



UNAIDS PCB Bureau meetings summaries (Thursday 28 January and Tuesday 2 February)

The Chair agreed to send the summaries of the 2 meetings as they relate mainly to the same topic: preparation of the PCB Briefing on the Global AIDS Strategy 2021-2026

Participants

PCB Bureau: Dr Kalumbi Shangula, Dr Laimi Ashipala and Ms Xungileni Chitundu (Namibia: representing the Chair); Mr Suwit Wibulpolprasert, Mr. Thaksaphon Thammarangsi and Mr Natee Vichitsorasatra (Thailand: representing the Vice-Chair); Ms Julia Martin and Ms Deana Jordan Sullivan (United States of America: representing the Rapporteur); Mr Alexander Pastoors and Ms Jules Kim (representing the PCB NGO Delegation); and Mr Andy Seale and Hywel Jones (WHO: representing UNAIDS Cosponsors).

UNAIDS Secretariat: Mr Tim Martineau, Deputy Executive Director of Management and Governance a.i., Mr Morten Ussing, Director Governance and Multilateral Affairs, Ms Samia Lounnas, Senior Governance Advisor, Governance and Multilateral Affairs, and Ms Maggie Lemons, Governance Officer, Governance and Multilateral Affairs

Thursday, 28 January

MEETING DRAFT AGENDA

1. Next steps for the Strategy: background document and briefing.
 2. Any other business
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SUMMARY

The Chair welcomed participants to the meeting and thanked them for joining on short notice. The Chair noted that, further to the previous Bureau meeting, the Chair and Executive Director consulted to set the date for the upcoming PCB Briefing for Monday, 8 February 2021 from 13:00-16:30. A save-the-date invitation to the briefing was sent to participants.

- 1. Next steps for the Strategy: background document and briefing**

The Chair recalled decision point 10.3 from the 47th PCB meeting: “Requests the Bureau to organize a PCB Briefing by the end of January 2021 for presentation of the revised framework, including an executive summary for the UNAIDS Strategy, identifying the prioritized actions needed to end AIDS by 2030 and taking into account the comments of the 47th Programme Coordinating Board.” The Chair stressed the importance of the mandate given by the PCB to the Bureau, and noted that the upcoming briefing on the Strategy will be a crucial opportunity to hear feedback from the wider PCB and to build confidence in the Strategy development process.

Prior to the meeting, members of the Bureau received the draft background document for the briefing as developed by the Secretariat along with summaries of the sessions held at the 47th PCB meeting on the Strategy and the Evaluation to facilitate review of compliance with the PCB requests. The Chair requested that the PCB Bureau members carefully review the background document, and in particular, the elements requested by the PCB (the revised framework and executive summary) while also taking into account the comments from the 47th PCB meeting.

The Chair noted that the background document was a zero-draft of the Global AIDS Strategy 2021-2026 and took the opportunity to thank the Executive Director for her transparent approach in sharing a zero draft at this early stage.

In view of the tight timeline to the briefing, the Chair proposed that Bureau members provide feedback on the background document within 72 hours with the aim to provide participants with as much time to review ahead of the briefing as possible. Further to the Bureau’s review, the Secretariat will revise and send an updated version to the Bureau for final review. The background document will be subsequently sent to participants ahead of the briefing.

The Chair requested that Bureau members reach out to constituencies ahead of the briefing to disseminate the timeline and to ensure channels of communication are open for any questions or concerns. The Bureau aims to facilitate a briefing that is responsive to concerns and helps to engage all stakeholders at this key moment in the process.

The Chair also noted that the upcoming meeting of the Bureau to be held on Tuesday, 2 February, would focus on the facilitation of the Strategy briefing as well as the planning for a future PCB Briefing to be held on the outline of the PCB’s report to ECOSOC. The Chair proposed that, at the briefing, members of the Bureau would present guiding questions to help frame the discussion at the Briefing and requested feedback from the Bureau regarding this suggestion.

Members of the Bureau welcomed the work of the Joint Programme to deliver this draft and agreed to provide their feedback based on the timeline proposed by the Chair and expressed support for the framing of the discussion during the Briefing. Members requested clarification on the process following the briefing leading up to the March Special Session.

The Secretariat noted that, following the discussion at the Briefing, the Joint Programme would finalize the paper. The final paper would be submitted four weeks ahead of the March Special Session. Following its posting, the pre-meeting sessions leading up to the PCB would provide a space for dialogue and clarification on the final paper. The Secretariat also recalled that a glossary, based on soon-to-be updated UNAIDS terminology guidelines, would be included in the final paper to support a common understanding of key terms, as was done with the previous strategy.

Bureau members recalled the usefulness of pre-meeting sessions and agreed to take this into account further to the Briefing. Some members requested clarification from the Secretariat on changes made from the annotated outline at the 47th PCB meeting to this revised framework.

The Secretariat offered to arrange further consultation with the Strategy team and Bureau members if requested.

2. Any other business

There was no other business raised. The Chair thanked members of the Bureau, noting that they had been called upon to provide significant time and support only a few weeks into the year.

Tuesday, 2 February

MEETING DRAFT AGENDA

1. PCB Briefing on the Strategy:

The Bureau will receive an update and provide guidance on the PCB Briefing on the Strategy as requested in decision point 10.3 from the 47th PCB meeting: “Requests the Bureau to organize a PCB Briefing by the end of January 2021 for presentation of the revised framework, including an executive summary for the UNAIDS Strategy, identifying the prioritized actions needed to end AIDS by 2030 and taking into account the comments of the 47th Programme Coordinating Board;”

- 13:00-13:45: Discussion with Secretariat on the background document and its presentation at the meeting
- 13:45-14:30: Discussion of the PCB Bureau on facilitation of the session

2. PCB Briefing on the PCB Report to ECOSOC:

The Bureau will discuss the outline of upcoming report of the PCB to ECOSOC on governance issues and the structure and timing of a PCB Briefing to be held to present the outline. “Requests the Programme Coordinating Board to discuss governance issues of the Joint Programme, as well as how the Joint Programme could be sustainably core funded, in accordance with all relevant United Nations principles, with a view to evaluating such issues, in order to have an effective, efficient and accountable Joint Programme, and to report to the Economic and Social Council by 2021;”

3. Any other business

SUMMARY

1. PCB Briefing on the Strategy

The Chair welcomed participants to the meeting and thanked them again for providing comments on the background document in alignment with decision point 10.3 from the 47th PCB meeting and taking into account the feedback from that PCB meeting. The background document and the

summary of the PCB discussion at the 47th PCB meeting would be shared with participants in advance of the upcoming briefing on 8 February.

The Chair also recalled decision point 10.4 from the 47th PCB meeting: “Requests the Executive Director to present the Global AIDS Strategy 2021-2026 at a special session of the PCB no later than March 2021 for consideration and adoption.”

The Chair noted two important elements:

- The Executive Director will consider the comments of PCB members and observers as well as those raised during the briefing on the strategy framework, as requested in decision 10.3. The 2021-2026 Global AIDS Strategy final draft will be submitted by the Executive Director, after consultation with the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations (CCO), for consideration by the PCB during the Special Session in March 2021 as agreed in decision point 10.4.
- The draft Strategy is still a work in progress and this work will continue further to the briefing. Therefore, the discussion at the Briefing will be important to collectively provide further guidance to the Secretariat in finalizing the draft Global AIDS Strategy 2021-2026.

The Chair opened the floor for general comments on the zero draft of the Strategy and encouraged Bureau members to continue to provide guidance and comments during the finalization.

Bureau members thanked the Secretariat for taking on board their comments and noted their support for the zero draft. Bureau members requested the graphics in the zero draft Strategy be enlarged prior to sending to the Briefing participants to support their review.

The Chair thanked Bureau members for their feedback and recalled the agenda for the upcoming briefing:

- The Chair will provide opening remarks to welcome the briefing.
- The Secretariat will present the revised framework with the Executive Director providing an introduction.
- Members of the Bureau would then provide a framing for the discussion.
- The bulk of the briefing would be devoted to discussion to allow for maximum input from participants.

The Chair reiterated that the briefing will be a key touchpoint for the PCB and the Bureau framing the discussion will help direct and focus the conversation on key elements, as requested in the above-mentioned decision 10.3. The Chair proposed that the Bureau presentation focus on four areas on the basis of feedback provided during the 47th PCB meeting:

- Strategic framework
- Prioritization (including the reformulation of proposed results areas)
- Differentiation within the Strategy: flexibility to respond to on-the-ground situations within a global framework
- Added value of the Joint Programme

The different areas would be distributed amongst Bureau members to present. The Chair requested feedback on the proposal, on the distribution for the presentation, and on the facilitation of the discussion on this basis.

Bureau members welcomed the proposed presentation format by the Chair. Bureau members discussed the framing of the discussion and agreed to hold two rounds of feedback during the PCB Briefing. The aim of this framing would be to allow the drafters to best absorb and respond to

the comments delivered during this briefing. The first round of feedback would focus on the strategic framework and the prioritization. The second round of feedback would focus on the elements of differentiation within the Strategy and the added value of the Joint Programme. It was agreed that this framing would be communicated to participants in advance to support their preparation and to allow for consultation between missions and capitals.

On the basis of this feedback, the Chair agreed to finalize the presentation and provide it to the PCB Bureau members for any additional comments.

2. Briefing on the PCB Report to ECOSOC

The PCB Chair recalled the agreement of the Bureau to hold a briefing on the PCB's report to ECOSOC. The briefing would provide PCB participants with an opportunity to discuss the outline of the ECOSOC report. Further to the briefing, the report would be drafted and tabled for approval at the March Special Session. Once approved, the report would then be submitted by the Chair to the President of ECOSOC. The report would be tabled along with the UNAIDS Executive Director's report for consideration by ECOSOC and to feed into the 2021 ECOSOC resolution on the Joint Programme.

A draft outline had been circulated to Bureau members for comment. The PCB Chair recalled key objects for the report:

- To complement the Executive Director's 2021 report to the ECOSOC.
- To showcase the UNAIDS governance model and its ability to act and adapt, focusing especially on:
 - o The inclusiveness and uniqueness of UNAIDS governance with the participation of those most affected by the HIV epidemic, and highlighting the recognition of the UNAIDS governance model as a useful example by the ECOSOC;
 - o The ability of the PCB to identify governance issues that require strengthening and to take action on those issues by consensus decision-making (drawing especially on the work of the JIU working group).
- To recommend to the ECOSOC that the Council requests the Secretary-General to submit a report, after consultation with the PCB, on the establishment of two four-year term limits and performance expectations for the position of UNAIDS Executive Director in line with the practices of the UN system as recommended by the JIU

The report will focus on a few key messages:

- The inclusive governance structure of the Joint Programme
- The evolution of the Joint Programme governance functions, including increased accountability
- The PCB as the most important agenda setting forum for the AIDS response
- Overview of core funding

The report will be approximately 14 pages as is standard length for ECOSOC reports. It will contain the following sections

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Process to develop the report
- Governance of the Joint Programme
- Evolving governance issues
- Ensuring sustainable core funding for the Joint Programme
- Recommendations

Further to receipt of your comments, the Chair and Secretariat will finalize the outline to be sent ahead of the briefing to the wider PCB. In view of the timeline to the March Special Session, the Chair proposes that the briefing on the ECOSOC report outline be held in mid-February.

Bureau members agreed to submit their detailed comments on the ECOSOC outline further to this meeting and appreciated the overview provided by the Chair.

3. Any other business

The Chair recalled that deadline for the intersessional approval on the modalities and procedures paper had passed. At the time of the meeting, a quorum had not been reached. Per the Modus Operandi, the Chair requested that the Bureau send an extension of deadline.

The Bureau members agreed to extend the deadline to Thursday, 4 February 2021.

The Chair informed Bureau members that the agenda for the Special Session had been approved and the invitations for the Special Session would be sent by the Secretariat shortly. As noted in the modalities and procedures paper, the Bureau would propose a schedule for pre-meeting sessions to be included in the invitation.

Bureau members recalled the usefulness of the pre-meeting sessions in the 2020 to provide participants with an opportunity to engage with the agenda items in advance of the PCB meeting.

The following schedule was agreed upon:

- Tuesday, 9 March 2021: pre-meeting session to be held on the Global AIDS Strategy 2021-2026
- Thursday, 11 March 2021: pre-meeting session to be held on the UBRAF and PCB ECOSOC Report
- Monday, 22 March 2021: consultation on decision points held with PCB members

In addition, the Bureau agreed to propose two potential drafting sessions to be held if needed:

- Wednesday, 24 March 2021 from 17:00-19:00
- Thursday, 25 March 2021 from 10:00-12:00

The Chair thanked members of their Bureau for their time and support.

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