

14 December 2023

**53rd Meeting of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board
Geneva, Switzerland**

12 – 14 December 2023

Decisions

The UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board,

Recalling that all aspects of UNAIDS work are directed by the following guiding principles:

- Aligned to national stakeholders' priorities;
- Based on the meaningful and measurable involvement of civil society, especially people living with HIV and populations most at risk of HIV infection;
- Based on human rights and gender equality;
- Based on the best available scientific evidence and technical knowledge;
- Promoting comprehensive responses to AIDS that integrate prevention, treatment, care and support; and
- Based on the principle of non-discrimination;

Intersessional Decisions:

Recalling that, it has decided through the intersessional procedure (see decisions in UNAIDS/PCB(52)/23.2 and UNAIDS/PCB(52)/23.3):

- Agrees that, health situation permitting, the 2023 PCB meetings will be held in person with optional online participation in accordance with the modalities and rules of procedure set out in the paper, Modalities and Procedures for the 2023 PCB meetings;

Agenda item 1.1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. *Adopts* the agenda;

Agenda item 1.2: Consideration of the report of the 52nd PCB meeting

2. *Adopts* the report of the 52nd meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board;

Agenda item 1.3: Report of the Executive Director

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director;

Agenda item 1.4: Report by the NGO representative

- 4.1 *Recalling* the Global AIDS Strategy 2021–2026, specifically its 95–95–95 treatment targets in all populations, regions, and countries affected by the HIV epidemic; its 95% combination prevention target for people at risk of HIV in humanitarian settings; its 90% target of people in humanitarian settings having access to integrated tuberculosis, hepatitis C and HIV services, in addition to intimate partner violence programmes, sexual and gender-based violence programmes that include post-exposure prophylaxis, emergency contraception and psychological first aid;
- 4.2 *Recalling* the report by the NGO Representative at the 43rd meeting of the UNAIDS PCB, decision point 4.4, on addressing the diverse needs of migrants and mobile populations as well as refugees and crisis-affected populations, and decision point 4.6, on promoting access to services; improving data about people on the move; adapting laws, policies and practices that prevent access; strengthening health systems; and enabling collaboration between health systems and communities;
- 4.3 *Takes note* of the report by the NGO Representative;
- 4.4 *Calls* on the Joint Programme to:
 - a. Initiate, through the Inter-Agency Task Team on HIV in Emergencies, the update of the 2010 Guidelines for Addressing HIV within Humanitarian Settings (Inter-Agency Standing Committee Task Force on HIV), including specifically addressing the needs of people living with HIV;
 - b. Provide annually to the PCB, as part of regular reporting, an update on HIV prevalence and incidence in countries experiencing humanitarian emergencies, as well as an update on the Joint Programme’s response to HIV in all humanitarian emergencies, including protracted crises, with a specific focus on people living with, at risk of, and affected by HIV;
 - c. Ensure that the roles of Cosponsors engaged in responding to refugee and internal displacement in humanitarian emergencies are appropriately reflected when the Joint Programme Division of Labour is next reviewed to help ensure a stronger integration of HIV in humanitarian responses;
 - d. Collaborate with national stakeholders towards ensuring that comprehensive and tailored HIV interventions are routinely incorporated in all humanitarian emergency preparedness and response programmes;
 - e. Promote and implement the HIV-related elements of existing guidance documents, including the Health Cluster Guide and the quality-of-care toolkit, to ensure appropriate services for people living with, at risk of, and affected by HIV during humanitarian emergencies;
 - f. Encourage all relevant stakeholders to focus on building the leadership of affected communities, including people living with, at risk of, and affected by HIV, to sustain community-led HIV responses during humanitarian emergencies, and to advocate for support including funding for communities;

- g. Ensure that HIV-related elements of the collaboration across Cosponsors and partners are strengthened to improve the collective impact in addressing HIV in humanitarian settings including, where applicable, through further collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM);

Agenda item 3: Follow-up to the thematic segment from the 52nd PCB meeting¹

- 5.1 *Takes note* of the background note (UNAIDS/PCB (52)/23.21) and the summary report (UNAIDS/PCB (53)/23.27) of the Programme Coordinating Board thematic segment on “Priority and key populations², especially transgender people, and the path to 2025 targets: Reducing health inequities through tailored and systemic responses”;
- 5.2 *Recognizes* that each key population, including transgender people, is diverse, and experiences multiple and intersecting forms of stigma and discrimination, and therefore requires evidence-based, data-informed tailored programmes, services and resources that are responsive to their specific needs in the HIV response;
- 5.3 *Requests* Member States, in close collaboration with community-led HIV organizations and other relevant civil society organizations and partners, with the support of the Joint Programme, to fast-track targeted and measurable actions towards the 2025 targets to:
 - a. Address gaps in population size estimates and expand disaggregated data on key populations focusing on existing gaps in transgender populations, in diverse situations and conditions, including through community-led data generation;
 - b. Optimally resource and scale-up tailored and effective HIV prevention, testing and treatment programmes and services that address the diverse needs and circumstances of key populations, including transgender people;
 - c. Increase the proportion of community-led services for HIV prevention, testing and treatment and for societal enablers to reach the 30-80-60 targets, as described in the Global AIDS Strategy 2021-2026, including through mechanisms to increase and facilitate funding and sustainable financing for community-led HIV organizations, including for those led by key populations;
 - d. Address gender inequality, all forms of stigma, discrimination and marginalization, and review and reform harmful and punitive laws and policies that hinder access to HIV-related services for key populations;
 - e. Reinforce an evidence-based public health approach to HIV, particularly in the context of gender equality and human rights;
 - f. Integrate social protection with health and HIV responses by taking people-centered approaches which address economic inequalities, making education, welfare, and social protection systems more inclusive of key populations;

¹ The Islamic Republic of Iran, Libya and the Russian Federation disassociate themselves from these decision points.

² As defined in the Global AIDS Strategy 2021-2026. Key populations, or key populations at higher risk, are groups of people who are more likely to be exposed to HIV or to transmit it and whose engagement is critical to a successful HIV response. In all countries, key populations include people living with HIV. In most settings, men who have sex with men, transgender people, people who inject drugs and sex workers and their clients are at higher risk of exposure to HIV than other groups. However, each country should define the specific populations that are key to their epidemic and response based on the epidemiological and social context.

- 5.4 *Requests* the Joint Programme to:
- a. Reinforce and expand the meaningful engagement and leadership of all key populations, including transgender people, in the HIV response;
 - b. Increase advocacy and funding for reaching the community-led 30-80-60 targets;
 - c. Deliver joint, coherent and increased support for the needs of key populations, including transgender people, particularly in circumstances where human rights are at risk;
 - d. Report back on progress towards the achievements of the 2025 targets through the annual UBRAF performance reporting;

Agenda item 4: Follow-up actions to the 2024-2025 Budget and Workplan (UBRAF)

- 6.1 *Recalling* decision points 6.6, 6.7 and 6.11 from the 52nd meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board in June 2023;
- 6.2 *Takes note* of the prioritization agreed by the Secretariat and the Cosponsors for a projected core funding level of US\$ 160 million;
- 6.3 *Strongly encourages* donor governments to make renewed commitments to close the continuous funding gap by fully funding the 2022-2026 UBRAF at the annual level of US \$210 million including by responding to the recommendations, endorsed by the PCB at its 51st meeting in 2022, of the PCB Task Team on the UNAIDS funding situation;
- 6.4 *Expresses concern* over the continued loss of capacity across the Secretariat and Cosponsors caused by the current funding crisis despite the collective and repeated recognition of the importance of the role of the Joint Programme and the PCB's and Secretariat's efforts to broaden the donor base and have existing donors increase their contributions;
- 6.5 *Requests* the Executive Director and the Committee of the Cosponsoring Organizations to continue to ensure that the Joint Programme remains sustainable, resilient and fit-for-purpose, by revisiting the operating model, supported by external expert facilitation and through appropriate consultations, including with the PCB members and participants, reporting back at the June 2025 PCB meeting with recommendations which take into account the context of financial realities and risks to the Joint Programme and relevant recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit, recognizing the importance of the findings of the mid-term review of the Global AIDS Strategy and development of a long-term strategy to 2030 and beyond, in aligning the Joint Programme;
- 6.6 *Requests* the Joint Programme to continue to incorporate prioritization in its planning as part of its management function, and report back to the PCB at the June 2024 PCB meeting, and future years as necessary when projected revenue falls below the budget threshold of the UBRAF, contributing to organizational resilience, boosting donor confidence, identifying areas for resource mobilization, and identifying needs and opportunities for streamlined, innovative programme delivery;

Agenda item 5: Evaluation Annual Report and Management response

- 7.1 *Recalling* decision 7.4 of the 49th session of the Programme Coordinating Board approving the UNAIDS 2022–2023 Evaluation Plan, as well as decision points 9.1, 9.2 and 9.5 of the 51st session of the Programme Coordinating Board welcoming progress in the implementation of the Evaluation Policy and Evaluation Plan, and requesting the next annual report to be presented to the Programme Coordinating Board in 2023;
- 7.2 *Recalling* the intersessional decision of the PCB in June 2022, approving the nomination of the candidate from Eastern Europe to serve on the Expert Advisory Committee;
- 7.3 *Welcomes* continued progress in the implementation of the 2022–2023 Evaluation Plan and the role of the Evaluation Office in generating evidence of the Joint Programme’s contributions to results;
- 7.4 *Takes note* of the management response to the annual report on evaluation and the evaluation plan 2024–2025 (UNAIDS /PCB (53)/23.30);
- 7.5 *Approves* the 2024–2025 Evaluation Plan (UNAIDS/PCB (53)/23.29) endorsed by the Expert Advisory Committee on evaluation;
- 7.6 *Recalls* decision point 9.3 of the 47th session of the Board on the importance of adequately resourcing and staffing the evaluation function in accordance with the evaluation policy approved by the PCB in its decision 6.6 of its 44th session, taking into account the financial situation of the organization;
- 7.7 *Agrees* to the full composition of the Expert Advisory Committee on evaluation proposed by the PCB Bureau for 2024, including the one-year exceptional reappointment of the candidate from Eastern Europe, as detailed in Annex 1 of the annual report on evaluation and evaluation plan 2024–2025 (UNAIDS/PCB (53)/23.29);
- 7.8 *Approves* the exceptional reappointment of the candidate nominated by the PCB NGO delegation for one year;
- 7.9 *Requests* the Expert Advisory Committee to appoint a Chair from within its membership for 2024 and amend the Terms of Reference of the Committee accordingly;
- 7.10 *Looks forward* to the next annual report on evaluation to be presented to the Programme Coordinating Board in 2024;

Agenda item 6: Consultation on the follow-up to the 2023 ECOSOC Resolution

- 8.1 *Recalling* operative paragraph 23 of the 2023 ECOSOC Resolution on the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, “Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council, before its 2025 session, after consultation with the Programme Coordinating Board at its fifty-third meeting in December 2023, a report on the follow-up to the Council resolution 2021/26 on the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS regarding the establishment of term limits and performance expectations for the position of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS” (E/RES/2023/30, undocs.org);

- 8.2 *Reaffirming* the importance to continue the dialogue with the Secretary-General and ECOSOC, as appropriate, on establishing two four-year term limits for the position of UNAIDS Executive Director as well as regarding the performance expectations for the position of the UNAIDS Executive Director in line with the best practices of the UN system;
- 8.3 *Takes note* of the report prepared by the PCB Bureau on the follow-up to the 2023 ECOSOC Resolution;
- 8.4 *Decides* that the PCB Bureau transmits, no later than March 2024, following circulation to PCB members and participants for comments, the summary of the consultation at the 53rd meeting of the PCB on the follow-up to the 2023 ECOSOC resolution E/RES/2023/85 to the Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary-General;

Agenda item 7: Next PCB meetings

- 9.1 *Agrees* that the themes for the 54th and 55th PCB thematic segments will be:
 - a. *Sustaining the gains of the global HIV response to 2030 and beyond (June 2024)*;
 - b. *Addressing inequalities in children and adolescents to End AIDS by 2030 (December 2024)*;
- 9.2 *Requests* the PCB Bureau to take appropriate and timely steps to ensure that due process is followed in the call for themes for the 56th and 57th PCB meetings; and
- 9.3 *Approves* the dates and venue of the 58th and 59th PCB meetings in 2026 as follows:
 - a. *58th PCB meeting: 30 June–2 July 2026, Geneva, Switzerland*;
 - b. *59th PCB meeting: 8–10 December 2026, Geneva, Switzerland*;

Agenda item 8: Election of Officers³

10. *Elects* Kenya as the Chair, Brazil as the Vice-Chair and Netherlands as the Rapporteur for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024 and *approves* the composition of the PCB NGO Delegation;

Agenda item 9: Renewal of terms for the UNAIDS IEOAC

- 11.1 *Takes note* of the report prepared by the PCB Bureau on the renewal of terms for the UNAIDS Independent External Oversight Advisory Committee;
- 11.2 *Approves* the renewal of terms of the UNAIDS Independent External Oversight Advisory Committee membership as submitted by the PCB Bureau; and
- 11.3 As per the terms of reference, *requests* the Executive Director, in consultation with the PCB Bureau, to initiate the process for selecting the new membership of the Independent External Oversight Advisory Committee for 2025–2026 and 2026–2027.

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³ The Russian Federation disassociates itself from the approval of the composition of the PCB NGO Delegation.