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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).

In accordance with the decisions taken at the 45th PCB ([45th PCB decisions](#)), and as agreed through intersessional decision-making on the modalities and procedures for UNAIDS PCB meetings in 2022 ([UNAIDS/PCB \(50\)/22.2](#)), and as agreed by the PCB Bureau ([PCB Bureau summary](#)), UNAIDS has the honour to inform the Missions and Organizations that the 50th meeting of the PCB will be held from 21 to 24 June 2022. The hybrid meeting, with both online and in-person participation, will take place over four days with plenary sessions held each day from 13:00 to 16:30 (CET) to accommodate participants from different time zones.

The hybrid meeting will be run from the WHO Auditorium in Geneva, Switzerland (20 Avenue Appia, 1211 Geneva), with representatives of the PCB Chair and [PCB Members](#) present in the room, strictly following the meeting guidelines in place regarding COVID-19. Observer member states and civil society organizations are invited to participate online.

A copy of the [annotated agenda](#), [timewise agenda](#) and a [note on logistical arrangements](#) for the 50th Meeting of the Board are attached hereto. The modalities and procedures for UNAIDS PCB meetings in 2022 can be consulted here: [UNAIDS/PCB \(50\)/22.2](#)

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, 10 June 2022**.

In accordance with the modalities and procedures for UNAIDS PCB meetings in 2022 ([UNAIDS/PCB \(50\)/22.2, §9 and §21](#)), registration for the 50th meeting of the PCB will be **limited to four online participants for Observer Member States, NGOs, 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 50th meeting of the PCB: <http://pcbregistration.unaids.org>.

In accordance with [decision point 3.2 noted during the 40th PCB](#) (2017), and to support the aim of achievement of SDG 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all

women and girls), Member States are invited to consider that gender balance be applied to their delegations.

In accordance with the call for meaningful youth engagement of the UN Youth Strategy to scale up global, regional and national actions to meet young people's needs, realize their rights and tap their possibilities as agents of change, and *in the spirit of* the 50th PCB Thematic Segment on "Positive Learning: harnessing the power of education to end HIV-related stigma and discrimination and empower young people living with HIV", Member States are invited to consider the inclusion of young people in their delegations.

In line with the modalities and procedures for UNAIDS PCB meetings in 2022 ([UNAIDS/PCB \(50\)/22.2, §31](#)), informal pre-meeting sessions to address specific agenda items will be organized virtually prior to the hybrid meeting of the Board by the PCB Chair ([Meeting schedule](#)), from 13:00 to 16:00 (Geneva time). It is recommended that delegates for the 50th meeting of the PCB meeting also take part in the informal pre-meeting sessions.

Observer Member States, NGOs, and Intergovernmental Organizations who would like to participate in the 50th meeting of the PCB and the pre-meetings, should submit their registration request the latest by **Friday, 10 June 2022** on the UNAIDS website: <http://pcbregistration.unaids.org>.

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.

Geneva, 9 May 2022