

UNAIDS PCB Bureau

MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: Monday, 27 November 2017

PARTICIPANTS

PCB Bureau: Ms Laila Heward-Mills (Ghana: representing the Chair); Mr Jeffry Acaba, Mr Kene Esom and Ms Alessandra Nilo (representing the PCB NGO Delegation); Ms Elena Kudravtseva (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

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.

SUMMARY

Opening remarks from the PCB Bureau Chair

Ms Laila Heward-Mills, representing the PCB Chair, welcomed participants to the last Bureau meeting before the 41st PCB meeting on 12-14 December 2017.

The Chair noted that this meeting was called to finalize the selection of themes for the thematic segments in 2018.

The Chair asked the Secretariat to recall the discussion on the selection of themes held at the previous Bureau meeting on 3rd November.

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

The Secretariat recalled the process and discussion as follows:

- 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).
- **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).
- At its meeting on 3rd November, the Bureau acknowledged the merit of all the proposals received. 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.

- At the same meeting, the Bureau agreed that the Vice-Chair would discuss with the Chair possibilities of merging proposal 2 and 4 into one proposal under the theme on sustainability and integration of HIV responses.
- Following the Bureau meeting and at the request of the PCB Chair, the Secretariat reached out to Australia and Germany to merge their proposals (2 and 4) into one proposal. On 22 November, Australia and Germany submitted a revised joint proposal *Delivering on SDG 3: Integrating HIV responses into sustainable systems for health* as requested by the Bureau.

Following the update provided by the Secretariat, the Chair requested the Bureau members to consider the following 3 proposals to agree on the 2 themes for the thematic segments in 2018:

- **Ending tuberculosis and AIDS – a joint response in the era of the Sustainable Development Goals.**
- **Mental Health and HIV/AIDS – promoting human rights, an integrated and person-centered approach to improving ARV adherence, well-being and quality of life.**
- **Delivering on SDG 3: Integrating HIV responses into sustainable systems for health.**

The Bureau acknowledged the merit of the 3 proposals and decided, given the quality and timeliness of the proposals, to propose the theme: *Ending tuberculosis and AIDS – a joint response in the era of the Sustainable Development Goals* for the thematic segment of the 42nd PCB meeting in June 2018 and the theme *Mental Health and HIV/AIDS – promoting human rights, an integrated and person-centered approach to improving ARV adherence, well-being and quality of life* for the thematic segment of the 43rd PCB meeting in December 2018.

The Bureau further proposed that the issue of *Delivering on SDG 3: Integrating HIV responses into sustainable systems for health* be considered as a regular agenda item at one of the Programme Coordinating Board meetings in 2018.

The Chair thanked the Bureau members and asked the Secretariat to prepare and post the PCB paper “Next PCB meetings” with the selected themes.

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