

UNAIDS PCB Bureau

MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: Friday, 31 October 2014

PARTICIPANTS

Mr Timothy Poletti (Australia: chairing); Ms Sue Elliot (Australia) 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)

MEETING AGENDA

1. Update, Regular Segment at the 35th PCB meeting

The Bureau will receive brief updates on key items of the regular segment at the upcoming Board meeting including on the PCB NGOs report; the update on the AIDS response in the post-2015 development agenda, the retargeting process for universal access, a gap analysis and recommendations to end paediatric AIDS and an update on actions taken to reduce stigma and discrimination in all its forms.

2. Update, Thematic Segment at 35th PCB meeting (Halving HIV transmission among people who inject drugs)

The Bureau will receive a brief update on the agenda and preparations for the thematic segment at the 35th PCB meeting.

3. Proposals for the Thematic Segment at the 37th PCB meeting (December 2015)

The Bureau will confirm the theme selected to recommend to the PCB for the 37th PCB meeting.

4. Any other business

SUMMARY

Opening remarks from the PCB Bureau Chair

Mr Timothy Poletti, representing the PCB Chair, welcomed participants to the last Bureau meeting before the 35th PCB meeting on 9-11 December 2014.

Under the adoption of the agenda, Ms Jan Beagle proposed to add updates on the 2014 PCB Field to Indonesia and on the upcoming UNAIDS Financing Dialogue.

After adoption of the agenda, the Chair gave the floor to the Secretariat to present the preparations of each agenda item of the 35th PCB meeting (9-11 December 2014).

1. Update, Regular Segment at 35th PCB meeting

UNAIDS Secretariat provided an update on the preparations for the 35th PCB meeting as follows:

- The draft annotated agenda of the 35th PCB meeting was posted on 1 October.
- The report of the 34th PCB meeting was posted on 9 October in English and French.
- Invitations to PCB constituencies were sent on 2 October and the Note Verbale and information note were posted on the UNAIDS website in English and French.
- The outline of the Executive Director will be ready approximately one week before the PCB meeting.

Additional updates on specific agenda items were provided as follows:

(1.4) Report by the NGO representative:

The representative of the PCB NGO Delegation updated the Bureau as follows:

- The paper has been submitted to the Secretariat.
- The paper is entitled: “When ‘Rights’ cause wrongs: Addressing Intellectual Property barriers to ensure access to treatment for all people living with HIV”.
- The paper starts with an executive summary to help setting the scene. The introduction outlines the methodology for the development of the report.
- The PCB NGOs are proposing six draft decision points.
- The PCB NGOs intends to consult the report with Member States in the lead up to the PCB.

(3) Update on the AIDS response in the post 2015 development agenda

UNAIDS Secretariat advised that the paper is being finalized and will be posted shortly:

- Pursuant to the PCB decision to have an update on the AIDS response in the post-2015 development agenda as a standing agenda item through 2015, the paper outlines developments in the wider process as well as UNAIDS engagement since the July 2014 Board meeting;
- The paper provides an update on developments in the post-2015 process as relevant to the AIDS response, including, for example, on the Open Working Group (OWG), the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing and the High Level political Forum, as well as a more in-depth analysis of the OWG proposal and an update on the road ahead;
- It outlines UNAIDS engagement in the post-2015 debate including UNAIDS-led strategic events, support to civil society and engagement in global technical processes; and
- Finally it calls on Member States and the Joint Programme to continue their efforts to secure an appropriate and prominent place for the AIDS response in the post-2015 development agenda.

(4) Follow-up to the thematic segment from the 34th Programme Coordinating Board meeting:

UNAIDS Secretariat provided the following update:

- The paper had been shared with and cleared by the Bureau.
- The paper is a summary of the day. It reflects the discussion and debate at the thematic day including: Social protection and HIV: Do financial incentives work for the HIV response?; Access in action: lived experience with social protection and HIV; Ending AIDS: No one left behind.
- The proposed decision points for this item were discussed.

(5) Retargeting process for universal access:

UNAIDS Secretariat provided an overview of the paper as follows:

- The paper responds to the request of the PCB at its 33rd meeting in December 2013 for UNAIDS to report back on the support provided by the Joint Programme to ongoing national and international processes led by countries and regional institutions to convene national and regional consultations for the definition of revised national targets for universal access.
- It describes country and regional level processes as well as the global modelling process.
- The global modelling provides different types of models and assumptions and calculates the set of proposed targets for universal access.
- In parallel regional and country meetings were organized to review universal access targets.
- Ongoing country processes were used for this purpose, including the Global Fund processes to develop concept notes as well as national meetings to review the National AIDS Strategic Plans.
- In the context of this retargeting process, there were also a number of consultations with Civil Society Organisations.
- The paper describes programmatic targets such as the 90-90-90 targets for treatment that are being increasingly adopted by countries, as well as presents guiding targets for prevention provided to countries to support the national target setting process.
- The paper emphasizes the targets that need to be reached by 2020 to ensure ending AIDS by 2030.

(6) Gap analysis on paediatric HIV treatment, care and support:

UNAIDS Secretariat provided the following update:

- This paper responds to the request of the Board at the 33rd PCB meeting in December 2013.
- The discussion paper on gap analysis on paediatric HIV treatment builds on a series of consultation in countries and regions on the retargeting process for universal access. During these consultations we have ensured that specific attention is given to the paediatric targets.
- The paper highlights that the situation in terms of access to paediatric HIV treatment is serious with only 24% coverage for children. 2.4 million children who need HIV treatment are not receiving it and half of the children will die before the age of 2.
- The paper outlines the major contributors to the current, including timeliness of diagnosis of children HIV+, service delivery and availability of pediatric formulas.
- The momentum of the overall retargeting process is helping us to ensure prioritization of children and increased resource allocation.

- Several global initiatives on HIV and children are launched and further harmonization of these initiatives is needed.
- The paper outlines a 6 prong strategy as a way forward.

(7) Update on actions to reduce stigma and discrimination in all its forms:

The Secretariat provided the following update:

- The report is being finalized. It was developed jointly with the Cosponsors.
- This report responds to the request of the Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) to report to the 35th meeting of the PCB on concrete actions taken to reduce stigma and discrimination in all its forms. The report is timely as the PCB and the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) consider how to end the AIDS epidemic, through achieving the three zeros, including Zero Discrimination.
- The report describes general actions taken by UNAIDS, as well as actions taken across five sectors (health, employment, education, justice and community) since the issuance of the UNAIDS Strategy *Getting to Zero* (December, 2010) and the 2011 *Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS*.

(8) Next PCB meetings

- The paper is prepared by the Secretariat on behalf of the PCB Bureau;
- The paper will be finalized further to this Bureau meeting;
- The paper presents the theme selected by the Bureau for the 37th PCB meeting and dates for the 2017 PCB meetings;
- We are currently consulting with key partners to ensure that the proposed dates do not clash with other Board meetings including GAVI and GF and other key partners.

(9) Election of Officers

- The Modus Operandi foresees the Programme Coordinating Board to elect the current Vice-Chair, Zimbabwe, to the position of Chair for a term of one year starting on 1 January, 2015.
- This meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board must also elect a Vice-Chair and a Rapporteur for a term of one year starting on 1 January, 2015.
- Through this paper, the Programme Coordinating Board is requested to elect officers for 2015 and to approve the new members of the NGO Delegation

2. Update, Thematic Segment at 35th PCB meeting (Halving HIV transmission among people who inject drugs)

- The final draft of the revised background note has been circulated to the working group for comments. It will be finalized and posted during the second week of November.
- The third Working Group (WG) meeting is confirmed for 6 November. The objective of this last meeting of the WG is to discuss details of the programme for the thematic day;
- 34 submissions in total were received from all regions including Africa (including North Africa) ; Asia (including Middle East) ; Latin America and the Caribbean; Eastern Europe ; Western Europe and Other States ; Multiple regions/global.
- All the submissions will be consolidated in a conference room paper that will be posted on the PCB website.

3. Proposals for the Thematic Segment at the 37th PCB meeting (December 2015)

- The Secretariat recalled the process for the call for submission of proposal of themes as follows:
 - 16 July: The Secretariat on behalf of the PCB Bureau sent the call for proposals of themes to the 3 PCB constituencies. The deadline to submit proposals of themes was 17 September.
 - 26 August: A reminder was sent. At that time, no proposals were received yet.
 - 17 September: The Secretariat received 2 proposals and had the information that some proposals are being prepared. The deadline to submit proposals has therefore been extended to 26 September.
 - 26 September: 5 proposals received.
- The 5 proposals received are:
 1. Shared responsibility for effective, equitable and sustainable HIV responses: transitions to domestic funding that address key populations;
 2. The AIDS response and the health architecture post 2015;
 3. HIV in emergency contexts;
 4. GIPA principles manifest in prevention, treatment and care, with a particular focus on health care settings;
 5. HIV in prisons and other closed settings – A population left behind.

In accordance with past practice, the proposals were considered against the following criteria:

- Level and diversity of support; urgency of the issue;
 - Whether the issue was being considered elsewhere;
 - Inclusion of the theme as a sub-issue under a broader or related theme;
 - Suitability of the theme to be addressed by the Board at a particular time.
- After discussion, Bureau members agreed that all five proposals were relevant.
 - Three proposals could be combined (1+2+4) for the 37th PCB meeting.
 - The Bureau agreed that the proposal on “HIV in emergency contexts” (proposal 3) was particularly timely, taking into account the unprecedented number of humanitarian emergencies and Ebola crisis.
 - It was agreed that the Secretariat would explore the possibility to have an additional thematic on this topic at the 36th PCB meeting (July 2015). The Secretariat indicated that there was no thematic session planned at the June /July PCB meeting as the next UBRAF would be discussed, but they would explore the possibility.
 - The Bureau agreed that the theme proposed on HIV in prisons and other closed settings – A population left behind (proposal 5) would partially be addressed at the upcoming 35th PCB meeting on “Halving HIV transmission among people who inject drugs” and could also be proposed to be added as a regular agenda item of a future PCB meeting.

4. Any other business

PCB Field visit to Indonesia

- Ms Beagle thanked the Bureau members for their participation in the PCB Field Visit to Indonesia. She also informed the Bureau that the report of the visit is being finalized. It will be posted on the PCB website.

The Financing Dialogue

- Ms Beagle confirmed to the Bureau that the financing dialogue will take place on 12 November. The agenda and concept note will be shared shortly with all participants.

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