

*Reference: GMA/PCBSS*

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions in Geneva, to Organizations of the United Nations system, and to Nongovernmental Organizations dealing with matters pertaining to HIV/AIDS not represented on the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB).

UNAIDS has the honour to inform the Missions and Organizations that the March 2021 Special Session (SS) of the PCB will be held virtually from 24 to 25 March 2021. The virtual meeting through video conferencing will take place over two days with plenary sessions held each day from 13:00 to 16:30 (Geneva time) to accommodate participants from different time zones.

A copy of the [provisional agenda](#), [timewise agenda](#), and a [note on logistical arrangements](#) for the March 2021 Special Session of the Board are attached hereto. The modalities and procedures for virtual UNAIDS PCB meetings in 2021 can be consulted here: [UNAIDS/PCB\(EM\)/3.2](#).

UNAIDS wishes to draw the attention of the Missions and Organizations to the [Modus Operandi](#) of the UNAIDS PCB, which includes a provision that observer status may be granted by the Executive Director of UNAIDS, in consultation with the PCB Chairperson and upon receipt of a written application expressing a manifest interest, to any Member State of any of the UNAIDS Cosponsoring Organizations, and any intergovernmental or nongovernmental organization. Requests for observer status should be made through <http://pcbregistration.unaids.org> no later than the deadline of **Friday, 5 March 2021**.

In accordance with the modalities and procedures for virtual UNAIDS PCB meetings in 2021 ([UNAIDS/PCB\(EM\)/3.2](#)), registration for the March 2021 Special Session (SS) of the PCB will be **limited to four participants for Member State, NGO Observers, and Intergovernmental Organizations**. Delegations should submit a note verbale for Member States and a simple note for other participants, with their online registration for the March 2021 Special Session (SS) of the PCB: <http://pcbregistration.unaids.org>.

In accordance with the modalities and procedures for virtual UNAIDS PCB meetings in 2021 ([UNAIDS/PCB\(EM\)/3.2](#)), informal pre-meeting sessions to address specific agenda items will be organized prior to the virtual meeting of the Board by the PCB Chair ([summary schedule](#)), from 13:00 to 16:30 (Geneva time). It is recommended that delegates for the March 2021 Special Session of the PCB meeting also take part in the informal pre-meeting sessions.

Observer Member States, NGO Observers, and Intergovernmental Organizations who would like to participate in the March 2021 Special Session of the PCB and the pre-meetings, should submit their registration request the latest by **Friday, 5 March 2021** on the UNAIDS website: <http://pcbregistration.unaids.org>. Registration will remain open until Friday, 19 March 2021, but access to the pre-meeting sessions may be delayed for registrations submitted after Friday, 5 March 2021.

UNAIDS avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions in Geneva, to Organizations of the United Nations system and to the Nongovernmental Organizations, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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