

UNAIDS PCB Bureau meeting

MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: Monday 3 September 2018

PARTICIPANTS

PCB Bureau: Mr Daniel Graymore, Ms Fiona Campbell and Mr Nicolas Alexander (United Kingdom: representing the Chair) ; Mr Zheng Xu (China: representing the Vice-Chair) Ms Sonal Mehta (representing the PCB NGO Delegation); and Mr David Sunderland and Ms Ann Burton (UNHCR: representing UNAIDS Cosponsors).

UNAIDS Secretariat: Mr Morten Ussing, Director, Governance and Multilateral Division, Ms Samia Lounnas, Senior Governance Advisor, Governance and Multilateral Division

Excused: Mr Yang Xiaochen (China: representing the Vice-Chair); Mr Samir Rahem (Algeria: representing the Rapporteur) and Ms Alessandra Nilo (representing the PCB NGO Delegation).

MEETING AGENDA

1. Preparation for the 43rd PCB meeting

The Bureau will consider possible agenda items for the agenda of the 43rd PCB meeting considering decisions from the 42nd and previous meetings.

2. Preparation for the thematic segment of the 43rd PCB meeting

The Bureau will receive an update on preparation for the thematic segment on

3. Update on the Independent Expert Panel

4. Any other business

SUMMARY

Mr Daniel Graymore welcomed the PCB Bureau to prepare the 43rd PCB meeting on 11-13 December 2018 and thanked the members for a successful 42nd PCB meeting in June 2018.

After adoption of the agenda with an additional point proposed by the Secretariat under any other business on the upcoming PCB Field Visit, the Secretariat presented the possible agenda items for the 43rd PCB meeting which will be held in Geneva from 11-13 December 2018.

The presentation of the proposed agenda items for the 43rd Board meeting was based on the enclosed table in annex.

1. Preparation for the 43rd PCB meeting

The Secretariat explained that the table of possible items for the 43rd PCB meeting (see annex) captured all decisions points (DPs) that have actions for later sessions of the Board from the last PCB meeting (the 42nd), but also contains decisions of previous PCB meetings where the Board defined the timeline to report at a precise or simply a future PCB meeting as well as those discussed at previous Bureau meetings during which the members of the Bureau agreed on timelines for reporting back on some items. The table formed the basis of the discussion of the Bureau members on agenda items for the 43rd PCB meeting. The PCB Bureau decided as follow:

Standing agenda items:

Report of the 42nd PCB meeting: [Confirmed](#). The draft report is being finalized and will be circulated to the Chair of the PCB and then the Bureau for clearance and finally posted on the PCB website.

EXD report: [Confirmed](#). 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 need to redouble efforts on prevention including the latest finding in the *Miles to go* on prevention, in particular on key populations. Usually the outline of this report is the last document available on the web site (some 7 days before the PCB).

Report by the NGOs representative: [Confirmed](#). The presentation of the report initially planned at the 42nd PCB meeting in June 2018 was postponed to the 43rd PCB meeting at the request of the NGO Delegation. Ms Sonal Mehta, representing the NGO Delegation, also confirmed that the topic of the report is *migration, mobility and HIV*. She informed the Bureau that data collection is being undertaken that a draft will be ready in the required timeline as defined by the Secretariat.

The Bureau advised that while they acknowledge the independent nature of the report of the NGO Delegation, it would be important that the different PCB constituencies are consulted when the draft report is ready to consider if key issues related to the topic are covered by the report. The Bureau also requested that the NGO delegation and Secretariat consider different ways of presenting in order to facilitate an interactive and constructive discussion.

Leadership in the AIDS Response: The PCB Bureau acknowledged that this agenda item is at the discretion of the Executive Director and suggested the Bureau could propose some ideas on a high-level speaker who would present its views/experience on a topic that would be topical, relevant and key to the agenda of the PCB meeting, so as to enrich the discussion.

Follow up to the thematic segment from the 42nd PCB meeting - *Ending tuberculosis and AIDS - a joint response in the era of the Sustainable Development Goals*: [Confirmed](#). The Secretariat is currently finalizing the summary report. It will be sent to the Bureau for clearance ahead of its second meeting. The Bureau would also be considering possible draft decisions emerging from the discussion.

The Secretariat indicated that there was a request from some members of the Board to post on the PCB Bureau webpage the letter that was sent by the Chair of the PCB to the co facilitators of the

September HLM on Tuberculosis. The Bureau agreed and requested the Secretariat to take appreciate action.

Next PCB meetings: Confirmed. The paper for this agenda item is prepared by the Secretariat on behalf of the PCB Bureau; it describes the process of selection by the Bureau of themes for the 44th and 45th PCB meetings in 2019 and will request the Board to approve the selected themes. A call for submission of themes was sent on 18 July and the deadline to submit proposals is the 10 September. A reminder was sent on 15 August. So far only 2 proposals were received. The paper will also propose dates for the PCB meetings, 47th (June 2021) and 48th (December 2021).

Election of Officers: Confirmed. The Board is requested to elect the PCB officers for 2019 (Chair, Vice-Chair and Rapporteur) in accordance with the Modus Operandi - and possible new members of the PCB NGOs. It is important that UNAIDS Board explicitly foresees to elect the Vice-Chair as Chair for the coming year to ensure continuity in the running of the PCB as well as its decisions. In July a formal expression of interest was received from Belarus for the position of rapporteur.

Thematic Segment: *Mental Health and HIV/AIDS - promoting human rights, an integrated and person-centred approach to improving ART adherence, well-being and quality of life.* Confirmed The Secretariat will provide a more detailed update on the preparations of the thematic segment under the next agenda item of the meeting.

Proposed issues with a defined timeline to be considered by the PCB Bureau to be added to the agenda of the 43rd PCB meeting.

Update on the access components of the UNAIDS 2016-2021 Strategy: removing access barriers to diagnostics and treatment for HIV and co-infections in low- and middle-income countries: Confirmed. The Secretariat recalled that during its meeting in February 2018, the Bureau agreed that the report would be considered by the Board at the 43rd PCB meeting. The Secretariat has worked with UNDP and WHO in preparing the Terms of Reference of the study. After a discussion on the Secretariat's resource-constraints in this thematic area, the Secretariat informed the Bureau that a consultant will be recruited to undertake the final PCB paper.

Report on the barriers to effective funding of community-led responses by international and private funders, as well as better understanding of the challenges faced by national governments in allocating funding to communities' responses: Confirmed. The Secretariat recalled that during its meeting in February 2018, the Bureau agreed that the report would be considered by the Board at the 43rd PCB meeting. The Secretariat is working on an outline of the PCB paper which will provide current information on the state of funding for civil society and communities from national governments and international and private funders. Consultations on the outline and drafts will be undertaken with all cosponsors. Discussions are taking place with the NGO Delegates and key civil society.

Progress report on HIV prevention 2020: Confirmed. The Secretariat recalled that during its meeting in February 2018, the Bureau agreed that the report would be considered by the Board at the 43rd PCB meeting. UNAIDS Secretariat has started working on a draft outline of the paper. There was the first progress report on the implementation of the HIV Prevention 2020 Road Map, which was presented at the 71st World Health Assembly side event (22 May 2018) on 'Achieving Universal Coverage of HIV Prevention Services and Commodities'. This side event was chaired by the Ministers of Health of Zimbabwe and Kenya, both champions of the Global Prevention Coalition. At the event, fourteen ministers of coalition countries spoke and re-affirmed their

commitment and reported on progress made. Botswana, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Myanmar and Norway announced their interest in joining the GPC during, expressing their commitment to intensifying national prevention efforts and achieving globally agreed targets. The report to the PCB in December will also consider the outcomes of the side event at the WHA.

Statement by the representative of the UNAIDS Staff Association Staff: [Confirmed](#). The Secretariat recalled that at the 42nd PCB meeting, the Board approved that the USSA will exceptionally present an additional statement at the 43rd PCB meeting on the staff perspectives on the implementation of the 5-point plan as well as on the independent panel's recommendations. The USSA will be consulting with staff across the Secretariat in the preparation for the statement.

Report on the work of the UNAIDS Joint Programme to ensure the sustainability of HIV response results in the SDG era. [Confirmed](#). The Secretariat recalled that at its 38th PCB Meeting, the Board recommended key actions for member states and the Joint Programme to advance the Shared Responsibility and Global Solidarity Agenda for the Sustainability of the AIDS response. In follow-up to the 42nd PCB Meeting recommendations requesting the Joint Programme to propose a coherent approach to sustainability, a Policy Framework on Sustainable AIDS Response Results will be presented to PCB in December 2018. The Policy Framework will take stock of progress made, the implications of the current response status and global landscape for the sustainability of the AIDS response.

Report of the Independent Expert Panel (the Panel) on prevention of and response to harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and abuse of power at UNAIDS: [Confirmed](#). The Chair briefed the Bureau members on feedback from the Chair of the IEP on the work ahead and informed that expectations were that the final report would be finalised in time for the 43rd meeting of the PCB. The Secretariat informed the Bureau that it was also expecting to prepare a management response to the recommendations of the Panel and that the Bureau might consider a paper proposing possible decision points that the Board should consider under this agenda item.

Updated gap analysis on pediatric HIV prevention, treatment, care and support

Decision point 4.4b from the 39th PCB meeting (December 2016): *Requests* the Joint Programme to: Provide progress reports to the PCB on pediatric prevention, treatment, care and support and eliminating stigma and discrimination against children, adolescents and young people living with HIV.

[The PCB Bureau agreed that regular reporting on this important issue is integrated in the UBRAF annual Performance Monitoring Reports as well as in the specific reporting as a cross cutting issue in the reports to the Board on prevention, treatment, care and support.](#)

Following the presentation and in view of the packed agenda of the 43rd PCB meeting in December, the Bureau requested the Secretariat ensure coherence in terms of how the different agenda items are interconnected. The Bureau also advised that the responsible focal points for the PCB papers should work closely together to ensure interconnections between the different topics and that the flow between the different agenda items lead to coherent decision making from the Board.

The Bureau agreed that it was preferable for decision-points to be kept simple, concise and discussed – when and where possible - in advance of the PCB meetings to ensure a smooth

functioning of the PCB meeting. The Secretariat and Bureau representatives should therefore encourage PCB members to share their feedback ahead of PCB meetings where possible.

The Chair indicated that while the report on the UBRAF Performance Monitoring Report (PMR) is to be presented at the 44th PCB meeting in June 2019, there is a need to have a presentation ahead or during of 43rd PCB meeting on the work of the Joint Programme in reviewing the format of the PMR in response to the request of the Board at the 42nd PCB meeting for UNAIDS to continue to strengthen qualitative and quantitative analytical performance reporting aligned to prioritized national targets (Fast-Track commitments), including with a focus on: overall impact; disaggregated results; country-specific impact, identification of priority off-track areas and bottlenecks, and actions to address these; clear links between UBRAF core and non-core financing and results including country envelope contributions; and wider links to UN reform consistent with the Sustainable Development Goals, the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and the framework of the 2020 and 2030 goals.

The Secretariat suggested having either a Missions' briefing ahead of the 43rd PCB meeting or a lunch time session during the 43rd PCB meeting. The Bureau agreed to consider the different options at their next meeting to prepare the 43rd PCB meeting.

The Chair requested the Secretariat to prepare the draft annotated agenda for the 43rd PCB meeting and send to Bureau for its electronic clearance.

2. Preparation for the thematic segment of the 43rd PCB meeting: Mental Health and HIV/AIDS - promoting human rights, an integrated and person-centred approach to improving ART adherence, well-being and quality of life

The Secretariat provided the latest information on the preparations for the thematic session.

An expert on mental health and HIV has been hired to support the development of the background note for the thematic segment.

3 September 2018	Invitation to express interest to join the thematic segment working group sent to PCB members.
12 September 2018	Draft annotated outline of the background note sent to the thematic working group
17 September 2018	First meeting of the thematic segment working group to receive comments on the draft annotated outline of the background note
Week of 24 September 2018	Call for submission of country best practices sent to PCB members and all Geneva based permanent missions
Week of 1 October 2018	First draft of the background note finalised
Week of 8 October 2018	Second meeting of the thematic segment working group to receive comments on the draft agenda for the day as well as suggestions for speakers
Week of 22 October 2018	Second draft of the background note finalised
Week of 29 October 2018	Final meeting of the thematic segment working group to finalise the agenda and the format of the day
Week of 12 November 2018	Thematic segment background note posted
13 December 2018	Thematic segment day

First quarter 2019	Development of the report on the follow-up to the thematic segment and draft decision points
June 2019	PCB agenda item: follow-up to the thematic segment on mental health and HIV

3. Update on the Independent Expert Panel on prevention of and response to harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and abuse of power at the UNAIDS Secretariat (the Panel)

The Chair provided an update on the work of the Panel, which began its work with the assistance of its Secretariat in mid-July 2018. The Panel had held two in-person meetings and much work – including interviews with key UNAIDS internal and external stakeholders and a survey - is being completed. The Bureau agreed on the importance of regular communications to stakeholders and updates to the Bureau, as per its Terms of Reference. The PCB Bureau will work on a timeline for the meetings with the Panel.

4. Any other business

PCB Field Visit to South Africa

The Secretariat provided the following update:

Proposed dates: 15-17 October 2018 (excluding travel)

Objective: The PCB field visits provide participants with direct exposure to the realities of the epidemic and the work undertaken by the UNAIDS family together with national and international partners in a given country and inform discussions at Board meetings.

South Africa is an ideal setting to understand the complexities of putting in place HIV prevention programmes that work for young women and girls. Not only is South Africa a founding member of the Global HIV Prevention Coalition, it has launched a national prevention campaign called She Conquers to address the high number of new HIV infections among young women and adolescent girls.

Participants: The delegation is led by UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director and is composed of:

- The office holders of the PCB Bureau (UK, China, Algeria)
- The Chair of the CCO (UNHCR)
- One member of each of the five regional groups of the PCB (Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, WEOG)
- The PCB NGO delegates representing the region
- Cosponsors present in-country.

Annex 1: Table of follow-up items from PCB meetings - for possible inclusion in the agenda of the 43rd PCB Meeting

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE 43rd PCB MEETING (11-13 December 2018)

Standing items		Agenda items	Additional information
		Report of the 42nd PCB meeting	
		Executive Director (EXD) report	
		Report by the NGO representative	Request by the PCB NGO Delegation to postpone the item to the 43rd PCB meeting in December.
		Leadership in the AIDS response	
		Follow-up to the thematic segment on Ending tuberculosis and AIDS - a joint response in the era of the Sustainable Development Goals	
		Next PCB meetings: Agreement of themes for thematic sessions for the 44th and 45th PCB meetings (decision point 9.2 from 41st)	
		Election of Officers	
		Any other business	
		Thematic Segment: Mental Health and HIV/AIDS - promoting human rights, an integrated and person-centred approach to improving ART adherence, well-being and quality of life (decision point 9.1b from 41st)	
Items with defined timeline	Decision Number	Agenda items	
39th	7.5	Agenda item 6: Synthesis report of existing research and literature on intellectual property (IP)-related and other factors impacting the availability, affordability, and accessibility of treatment and diagnostics for HIV and co-infections in low and middle income countries: <i>Requests</i> the Joint Programme, within its mandate and available resources, together with all relevant partners, and in collaboration with member states, to further identify data gaps, best practices and challenges therein, collect and analyze the necessary data including existing data, in order to better support countries to address intellectual property-related barriers, as one important barrier, as well as the other barriers impacting on availability, affordability, and accessibility of medicines, treatment and diagnostics for HIV and HIV co-infections and co-morbidities in low and middle-income countries";	During its meeting in February 2018, the Bureau agreed that the report would be considered by the Board at the 43rd PCB meeting.
39th	8.3	Agenda item 7: Report by the NGO representative: Recalling decisions 5.2, 6.2(b) and 6.4 from the 38th Programme Coordinating Board, and the commitments in the 2016 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS, paragraphs 63 (a)–(e), calls on UNAIDS, to: a. <i>Undertake</i> further analysis of the barriers to effective funding of community-led responses by international and private funders, as well as better understanding of the challenges faced by national governments in allocating funding to community-led responses"	During its meeting in February 2018, the Bureau agreed that this agenda item will be considered at the 43rd PCB meeting in December.
41st	5.4d	Agenda item 3: Follow-up to the thematic segment from the 40th PCB meeting on HIV Prevention 2020: A global partnership for delivery <i>Requests</i> the Joint Programme to: d. Report back to the Programme Coordinating Board annually on progress made on prevention";	During its meeting in February 2018, the Bureau agreed that this agenda item will be considered at the 43rd PCB meeting in December.
42nd	7.2	Agenda item 4: Statement by the representative of the UNAIDS Staff Association <i>Invites</i> the UNAIDS Secretariat Staff Association to exceptionally provide a statement at the 43rd Programme Coordinating Board meeting	
42nd	9.7	Agenda item Agenda Item 7: Report on feasible ways to monitor the achievement of the financial-related targets of the 2016 Political Declaration <i>Requests</i> UNAIDS to present to the 43rd Programme Coordinating Board meeting a report on the work of the UNAIDS Joint Programme to ensure the sustainability of HIV response results in the SDG era;	
42nd	5.5	Agenda item 2: Update on the Independent Expert Panel (the Panel) on prevention of and response to harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and abuse of power at UNAIDS Secretariat <i>Agrees</i> that the priority should be for the Panel to be enabled and empowered to provide an authoritative review and a comprehensive set of recommendations in response to the request from the UNAIDS Executive Director;	
Possible items for the 43rd PCB meeting	Decision Number	Agenda items	
39th	4.4b	Agenda item 3: Updated gap analysis on paediatric HIV prevention, treatment, care and support <i>Requests</i> the Joint Programme to: Provide progress reports to the PCB on paediatric prevention, treatment, care and support and eliminating stigma and discrimination against children, adolescents and young people living with HIV	