UNAIDS PCB Bureau

MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: Tuesday, 2 December 2014

PARTICIPANTS

Mr Timothy Poletti (Australia: chairing); Ms Paidamoyo Sharon Takaenzana (Zimbabwe); Ms Rosibel Menendez (El Salvador); Mr John Rock (PCB NGO Delegation); Mr Riku Lehtovuori and Ms Fabienne Hariga (UNODC: Representing UNAIDS Cosponsors).

UNAIDS Secretariat: Jan Beagle (DXD), Morten Ussing (GMA), Samia Lounnas (GMA)

SUMMARY

Mr Timothy Poletti, representing the PCB Chair, welcomed participants to the informal Bureau meeting. The meeting was called to provide an update on the 35th PCB meeting on 9-11 December 2014.

Ms Jan Beagle thanked the Bureau members. She explained that the Secretariat requested this meeting to provide the Bureau with an update on the latest development in the context of the process for the development of the new UNAIDS Strategy and Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework (UBRAF) following the decision at the 34th PCB meeting in July 2014 ...

[7.2 Decides to extend the duration of the existing strategy for two years through 2017, requesting UNAIDS to update the goals in the current strategy and to present on that basis an updated UBRAF for 2016-2017 at the 36th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board, taking into account the lessons learned from the Mid-term review of the UBRAF and the ongoing consultative process of improving the UBRAF, including the need for a clear results-chain linking outputs to outcomes and impact intended for the Joint Programme]; and [7.3 Requests UNAIDS to develop the next phase strategy (starting 2018), results framework and budget for consideration of the Programme Coordinating Board at its 40th meeting, building on the current strategy and our common three zero vision, aligned with the resolution on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) of operational activities for development and taking into account lessons learned from the implementation of the QCPR and the UBRAF].

Ms Beagle informed that at the 39th meeting of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organisation (CCO) held in Washington on 19 November 2014, UNAIDS Executive Director and the Executive Heads of the Joint Programme debated on the ongoing retargeting processes and the increasing availability of evidence as published, in the Gap, Fast Track and the Cities reports.
UNAIDS EXD and the CCO felt that there is a five-year window to build on the rapid acceleration of results to reach the commitment to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030.

In light of this discussion the CCO concluded that it is necessary to have a strong UNAIDS Strategy for the period 2016-2021. The Strategy would constitute a strong basis to overcome the challenges of maintaining the political momentum and to mobilise additional resources, international and domestic for the response over the coming years. The six-year Strategy 2016-2021 would support to Fast Track the response and set the trajectory to end AIDS by 2030.

The Secretariat confirmed that UNAIDS Executive Director will highlight in his report to the 35th PCB the need to develop a new UNAIDS Strategy for the period 2016-2021. The Strategy would then be presented to the Board for adoption at the June 2015 PCB meeting. The process for the development of the new Strategy would be consultative similar to the one for the development of the previous Strategy (multistakeholder, global and regional consultations). It is planned to also develop an outline of the UBRAF in parallel to the Strategy.

Bureau members raised some issues including how the new Strategy would capture the outcomes of the Post-2015 development framework as well as the High Level Meeting (HLM) on AIDS in 2016. Ms Beagle explained that by the June 2015 PCB meeting the post 2015 framework would be at its final stage. For the 2016 HLM on AIDS, it is expected that the UNAIDS Strategy would help inform the discussion. In both cases the nuances from the 2 high level meetings would be included in the Strategy as needed.

The Bureau members requested that the Secretariat prepares a 2 pager explaining the rationale and additional related information on the development of the Strategy 2016-2021.

Bureau members confirmed their support to the need for the change of timeline for the development of the new strategy and look forward to the discussion at the upcoming PCB meeting.

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