UNAIDS PCB BUREAU MEETING

DATE: Monday, 29 March 2021
TIME: 9:30-10:00
VENUE: Teams meeting (Virtual)

Draft PCB Bureau Meeting Agenda

1. Feedback from PCB Special Session
2. Next Steps
3. AOB

PARTICIPANTS

PCB Bureau: Ms Xungileni Chitundu (Namibia: representing the Chair); Dr Walaiporn Patcharanarumol and Mr Natee Vichitsorasatra (Thailand: representing the Vice-Chair); Ms Julia Martin (United States of America: representing the Rapporteur); Mr Alexander Pastoors and Ms Jules Kim (representing the PCB NGO Delegation); and Hywel Jones (WHO: representing UNAIDS Cosponsors).

UNAIDS Secretariat: 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

1. Feedback from PCB Special Session

The Chair welcomed Bureau members to the meeting and thanked them for their significant work since the beginning of the year. The Chair reiterated the importance of the Bureau’s role in ensuring that the processes were inclusive of all stakeholders and providing guidance to the Secretariat. The Chair noted that the Bureau’s support has been critical to the successful outcome of the March Special Session and the consensus adoption of the Global AIDS Strategy 2021-2026, which constituted a major milestone for the global AIDS response and the commitment to end AIDS by 2030.

The Chair acknowledged that negotiations in virtual settings are complex and even more so in the PCB with the aim of consensus and engagement of all three constituencies of the Board. Noting
that there were three upcoming PCB meetings to be held in 2021, the Chair requested feedback from the PCB Bureau members on the Special Session.

Bureau members thanked the Chair for their leadership and chairmanship of the Special Session, including the drafting sessions. Members thanked the Secretariat for supporting the smooth running of a virtual meeting, in particular the technological aspects. Members reiterated the importance of achieving consensus adoption of the Strategy. They also noted the importance of continuing to improve virtual meetings, including having additional protocols for decision making in view of virtual challenges.

2. Next steps:

The Chair noted that the PCB Bureau would now shift its attention to the rest of 2021, including the upcoming 48th meeting of the PCB to be held 29 June – 2 July 2021. The Chair recalled that the Bureau had adopted an agenda for the 48th PCB meeting in January, which was posted on the PCB website. Further to the Special Session and the decisions taken on the UBRAF, the Chair requested confirmation from the Bureau to adjust the agenda to reflect that the PCB would receive a zero draft of the UBRAF 2022-2026 at the June meeting.

The Chair noted that the next meeting of the PCB Bureau would focus on the establishment of the independent external oversight advisory committee and the preparation of the agenda items for the upcoming 48th PCB meeting.

The PCB Bureau confirmed the change to the agenda of the 48th PCB meeting, which was reposted as a rev1.

3. Any other business

There was no other business.