

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TASK TEAM ON COMMUNITY-LED AIDS RESPONSES

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The Programme Coordinating Board is invited to:

See draft decision points in the paragraph 14 below:

- *Recalling* decision points 7.1 and 7.2 from the 46th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board, decision points 6.1 and 6.2 from the 45th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board, and decision point 10.4b from the 43rd meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board as well as the progress report on the establishment of the Task Team on Community-led AIDS responses to the 46th PCB meeting (UNAIDS/PCB (46)/20.14.rev2)
- *Endorse* the approach laid out in this paper, Establishment of the Task Team on Community-led AIDS responses, as follows:
 - o The formation of the Task Team is moved forward with the expectation of achieving geographic representation. The existing nominations will be used by the Secretariat to constitute the Task Team with representation from both Member State and civil society participants from all regions. The Africa region would have a greater number of members given the proportion of candidates received from that region.
 - o The members of the Task Team will be selected on the basis of the qualifications as articulated in the Terms of Reference in alignment with the 20-24 member size.
- *Request* the Executive Director to establish the Task Team on Community-led AIDS responses on this basis.

Cost implications for the implementation of the decisions: none *

Introduction

1. Recalling decision points 7.1 and 7.2 from the 46th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board, decision points 6.1 and 6.2 from the 45th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board, and decision point 10.4b from the 43rd meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board as well as the progress report on the establishment of the Task Team on Community-led AIDS responses to the 46th PCB meeting (UNAIDS/PCB (46)/20.14.rev2);
2. The UNAIDS Secretariat prepared terms of reference for the multistakeholder task team in early 2020. The terms of reference called for a geographically and gender-balanced task team of 20 to 24 members, open to all Member States and civil society representatives, including representatives of people living with HIV, women and adolescent girls and young women, youth and key populations, and to external partners.
3. The UNAIDS Secretariat and Cosponsors are the co-conveners of the task team, based on Decision 6.2 of the 45th PCB meeting, which requested the Joint Programme to convene the task team. The terms of reference were circulated for Cosponsor review, and Cosponsors nominated two members of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations as co-conveners.
4. The Secretariat then shared the terms of reference for nominations to all Permanent Missions to the UN in Geneva, including PCB Member States, the PCB NGO Delegation, and an external partner (the Global Fund). Members of the task team were recommended to have the following competencies and experience:
 - a good understanding of HIV, health and/or related issues and familiarity with the work of UNAIDS, at country, regional and/or global levels;
 - experience in indicator or programme development and monitoring, data collection and analysis;
 - knowledge and/or experience of international and/or national funding for HIV/health community-led responses;
 - understanding of the GIPA principle and its application in national HIV responses;
 - working knowledge of English and/or French (the two official working languages of UNAIDS—interpretation will be provided).
5. On the final day open for submissions, the Secretariat sent a reminder and extended the deadline to allow for a larger number of nominations to be submitted. A total of 92 submissions were received within the extended deadline, and several more were received after the extended deadline.
6. Given the significant interest expressed and the geographical imbalance of the submissions, the Secretariat, in consultation with the PCB Bureau, reviewed the options listed below to establish the Task Team to legally comply with the decisions of the PCB and the intent for it to be of a reasonable and workable size.

7. The following legally approved options for the establishment of the Task Team were put forth for comment by participants of the 46th PCB meeting in the paper, Progress Report on the establishment of the Task Team on Community-led AIDS responses ([UNAIDS/PCB \(46\)/20.14.rev2](#)):
- 1) If the formation of the Task Team is moved forward with the expectation of achieving geographic balance, additional candidates for the Task Team will be needed from three regions: Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia Pacific, and Eastern Europe. There are sufficient candidates from the Western Europe and Others Group and Africa Region from which candidates can be selected. This will require an extended call for candidates with the anticipated outcome of an equal number of persons from each geographic region constituting the Task Team.
 - 2) If the formation of the Task Team is moved forward with the expectation of achieving geographic representation, the existing nominations will be used by the Secretariat to constitute the Task Team with representation from both Member State and civil society participants from all regions. The Africa region would have a greater number of members given the proportion of candidates received from that region. A new decision point may be required under this option.
8. For both options, the members of the Task Team will be selected on the basis of the qualifications as articulated in the Terms of Reference in alignment with the 20-24 member size.
9. Following electronic communication on 11 June 2020, the Bureau agreed that feedback from PCB participants on the above outlined items could be solicited as part of the comments to be submitted following the 46th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board. The deadline to submit comments following the 46th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board on agenda item 5: Update on the establishment of the Task Team on Community-led AIDS Responses was Monday, 6 July 2020.
10. Further to the deadline to submit comments, 13 comments were received (nine member states, the NGO Delegation, one observer state, and two observer civil society organizations).
11. The PCB Bureau met to discuss the comments received on 9 July 2020. The Bureau, in collaboration with the Secretariat, recommends moving forward with the consensus agreement outlined in the submitted comments to prioritize the immediate establishment of the task team on the basis of existing submissions. This proposal is hereby provided to the Programme Coordinating Board for approval through the intersessional decision-making process.

Intersessional Decision-making process

12. In accordance with the intersessional decision-making process, the proposal of the PCB Bureau was submitted to the PCB members via email communication with this background paper and a description of the decision. A virtual briefing on the proposal may be held at the request of the members.

13. If a quorum (15) is reached, in terms of the answers received to the decision point by the established deadline, the PCB Bureau will act in accordance with the majority view. If a quorum is not reached, then the PCB will have no basis on which to move forward and the proposal will revert back to the PCB Bureau for further consideration.

Proposed Decisions

14. The Programme Coordinating Board is invited to:

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- *Request* the Executive Director to move forward on this basis with the establishment of the Task Team on Community-led AIDS responses.

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