

UNAIDS/PCB (46)/20.2

REORGANISATION OF THE 2020 UNAIDS PCB MEETINGS IN VIEW OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS

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UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board
Geneva, Switzerland

The Programme Coordinating Board is invited to:

See draft decision points in the paragraphs below:

1. *Agree* that the 46th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board will be held virtually on 23-25 June 2020, the dates set forth in decision 9.3 of the 41st meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board;
2. *Decide* that, in light of the exceptional global health crisis due to COVID-19, the 46th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board will consist only of a decision making segment;
3. *Agree* that:
 - a. The thematic segment scheduled for the 46th Programme Coordinating Board meeting, *Cervical cancer and HIV- addressing linkages and common inequalities to save women's lives*, will be postponed to the 47th Programme Coordinating Board meeting in December 2020; and
 - b. The thematic segment scheduled for the 47th Programme Coordinating Board meeting, *What does the regional and country-level data tell us, are we listening, and how can we better leverage that data and related technology to meet our 2020 and 2030 goals?*, will be postponed to 2021; and
4. *Agree* that the 47th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board, scheduled for 15-17 December 2020, will include an additional day to accommodate postponed agenda items.

Cost implications for the implementation of the decisions: none *

Introduction

1. In light of the current global health crisis, the PCB Bureau recognizes that the work of the United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS is more important than ever to support people living with and affected by HIV, to provide a model of coordination within the UN system, and to support countries responding to the COVID-19 epidemic in accordance with the lessons learned from the HIV response. While acknowledging our extraordinary circumstances, the PCB Bureau stresses the importance of continuing the fight against HIV/AIDS.
2. The UNAIDS PCB Bureau met on Friday, 3 April, 2020 to discuss options for the upcoming 46th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) scheduled to take place 23-25 June 2020. The note for the record of this meeting is published on the [PCB website](#).
3. The Modus Operandi mandates that PCB meetings shall be held twice a year. The sessions will be public unless the PCB decides otherwise, and each session will consist of a decision-making segment and a thematic segment. Invitations to the upcoming meeting must be issued in late April per the Modus Operandi.
4. The PCB Bureau remains committed to ensuring that the Programme Coordinating Board fulfills its roles and responsibilities towards the UNAIDS Joint Programme, particularly during the development of a UNAIDS strategy beyond 2021, while recognizing the unique challenges posed by the COVID pandemic in the coming months.
5. Recalling that the PCB Bureau has met twice to agree on the 46th PCB meeting annotated agenda and the terms of reference of the working group on the follow-up to the JIU review ([website](#)).
6. On the basis of these considerations, the PCB Bureau puts forth the following proposal for intersessional decision making by the PCB.

Proposal

7. The 46th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board will be held as a virtual meeting with online participation for both PCB Members and observers. Additional communication on the logistics of the virtual meeting will be shared in the invitations and the logistical information note to participants at the end of April. Every effort will be made to ensure that participants have the ability to engage in the remote meeting and its discussions.
8. The 46th PCB will maintain its scheduled dates for 23-25 June 2020, but will be shortened to four-hours per day to accommodate time-zone differences for participants. The meeting will now be held from 13:00-17:00 CET.
9. The agenda of the meeting will be simplified given the shortened time frame. Agenda items will be prioritized on the basis of Programme Coordinating Board's decisions mandating a time-bound report, as in the case of the Strategy beyond 2021 and the

report of the JIU Working Group. Furthermore, given the limitations of remote negotiations, items with simple decision making will also be prioritized. The draft agenda is located in annex 2 of this paper.

10. The virtual meeting in June will consist only of a decision-making segment. The thematic segment scheduled for the 46th PCB, *Cervical cancer and HIV- addressing linkages and common inequalities to save women's lives*, will be postponed to the 47th PCB in December 2020. The thematic segment scheduled for the 47th PCB meeting, *What does the regional and country-level data tell us, are we listening, and how can we better leverage that data and related technology to meet our 2020 and 2030 goals?*, will be postponed to 2021.
11. The 47th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board, scheduled for 15-17 December 2020, will include an additional day to accommodate postponed agenda items. Arrangements are being explored with WHO regarding the availability of the Executive Board Room.

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 Decision

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14. *Agree* that the 46th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board will be held virtually on 23-25 June 2020, the dates set forth in decision 9.3 of the 41st meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board;
15. *Decide* that, in light of the exceptional global health crisis due to COVID-19, the 46th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board will consist only of a decision making segment;
16. *Agree* that:
 - a. The thematic segment scheduled for the 46th Programme Coordinating Board meeting, *Cervical cancer and HIV- addressing linkages and common inequalities to save women's lives*, will be postponed to the 47th Programme Coordinating Board meeting in December 2020;

- b. The thematic segment scheduled for the 47th Programme Coordinating Board meeting, *What does the regional and country-level data tell us, are we listening, and how can we better leverage that data and related technology to meet our 2020 and 2030 goals?*, will be postponed to 2021; and
17. Agree that the 47th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board, scheduled for 15-17 December 2020, will include an additional day to accommodate postponed agenda items.

Annex 1: Options considered

Potential options discussed prior to reaching the above consensus proposal included:

- A. Postpone the June PCB meeting to December by merging the 2 agendas (June and December) and adding 2-3 days. Reports on the two ongoing processes (JIU WG and Task Team progress reports to be discussed in the PCB Bureau and approved through intersessional decision making process). Only one thematic segment would be held; the other would be postponed to next year. During intersessional period, UNAIDS Executive Director and PCB Chair would provide a virtual update (one or two) via videoconference to the PCB members on ongoing processes, including the Strategy, the UBRAF, and the JIU Working Group.
- B. Dates of the 46 PCB meeting maintained (23-25 June) and meeting held remotely¹ via videoconferencing². Consultations will be held in the lead-up to a remote meeting to work towards consensus decision making.
- C. Dates of the 46 PCB meeting maintained (23-25 June) and meeting held with participation of PCB members only (22 Member States, 10 PCB NGOs and alternates, 11 Cosponsors and Secretariat staff)³
- D. Postpone the 46th PCB meeting (23-25 June) to July 2020 (week of 20th as a tentative proposal) - new dates to be approved by PCB Bureau and UNAIDS Executive Director and then sent to PCB members for approval through intersessional decision-making process
- E. Postpone 46th PCB meeting (23-25 June) to August/September 2020 - new dates to be approved by PCB Bureau and UNAIDS Executive Director and then sent to PCB members for approval through intersessional decision-making process

Options were discussed in relation to four potential scenarios:

Scenario 1: Travel and quarantine restrictions/confinement measures remain in place through June 2020

Scenario 2: Quarantine lifted but travel restrictions/confinement measures remain

Scenario 3: Travel and quarantine restrictions/confinement measures lifted, but situation is still concerning

Scenario 4: All restrictions lifted and PCB can move forward as under normal circumstances

¹ If holding PCB meeting remotely, potential to simplify/shorten agenda

² In case of drafting group, two virtual meeting groups would be held (plenary, with observers present, and a drafting, with only PCB members).

³ Potential to limit participation to Geneva missions only

Annex 2: Revised agenda of the 46th Programme Coordinating Board Meeting

PROGRAMME COORDINATING BOARD

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Issue date: 7 April 2020

FORTY-SIXTH MEETING

DATE: 23-25 June 2020

TIME: 13:00 – 17:00

VENUE: Virtual meeting

Draft timewise agenda

TUESDAY, 23 JUNE

13:00-16:00

1. Opening

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| 13:00-13:10 | 1.1 | Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
<i>Presentation and discussion</i>
<u>Document: UNAIDS/PCB (46)/20.1;</u>
<u>UNAIDS/PCB (46)/20.2</u> |
| 13:10-13:20 | 1.2 | Consideration of the report of the forty-fifth meeting
<i>Presentation and discussion</i>
<u>Document: UNAIDS/PCB (45)/19.38</u> |
| 13:20-14:45 | 1.3 | Report of the Executive Director
<i>Presentation and discussion</i>
<u>Document: UNAIDS/PCB (46)/20.3</u> |
| 14:45-15:00 | | <i>Break</i> |
| 15:00-16:00 | 1.4 | Report of the Chair of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations (CCO)
<i>Presentation and discussion</i>
<u>Document: UNAIDS/PCB (46)/20.4</u> |
| POSTPONED | 1.5 | Report by the NGO representative
<i>Presentation and discussion</i>
<u>Document: UNAIDS/PCB (46)/20.5</u> |

Postponed

2. Leadership in the AIDS response

- 16:00-17:00** **3. COVID-19 and HIV/AIDS**
Presentation and discussion
Document: UNAIDS/PCB (46)/20.6

WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE

- 13:00-14:45** **4. UNAIDS Strategy beyond 2021**
Presentation and discussion
Document: UNAIDS/PCB (46)/20.7

14:45-15:00 *Break*

- 15:00-17:00** **5. Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework (UBRAF)**

15:00-16:15 6.1 Performance reporting
Presentation and discussion
Documents: UNAIDS/PCB (46)/20.8; UNAIDS/PCB (46)/20.9; UNAIDS/PCB(46)/20.10; UNAIDS/PCB(46)/20.11

16:15-17:00 6.2 Financial reporting
Presentation and discussion
Documents: UNAIDS/PCB (46)/20.12; UNAIDS PCB/ (46)/20.13

THURSDAY, 25 JUNE

- 13:00-13:30** **6. Progress report on establishment of the task team on community-led responses**
Presentation and discussion
Document: UNAIDS/PCB (46)/20.14

- 13:30-14:15** **7. Report of the Working Group on the Joint Inspection Unit Management and Administration Review of the United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)**
Presentation and discussion
Documents: UNAIDS/PCB (46)/20.15

- 14:15-14:30** **8. Update on the Implementation of the Management Action Plan**
Presentation
Documents: UNAIDS/PCB (46)/20.16

- 14:30-14:45** **9. Update on strategic human resources management issues**
Presentation
Documents: UNAIDS/PCB (46)/20.17; UNAIDS/PCB (46)/CRP1
- 14:45-15:30** **Discussion on agenda items 7 & 8**
- 15:30-15:45** *Break*
- 15:45-16:25** **10. Organizational oversight reports**
Presentation and discussion
Documents: UNAIDS/PCB (46)/20.18; UNAIDS/PCB (46)/20.19
- 16:25-17:00** **11. Statement by the representative of the UNAIDS Secretariat Staff Association**
Presentation and discussion
Documents: UNAIDS/PCB (46)/20.20
- 17:00** **12. Any other business**
- 17:00** **13. Closing of the meeting**

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