paper is in the clearance paper.
- The paper was developed in collaboration with the Cosponsors.
- The present report is an update of the 2015 report on HIV in prisons and other closed settings and provides information on and examples of actions taken, in line with the decisions by the 37th PCB.
- The report presents the most recent data on the epidemiological situation of people in prisons and other closed settings that are living with HIV, viral Hepatitis B (HBV) and C (HBC) and tuberculosis (TB) infections and are currently receiving treatment and comprehensive HIV prevention programmes. Challenges are being addressed why people in prisons and other closed settings are left behind in the national HIV response, as well as possibilities to closing these gaps. Furthermore, it provides examples of political engagement and actions taken in strengthening a human rights and public health approach to address health in prisons, globally as well as at regional and country level, including the country case of Vietnam.
- The report identifies recommendations for future steps.

(7) Next PCB meetings

UNAIDS Secretariat provided the following update:

- The paper is prepared by the Secretariat on behalf of the PCB Bureau;
- The paper will be finalized further to the Bureau meeting;
- The paper presents the themes selected by the Bureau for the 42nd and 43rd PCB meetings in 2018 and dates for the 2020 PCB meetings.

(8) Election of Officers

UNAIDS Secretariat provided the following update:

- The Modus Operandi foresees the Programme Coordinating Board to elect the current Vice-Chair, United Kingdom, to the position of Chair for a term of one year starting on 1 January 2018.
- This meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board must also elect a Vice-Chair and a Rapporteur for a term of one year starting on 1 January 2018.
- Through this paper, the Programme Coordinating Board is requested to elect officers for 2018 and to approve the new members of the NGO Delegation.

2. Update, Thematic Segment at 41st PCB meeting

UNAIDS Secretariat provided the following update:

- The PCB Working Group had two meetings and the last meeting is scheduled tentatively for the 10th November.
- During the two meetings, the Working Group discussed and provided comments (including through email before and after the meetings) on the draft Background Note which is currently being finalized and will be shared with the Working Group for final written comments soon and then posted on the PCB website after the internal clearances.
- So far, 51 submissions of country best practices have been received (with some coming in over the weekend). The submissions are being used to inform the Background Note.
- The draft agenda of the thematic day was also shared with the working group at its second meeting and the working group members were invited to send suggestions for speakers.
- During its last meeting, the WG will discuss the format of the day and possible speakers.

3. Proposals for the Thematic Segment at the 42nd and 43rd PCB meetings (June and December 2018)

- The Board at its 39th meeting in December 2016 decided: “to request the Programme Coordinating Board Bureau to take appropriate and timely steps to ensure that due process is followed in the call for themes for the 42nd and 43rd Programme Coordinating Board meetings, as necessary” (DP 9.2).
- The Secretariat recalled the process for the call for submission of proposal of themes as follows:
- **19 July:** The Secretariat on behalf of the PCB Bureau sent the call to send proposals of themes for the thematic segments in 2018 to the 3 PCB constituencies. The deadline to submit proposals of themes was 11 September.
- **6 September:** A reminder was sent. At that time, 2 proposals were received. The deadline to submit proposals has therefore been extended to 18 September.
- **18 September:** 10 proposals were received.
- 5 proposals resulted from a consultation and collaboration process between submitting partners facilitated by UNAIDS Secretariat at the request of the PCB Bureau Chair. The process consisted in merging proposals that were on a similar topic (TB-HIV (4 proposals) and Mental Health and quality of life of people living with HIV (3 proposals)).
- The five (5) proposals received are:

Proposal 1: Ending tuberculosis and AIDS – a joint response in the era of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Proposal 2: Achieving Sustainability: Integrating HIV Programs into National Health Systems in Ways that Support Progress towards Universal Health Coverage

Proposal 3: Mental Health and HIV/AIDS – promoting human rights, an integrated and person-centered approach to improving ARV adherence, well-being and quality of life

Proposal 4: Delivering on SDG 3: Integrating HIV responses into sustainable systems for health

Proposal 5: Addressing barriers to accessing HIV Services for Men who have sex with Men, People who use Drugs, Prison population, Sex Workers and Transgender People

After discussion, the Bureau acknowledged the merit of all the proposals received. Given the quality and timeliness of proposals, the Bureau decided the following 4 proposals should be considered.

Proposal 1: Ending tuberculosis and AIDS – a joint response in the era of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Proposal 2: Achieving Sustainability: Integrating HIV Programs into National Health Systems in Ways that Support Progress towards Universal Health Coverage

Proposal 3: Mental Health and HIV/AIDS – promoting human rights, an integrated and person-centered approach to improving ARV adherence, well-being and quality of life

Proposal 4: Delivering on SDG 3: Integrating HIV responses into sustainable systems for health

- The Bureau agreed that the Vice-Chair (UK) would discuss with the Chair(Ghana) possibilities of merging proposal 2 and 4 into one proposal under the theme on **sustainability and integration of HIV responses**. The Bureau also agreed that the wording of proposal 3 could be refined further as follows: **Mental Health and HIV/AIDS – promoting a person-centered, rights-based and integrated**

approach to improving quality of life, well-being and care (instead of –
“promoting human rights, an integrated and person-centered approach to improving
ARV adherence, well-being and quality of life).

- The Bureau would then decide electronically on the 2 proposals for the 42nd and 43rd thematic segments in 2018.

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