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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).

Subsequent to the decisions taken at the 47th Programme Coordinating Board meeting (PCB) ([47th PCB decisions](#)), and as agreed through intersessional decision-making on the modalities and procedures for UNAIDS PCB meetings in 2023 ([UNAIDS/PCB \(52\)/23.2](#)), and by the PCB Bureau ([PCB Bureau Summary](#)), we have the honour to inform you that the 53rd meeting of the PCB will be held fully in-person (WHO Auditorium, Avenue Appia 20, 1211 Geneva, Switzerland), with limited online access (Zoom) for meeting members, participants and observers who are unable to join the meeting in-person, from 12 to 14 December 2023.

A copy of the [annotated agenda](#), [timewise agenda](#) and a [note on logistical arrangements](#) for the 53rd meeting of the Board are attached hereto. The modalities and procedures for UNAIDS PCB meetings in 2023 can be consulted here: [UNAIDS/PCB \(52\)/23.2](#). The meeting will take place over three days with plenary sessions held each day from 9:00 up to 17:00 (CET).

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 <https://indico.un.org/event/1007951/> no later than the deadline of Thursday, 23 November 2023.

In accordance with the modalities and procedures for UNAIDS PCB meetings in 2023 ([UNAIDS/PCB \(52\)/23.2](#), §20-21), in-person participation at the PCB meeting is not limited, while online participation will be limited to six participants per delegation. Delegations should submit a note verbale for Member States and a simple note for other participants, with their online registration for the 53rd meeting of the PCB: <https://indico.un.org/event/1007951/>

While completing the online registration, delegations should submit a note verbale to indicate:

- Name(s) and title(s) of in-person participant(s);
- Name(s) and title(s) of a maximum of six (6) online participant(s)

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 line with the modalities and procedures for UNAIDS PCB meetings in 2023 ([UNAIDS/PCB \(52\)/23.2](#), §6-12), [informal pre-meeting sessions](#) to address specific agenda items will be organized virtually prior to the meeting of the Board by the PCB Chair ([meeting schedule](#)) from 13:00 to 16:00 (CET). It is recommended that delegates for the 53rd meeting of the PCB meeting also take part in the informal pre-meeting sessions.

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Observer Member States, NGOs, and Intergovernmental Organizations who would like to participate in the 53rd meeting of the PCB and the pre-meetings, should submit their registration request no later than Thursday, 23 November 2023 through the UNAIDS website: <https://indico.un.org/event/1007951/>

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 assurance of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 20 October 2023