

**UNAIDS PROGRAMME COORDINATING BOARD WORKING GROUP
THEMATIC SEGMENT FOR THE 44th PCB MEETING**

Delivering on SDG3: Strengthening and integrating comprehensive HIV responses into sustainable health systems for Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

At its 43rd meeting, the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) agreed that the theme for its 44th meeting will be “*Delivering on SDG3: Strengthening and integrating comprehensive HIV responses into sustainable health systems for Universal Health Coverage (UHC)*”. The Thematic Segment will take place on 27 June 2019.

The thematic segment provides an opportunity to:

- a. explore how UHC can benefit from the lessons learnt from the HIV response;
- b. review the importance of integrating comprehensive HIV responses into UHC;
- c. identify priority approaches and areas of action for the Joint Programme, Member States, and civil society to ensure that roll-out of UHC achieves its full potential – for the HIV response and for human health and well-being.

MEETING SUMMARY: THIRD MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP

DATE: Thursday 16 May 2019

PARTICIPANTS

(See attached list)

MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Presentation of the second draft Background Note for the thematic segment
3. Discussion on the draft Background Note
4. Presentation of the draft Agenda for the thematic segment
5. Discussion on the draft Agenda for the thematic segment
6. Way forward
7. Any other business

SUMMARY

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Mr Morten Ussing, Chief of Governance and Multilateral Affairs, UNAIDS Secretariat, welcomed the PCB Working Group to its third and final meeting for the preparation of the Thematic Segment of the 44th PCB on *Delivering on SDG3: Strengthening and integrating comprehensive HIV responses into sustainable health systems for Universal Health Coverage (UHC)*.

Mr Ussing informed that the purpose of the third meeting was to provide final comments on the draft Background Note and the draft Agenda and to discuss the format of the thematic day.

2. PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT BACKGROUND NOTE ON DELIVERING ON SDG3: STRENGTHENING AND INTEGRATING COMPREHENSIVE HIV RESPONSES INTO SUSTAINABLE HEALTH SYSTEMS FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE (UHC)

Mr. Sun Gang, Senior Adviser, Fast Track Implementation Department, UNAIDS Secretariat, introduced the changes that had been made to the draft Background Note based on the comments received from the working group members. He said that a discussion on how the AIDS response needs to improve had been included, references to human rights had been strengthened, HIV prevention further emphasised and discussion on the access to services for adolescent girls and young women added. Mr. Sun also explained that imprecise use of terms had been corrected and concerns about reaching key populations clarified. He also said that the paper now further emphasises the synergies in achieving both SDG targets 3.3. and 3.8.

3. DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT BACKGROUND NOTE ON DELIVERING ON SDG3: STRENGTHENING AND INTEGRATING COMPREHENSIVE HIV RESPONSES INTO SUSTAINABLE HEALTH SYSTEMS FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE (UHC)

The PCB working group commended the Secretariat for an improved draft of the Background Note. Specific comments included the following:

Member States

- Emphasised that it was important to ensure that the definition of UHC was consistent throughout the paper.
- Suggested that it would be good to highlight that some efforts to move HIV services to broader primary care platforms have not been successful.

PCB NGO delegation

- Suggested further strengthening the focus on HIV prevention.
- Mentioned that the NGO delegation would send additional written comments after consulting with a broader civil society advisory group.

Cosponsors

- Suggested to include some of the key messages coming out of the consultation with non-state actors in the preparation for the HLM on UHC.
- Emphasised that for UHC to realise its full potential, there need to be specific steps to ensure that key populations, including young key populations are not left behind, including in HIV prevention, and that there is a need to invest in human rights and law reform and for quality services to be tailored to the needs of key populations.
- Emphasised the need to distinguish between primary health care and specific services tailored to key populations.
- Suggested including an executive summary.

4. PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

Mr Sun Gang presented the revised draft agenda for the thematic day. He explained that the agenda had been revised based on comments received and that the new version differs from the previous draft. He said that the intention is to bring the information compiled in the background note alive during the discussion and to focus on practical examples of what works and doesn't work for both ending AIDS and achieving UHC from the perspectives of various stakeholders.

Mr. Sun explained that the day would start with two keynote speakers, followed by a short session to provide an overview of what UHC is and is not. This would be followed by three panel discussions. The first will focus on how HIV specific programmes can successfully evolve to deliver a comprehensive package of services for people who need them. The second panel would look at service delivery issues from a different angle, focusing on different panel models of ensuring non-discriminatory access to services for key populations at public health facilities. Mr. Sun said that the final panel discussion of the day would focus on financing and governance issues.

5. DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT AGENDA

The meeting group members welcomed the draft agenda. Specific comments included the following:

Member States

- Mentioned that the background note articulates well how the move towards UHC can be an enabler for the HIV response and suggested that this be also discussed during the thematic day itself.
- Suggested that substance use and mental health be highlighted in the panel discussions.
- Suggested to ensure that TB-HIV integration is also covered.
- Suggested including examples of service delivery models in which services are provided outside of public health facilities but with links to such facilities.

PCB NGO delegation

- Emphasised the need to have sufficient focus on HIV prevention in the move towards UHC.
- Emphasised the need to have regional and gender balance among speakers.

Cosponsors

- Emphasised the need to demonstrate different models for delivering services, including but not limited to public sector.
- Also emphasised the need to ensure that all the main opportunities as well as challenges in the integration of HIV into health systems in the move towards UHC are covered by the speakers.

6. WAY FORWARD

Mr. Morten Ussing said that the working group participants had until Wednesday 22 May to send any written comments on the draft Background Note and draft Agenda.

Mr. Ussing said that the Background Note would be published in English on the PCB website four weeks prior to the PCB. The Agenda would be published closer to the PCB meeting as soon as all the speakers had been confirmed. The French versions would follow.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

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