

UNAIDS PCB Bureau

MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: Thursday, 18 September 2014

PARTICIPANTS

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

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

MEETING AGENDA

1. Preparation for the 35th PCB meeting

The Bureau will receive elements of a draft agenda for the 35th meeting taking into account decisions from the 34th and previous meetings.

2. Update, Thematic Segment at the 35th PCB meeting (Halving HIV transmission among People Who Inject Drugs)

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

3. Any other business

SUMMARY

Mr Poletti welcomed the PCB Bureau Members. He welcomed in particular Ms Rosibel Menendez who joined the Bureau as the newly elected Rapporteur and Mr Kenly Sikwese representing the PCB NGO Delegation. Mr Poletti recalled Bureau members that the letter on the decision of the Board at its 34th meeting on the positioning of AIDS in the post-2015 development agenda co-signed by Australia and Zimbabwe, had been delivered in August to the Office of the Secretary General and the President of the General Assembly (see annex 2).

On behalf of UNAIDS, Ms Jan Beagle, Deputy Executive Director, also welcomed the PCB Bureau members in particular Ms Rosibel Menendez and Mr Kenly Sikwese. She thanked Australia and Zimbabwe for the letter on the positioning of AIDS in the post-2015 development agenda.

Zimbabwe requested an additional point to be discussed under any other business: revised indicators of the UBRAF (request from the Africa Group at the 34th PCB meeting). The Secretariat suggested two further issues, an update on the PCB field visit to Indonesia and the Financing Dialogue.

After adoption of the agenda, the Secretariat presented the possible agenda items for the upcoming 35th Programme Coordinating Board meeting, which will be held in Geneva from 9-11

December 2014. The presentation of the proposed agenda items was based on the table of follow-up items from PCB meetings.

1. Preparation for the 35th PCB meeting

UNAIDS Secretariat explained the content of the table of follow-up items from PCB meetings (in annex) which captures all decision points and specific requests made by the PCB at previous meetings. The table was used to inform the discussion of the Bureau members on agenda items for the 35th PCB meeting. The Bureau decided as follows:

Report of the 34th PCB meeting: *Confirmed for the 35th PCB meeting.* The Secretariat informed that the report is ready and will be circulated to the Bureau for final clearance before posting on the PCB website.

EXD report: *Confirmed for the 35th PCB meeting.* The Secretariat informed that the outline of the report will be made available on the web site shortly before the PCB.

PCB NGO report: *Confirmed for the 35th PCB meeting.* Mr John Rock informed Bureau members that the report will focus on addressing intellectual property barriers to access to treatment. The PCB NGO indicated that they would like to share the report with Member States from different regional groups and ensure a dialogue prior to the 35th PCB meeting.

Leadership in the AIDS Response: *Confirmed for the 35th PCB meeting.* The Bureau members will be informed of the speaker invited as soon as confirmed.

Update on the AIDS in the post-2015 development Framework: *Confirmed for the 35th PCB meeting.* This agenda item will provide an update on the positioning of AIDS in the post-2015 development agenda.

Follow-up to the Thematic Segment from the 34th PCB meeting: “Addressing social and economic drivers of HIV through social protection”: *Confirmed for the 35th PCB meeting:* A summary report is being finalized by the Secretariat and will be circulated to the Bureau for clearance.

Election of officers: *Confirmed for the 35th PCB meeting.* The Secretariat informed that this agenda item is presented at each December PCB meeting. The Board is requested to elect the PCB officers for 2014 (Chair, Vice-Chair and Rapporteur) and possible new members of the PCB NGOs.

Next PCB meetings: *Confirmed for the 35th PCB meeting.* The paper for this agenda item is prepared by the Secretariat on behalf of the PCB Bureau; it describes the process of selection of themes for the 37th PCB meeting and will request the Board to approve the selected theme. It will also propose dates for the PCB meetings in 2017: 40th (June 2017) and 41st (December 2017).

The Secretariat noted that at the time of the Bureau meeting only three proposals had been received. The Bureau agreed to extend the deadline to Friday 26 September.

Report on 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: *Confirmed for the 35th PCB meeting*

Requests UNAIDS to prepare a discussion paper and a gap analysis on paediatric HIV treatment, care and support: Confirmed for the 35th PCB meeting

Conference room paper on concrete actions taken to address and implement the previous decision points approved by the Programme Coordinating Board that relate to civil society: Confirmed for the 35th PCB meeting

The PCB NGO agreed that this conference room paper will supplement the PCB NGO report.

Report on concrete actions taken to reduce stigma and discrimination in all its forms: Confirmed for the 35th PCB meeting.

Thematic Day: “Halving HIV transmission among People Who Inject Drugs”: Confirmed for the 35th PCB meeting.

UNAIDS to develop indicators to monitor youth participation within the AIDS response.

The Bureau agreed that the request will be addressed in the June 2015 PCB meeting under the performance monitoring report of the UBRAF agenda item.

UNAIDS to report on progress in implementation of human rights- related PCB decisions:

The Secretariat recalled that this agenda item had been considered by previous Bureaus for inclusion in the agenda of previous PCB meetings. However, it was considered that human rights issues were covered by the thematic sessions on enabling legal environments and non-discrimination and reporting on the UBRAF.

It was agreed by the Bureau that the decision point from the 22nd PCB, had been responded to through the UNAIDS Strategy and UBRAF reporting as well as through the different thematic sessions in the previous Board meetings. It was noted by the Bureau that the PCB would continue to receive reports on specific human rights related issues.

2. Update, Thematic Segment at 35th PCB meeting (Halving HIV transmission among People Who Inject Drugs)

The Secretariat provided an update on the preparations of the thematic segment of the 35th PCB meeting as follows:

- **Monday 21 July:** The invitation to express interest to be part of the PCB Working Group (WG) was sent to all PCB constituencies with Terms of Reference (ToRs) including a proposed timeline and a draft concept note. 22 members in total participate in this WG.
- **Wednesday 20 August:** First meeting of the WG was held to discuss the draft concept note, timeline and preparations for the background note as well as the call for submission of country best practices. The meeting was well attended with 12 Member States, 2 representatives of the PCB NGO Delegation and 5 representatives of the Cosponsors.
- **3 September:** The Secretariat shared a draft outline of the background note with the WG. Comments were received and are being considered in the draft background note.

Next Steps

- **Third week of September:** Second meeting of the WG to discuss the draft background note.

- **Last week of September:** Deadline for the WG members to send additional written inputs on the draft background note.
- **First week of October:** The Secretariat will share the revised draft background note with WG members.
- **Second week of October:** Third meeting of the WG (discussion on draft agenda, format of the day and inputs for suggested speakers).
- **Friday 31 October:** Background Note finalized and cleared – sent for translation
- **First week of November:** The background note will be posted on the PCB website
- **Thursday 11 December:** 35th UNAIDS PCB thematic segment
- **36th PCB meeting:** Follow-up of the thematic segment (July 2015)

Country best practices: The Secretariat has sent the call for submissions on 12 September. Some submissions will be used to inform the background note and all of them will be consolidated in a conference room paper that will be posted on the PCB website.

3. Any Other Business

PCB Field Visit 2014:

Ms Beagle recalled that the Bureau had agreed at its previous meeting that the 2014 PCB Field Visit would be to Indonesia, a high impact country that has made significant progress in the AIDS response. The confirmed dates are 22-24 October 2014.

The Secretariat had asked PCB members to express interest in participating in the visit on 15 July with a reminder sent on 12 August.

Ms Beagle informed the Bureau that the confirmed participants to the 2014 PCB Field Visit are representatives of the Chair (Australia), Vice-Chair (Zimbabwe) and rapporteur (El Salvador), Brazil, Iran, Luxembourg, Morocco, Ukraine, and the 2 PCB NGOs for Asia, as well as representatives of the Cosponsors of UNAIDS.

Revised Indicator Framework

The Secretariat provided the Bureau with an update on the ongoing work to respond to the requests of the different constituencies on refinements to UNAIDS indicator framework. Mr Joel Rehnstrom explained the ongoing work being undertaken in close collaboration with the Cosponsors in accordance with the UNAIDS Division of Labour. He added that progress on indicator development and refinement will be reported to the 36th PCB meeting in June 2015.

Mr Rehnstrom informed the Bureau that the Secretariat is consulting with the Cosponsors to respond to the requests made by the Africa Group and Luxembourg at the 34th PCB meeting to review specific language for some of the indicators. The Africa Group will be updated on a regular basis on progress. The Secretariat will provide an update at the next meeting of the Bureau.

Mr Rehnstrom confirmed that at the request of the CSOs, the Secretariat, in close collaboration with the Cosponsors as well as civil society itself, has initiated the development of a new CSO indicator, as agreed at UNAIDS technical consultation focusing on indicators a year ago.

Following the additional information and clarifications provided by the Secretariat, Ms Takaenzana informed that the Africa Group has requested that the Secretariat reports back on

this request before the upcoming PCB meeting in December 2014. She also requested that the Secretariat facilitates a discussion between Member States and other stakeholders, as appropriate and necessary, to agree on the changes proposed on some UBRAF indicators.

Financing Dialogue

Mr Rehnstrom confirmed that the financing dialogue mandated by the QCPR and requested by the PCB is scheduled to take place on 12 November. The Secretariat would circulate a concept note and an agenda for the meeting shortly.

Closing of the meeting

The Secretariat will send by email a proposed date for the next meeting of the Bureau during the first week of November.

[Annex follows]

Annexe 1 - AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE 35th PCB MEETING (9-11 December 2014):

Requests for the 35th PCB meeting	Para no.	Agenda items
		Report of the 34th PCB meeting
		Executive Director (EXD) report
		Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) NGO report
		Leadership in the AIDS Response
		Update on the AIDS response in the post-2015 development agenda
33rd	4.d	<i>[Report by the NGO representative] Report to the 35th PCB on concrete actions taken to reduce stigma and discrimination in all its forms consistent with the UN High level Political Declaration 2006-2011, the UNAIDS Strategy 2011-2015 and all the Programme Coordinating Board decisions related to reduction of stigma and discrimination.</i>
34th	7.5	<i>[Performance reporting] Requests the Secretariat to prepare a conference room paper for the 35th Programme Coordinating Board meeting on concrete actions taken to address and implement the previous decision points approved by the Programme Coordinating Board that relate to civil society.</i>
33rd	7.4	<i>[Strategic use of antiretroviral medicines for treatment and prevention of HIV] Requests UNAIDS to prepare a discussion paper and a gap analysis on paediatric HIV treatment, care and support with specific time-bound targets for getting all children living with HIV on treatment and a strategy how this would be achieved to be presented at the 35th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board.</i>
33rd	6.3.a	<i>[Strategic use of antiretroviral medicines for treatment and prevention of HIV] Requests the Joint Programme to support 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 to HIV treatment keeping in mind the need for defining new milestones and targets for the AIDS responses beyond 2015, and to provide a report at a future* meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board. *: At its meeting on 14 March 2014, the PCB Bureau agreed that this item will be presented at the 35th PCB meeting (December 2014)</i>
34th		[Follow up to the thematic segment from the 34th PCB meeting] - Addressing social and economic drivers of HIV through social protection (summary report)
33rd	8.2	<i>[Next PCB meetings] Agrees to request the Programme Coordinating Board Bureau to take appropriate and timely steps to ensure that due process is followed in the call for themes for the 37th Programme Coordinating Board meeting, as necessary.</i>
		Election of officers
33rd	8.1	Thematic Segment: "Halving HIV transmission among People Who Inject Drugs"
Requests with no timeframe		
34th	6.8	[Follow up to the thematic segment from the 33rd Programme Coordinating Board meeting: HIV, adolescents and youth] <i>Recognizing the contribution of young people through the full programme cycle and within decision-making processes, requests UNAIDS to develop indicators to monitor youth participation within the AIDS response.</i>
22nd	5.2	<i>[Report of the EXD and Report of the Chairperson of the CCO] UNAIDS to report on progress on implementation of human rights-related Programme Coordinating Board decisions at a future Programme Coordinating Board meeting.</i>

Annex 2

Your Excellency, Mr. John W. Ashe, President of the General Assembly of the United Nations,
Your Excellency, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations,

On behalf of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB), we, the Chair and Vice-chair of the PCB, have the honour to convey to you the decision of the Board on the positioning of the AIDS response in the post-2015 development agenda, adopted at the recent meeting of the Board that concluded on 3 July 2014 in Geneva.

We would like to request your support and advocacy in ensuring a clear commitment in the post-2015 development agenda to ending the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat and an obstacle for overall sustainable development by 2030.



H. E. Mr Peter Woolcott
PCB Chair and Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva



H. E. Mr. James Manzou
PCB Vice-Chair and Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva

Cc:

Mr. Macharia Kamau, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations, Co-Chair of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals

Mr. Csaba Körösi, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations, Co-Chair of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals

Decision adopted by the 34th Meeting of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board on 2 July on the post-2015 development agenda:

- *Welcomes* the update on the AIDS response in the post-2015 development agenda and;
- *Takes note* of the decision of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board at its 32nd meeting on the post-2015 development agenda, in particular:
 - *Stresses* the importance of ensuring that HIV and AIDS are central to the post-2015 UN development agenda and of advocating for the inclusion of targets under relevant goals towards achieving zero new HIV infections, zero AIDS-related deaths and zero discrimination; and
 - *Builds* on the lessons learned from the HIV and AIDS response in addressing other complex health and development challenges in the post-2015 era;
- *Takes note* of the ECOSOC Resolution E/RES/2013/11, in particular:
 - *Recognizes* the value of the lessons learned from the global HIV and AIDS response for the post-2015 development agenda, including the lessons learned from the unique approach of the Joint Programme and that the Joint Programme offers the United Nations a useful example to be considered, as appropriate, as a way to enhance strategic coherence, coordination, results-based focus and country-level impact, based on national contexts and priorities;
- *Takes note* of the ongoing work of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals and its explicit inclusion of language on “ending the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria”;
- *Calls* on member states and the UN Joint Programme to pursue, in line with our common vision of the three zeros, a clear commitment in the post-2015 development agenda to ending the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat and an obstacle for overall sustainable development by 2030, provisionally defined as the rapid reduction of new HIV infections, stigma and discrimination experienced by people living with HIV and vulnerable populations and key populations¹, and AIDS-related deaths by 90% of 2010 levels, through evidence based interventions to include universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care, and support, such that AIDS no longer represents a major threat to any population or country;
- *Encourages* the UN Joint Programme and member states to pursue HIV-sensitive indicators under several goal areas, including, but not limited to, health, gender, education, partnership, and youth, to ensure policy coherence and joined-up action to address the social, political, economic and environmental determinants of HIV, poor health, poverty and inequality (at community, national and global levels); and strengthened inclusive accountability mechanisms to enable broad participation and ownership in implementing and monitoring the post-2015 agenda.

¹ As defined in the UNAIDS 2011-2015 Strategy ‘Getting to Zero’, footnote n. 41: ‘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’.