

UNAIDS PCB Bureau meeting

DATE: Tuesday, 11 October 2022

TIME: 13:30-16:30 (Geneva time)

VENUE: Virtual (Zoom meeting)

PARTICIPANTS:

PCB Bureau: H.E. Mr Rongvudhi Virabutr, Dr Preecha Prempree, Ms Parichart Chantcharas, Mr Natee Vichitsorasatra, and Dr Cha-aim Pachanee (representing the PCB Chair: Thailand); Mr Binod Mahanty, Dr Claudia Böehm (representing the PCB Vice-Chair: Germany); Dr Peace Mutuma (representing the PCB Rapporteur: Kenya); Dr Chewe Luo and Dr Bettina Schunter (representing the Chair of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations (CCO): UNICEF); and Ms Dinah Bones and Mr Jumoke Patrick (representing the PCB NGO Delegation).

Secretariat: Mr Morten Ussing, Director, Governance; Ms Samia Lounnas, Senior Governance Advisor, Governance; and Ms Sara Amara, intern, Governance

MEETING DRAFT AGENDA

1. **Format of the 51st PCB meeting, 13-16 December 2022, Thailand:** *The PCB Bureau will discuss and agree on the format (in-person, virtual or hybrid) of the 51st PCB meeting following the modalities for PCB meetings in 2022*
 2. **Updates on preparations of the 51st PCB meeting, 13-16 December 2022, Thailand:** *The PCB Bureau will receive updates from the Secretariat on the agenda items at the 51st PCB meeting*
 3. **Selection of themes for the thematic segments in 2023:** *The PCB Bureau will select the themes for the thematic segments in 2023*
 4. **PCB Field Visit in Thailand (in the margin of the 51st PCB meeting- 13-16 December 2022):** *the PCB Bureau will discuss and agree on objectives, attendance, and modalities of the PCB Field Visit in the margin of the 51st PCB meeting (13-16 December 2022)*
 5. **Any other business**
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The PCB Chair welcomed participants to the PCB Bureau meeting to prepare for the 51st PCB meeting, to be held on 13-16 December 2022 in Thailand, in the event of a hybrid meeting and from 13-15 December in the event of a fully in-person meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to agree on the format of the 51st PCB meeting in Thailand and dates of the pre-meetings; to provide Bureau members with an update on the preparations of the 51st PCB agenda items by the relevant Secretariat focal point, to select the themes for the thematic segments in 2023 and to discuss the tentative dates and programme of the PCB Field Visit in Thailand.

1. Format of the 51st PCB meeting, 13-16 December 2022, Thailand

The Chair recalled the members of the Bureau that the PCB had approved [the modalities for PCB meetings in 2022](#) and that it had made intersessionally the following decisions on PCB meetings in 2022:

- Agreed that the PCB Bureau will determine no later than 60 days ahead of the meeting if the 51st meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board will be virtual, hybrid or in-person; and that if the meeting will be held virtually or as a hybrid meeting, it will exceptionally include an additional day and be held on 13 – 16 December 2022;
- Agreed on the modalities and rules of procedure set out in the paper, modalities and procedures for the 2022 UNAIDS PCB meetings, for the virtual and hybrid 2022 PCB meetings and their preparations.

The Chair added that at its 50th PCB meeting in June 2022, the PCB also made the following decision in response to the proposal of the Chair to host the 51st PCB meeting in Thailand:

- Recalled the intersessional decisions on the modalities and procedures of the 2022 PCB meetings and decision point 12.3 from the 45th PCB meeting; and
- Agreed that, if the 51st PCB meeting is held in a hybrid (13-16 December 2022) or fully in-person (13-15 December 2022) format, it shall be held in Thailand.

The Chair also confirmed that Thailand will host the 51st PCB meeting in Chiang Mai province, Thailand. He indicated that the Secretariat has received a note verbale on 4 October confirming that Thailand will host the PCB meeting at the Shangri-La Hotel in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The letter was shared by the Secretariat with the Bureau members as part of the background documents to prepare this meeting. The Chair concluded that Thailand is working with the Secretariat on all the related logistics which would be sent at the end of this week (14 October 2022) with the invitations to PCB members.

Before opening the discussion on the format of the 51st PCB meeting in Chiang Mai, the Chair requested the Secretariat to provide some additional information as follows:

- If the PCB Bureau agrees to have a hybrid 51st PCB meeting, the rules that would be followed by the Chair to lead the Board meeting are those approved intersessionally in [the modalities for PCB meetings in 2022](#) in complementarity with the Modus Operandi. The Secretariat added that hybrid PCB meetings would allow for broader participation of PCB stakeholders based on the experience from the June 2022 50th PCB meeting which was held, for the first time since the COVID-19 crisis, in a hybrid format.
- If the PCB Bureau decides to hold the 51st PCB meeting fully in-person, the Modus Operandi would be applied which implies that online participation of PCB members and participants would not be possible as there are no provisions in the Modus Operandi to guide the PCB Chair on how to manage the Board meeting in such situation.

- If the PCB Bureau members decide to develop new modalities for PCB meetings to allow online participation in addition to the in-person one, the PCB Bureau risks facing a conflict of time-schedule as the modalities would need to be approved by the PCB intersessionally, by end of October, and thus the provision in the Modus Operandi to send the letters of invitation, which should reflect the new modalities, 60 days ahead of the start of the meeting would not be respected. This is in the case that the PCB approves the new modalities and an important change in the Modus Operandi without requesting prior debate in a future PCB meeting. If the PCB doesn't agree, the timeline for sending invitations would be further delayed with a major risk for PCB members' attendance to the 51st meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

The Secretariat added this would create a precedent if PCB Bureau proposed inter-sessional decision going back on modalities and would open for online participation for registered participants in case it is a face-to-face meeting. The experience in the past 2 years suggests that such choice is made and a cost and environmentally friendly one also, it would however require a Board discussion with a revision of the Modus Operandi. The Bureau can propose that this discussion is added to the June PCB meeting in 2023.

Finally, the Secretariat stressed that in case the meeting is fully in person, the agenda of the 51st meeting would need to be adapted to a 3-day meeting instead of 4 days if hybrid or virtual. The Secretariat noted as well that online participation in a meeting held during the whole day may create difficulties for some delegations depending on their time zone.

Following the discussion, the members of the Bureau agreed that the 51st PCB meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand would be held in a hybrid format from 13-16 December 2022. A meeting table for the 51st PCB is attached in Annex 1 and the PCB Bureau is in the process of agreeing on the final dates. The meeting table will be adjusted accordingly. The PCB Bureau members also agreed that the [modalities for PCB meetings in 2022](#) should be maintained, but with an amendment to provision 22, which would increase the number of in-person participation for each PCB member and allow 6 in-person participants instead of 2 in-person participants.

The PCB legal counsel clarified that the amendment to [the modalities for PCB meetings in 2022](#) would need to be approved intersessionally by the PCB to be applied. The letter of invitations to PCB members as well as the noted verbale for observers will indicate that the Bureau has submitted for approval of the PCB the amendment of provision 22 and that the registration of PCB members will be applied as currently provided in [the modalities for PCB meetings in 2022](#), pending changes to the number of participants. Should the amendment to provision 22 of [the modalities for PCB meetings in 2022](#) be approved by the PCB, PCB members and observers will be informed by the Chair and the registrations adjusted to reflect the change in provision 22 of [the modalities for PCB meetings in 2022](#).

With the agreement of all Bureau members, the PCB Chair requested the Secretariat to proceed with the letter of invitations and logistical note for the 51st PCB meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand from 13-16 December 2022, as recommended by the legal counsel. The PCB Chair also requested the secretariat to send for intersessional approval by the PCB, the amendment of provision 22 of [the modalities for PCB meetings in 2022](#).

2. Update, Regular Segment at the 51st PCB meeting on 13-16 December 2022, Thailand

Relevant UNAIDS Secretariat focal points provided the updates on the preparation of agenda items as follows:

Agenda item 1.2: Report of the PCB

The Secretariat provided the update as follows:

- The report of the previous meeting is a summary of the presentations and discussions held. The report is reviewed and cleared by the PCB Bureau.
- As agreed in [the modalities for PCB meetings in 2022](#) approved intersessionally, the report includes a summary of all interventions made in plenary as well as written statements submitted through the secure platform.
- The Chair recalled that, further to the posting of the Report, PCB participants may request the PCB Bureau to consider changes to the report, as had been done at the two most recent PCB meetings. The Chair reminded the Bureau that it is their responsibility to ensure that the report is a balanced and fair representation of the events of the meeting.
- The Bureau received the draft report of the 50th PCB meeting prior to this meeting (Thursday, 6 October 2022) for review and comments with a final deadline to submit any comments by Friday, 14 October 2022. The paper would then be finalized and posted on the PCB webpage in accordance with the Modus Operandi.

Agenda items 1.3 & 2: Report of the Executive Director and Leadership in the AIDS response:

The PCB Chair and UNAIDS Secretariat provided the update as follows:

- The report of the Executive Director is expected to focus on significant achievements in the AIDS response since her previous report and the work of the Joint Programme.
- As is practice, an outline of the report will be posted in advance of the meeting. The report of the Executive Director in its entirety will be posted following delivery at the PCB meeting.
- The Executive Director agrees with the Bureau that the leadership in the AIDS response agenda item will be an important opportunity to provide hope and forward thinking for a reenergized AIDS response. The Executive Director is in the process of selecting a speaker.

[The PCB Bureau requested that the Executive Director reflects in her report the outcome of the realignment process of UNAIDS Secretariat, particularly with respect to staff concerns raised during the 50th PCB.](#)

Agenda item 1.4: Report by the NGO Representative: NGO Delegation representatives

The NGO Delegation representatives provided the update as follows:

- The title of the report is: U=U: A Foundational, Community-led, Global HIV/AIDS Health Equity Strategy.
- A working group was established to develop the report. The report is currently being finalised and consultations with PCB members will be organized when the report will be posted on the PCB website.

Agenda item 3: Follow-up to the thematic segment from the 50^h PCB meeting:

UNAIDS Secretariat provided the following update:

- The Follow-up to the thematic segment from the 50th meeting is a summary report of the presentations and discussion from the thematic segment held on Education and HIV.
- The report is drafted by an independent report writer and submitted to the PCB Bureau for review and clearance. The PCB Bureau had received the report prior to the meeting (Thursday, 6 October 2022) and were requested to submit any feedback by Friday, 14 October 2022 at which point the paper would be finalized and posted on the PCB webpage.
- The report includes draft decision points for consideration by the Bureau. These proposed decision points encapsulate the key issues that were discussed by diverse speakers during the thematic segment as well as emanating from the report produced for the segment.
- The proposed decision points recognize the importance of the education sector in HIV prevention, testing and treatment as well as in the fight against HIV stigma and discrimination, to implement our common commitments.

Agenda item 4: Report of the Task Team on Community-led AIDS Responses

The Secretariat provided the update as follows:

- The work by the MTT on community-led responses, called for by the PCB, has created a truly multistakeholder-engaged process, with PLHIV and key population networks, with other civil society and community-led organizations, from all regions holding 50% of seats and Member States from all regions holding the other 50% of seats. The process has led to greater understanding of concerns and constraints on all sides and acceptance of compromise language, proposed by Ethiopia with other African Member States, and supported by CLOs and other members of the MTT.
- The current community-led (community-led responses and community-led organizations) definitions will have been reviewed and discussed at three meetings of the MTT. They have wide, but not universal, acceptance across all stakeholders in the MTT. After this report is shared with the UNAIDS Executive Director and then presented to the PCB, the definitions will be shared with UNAIDS MTAG for operationalization by measurement experts.
- The Joint Programme's focus on CLOs and CLRs is not intended to diminish state sovereignty, including state responsibility for the health of those within State borders. Instead, the work to scale up community-led responses is intended to move resources and leadership to local and peer-led organizations, from large INGOs. INGOs have important roles to play however at this point in the epidemic response, a sustainable HIV response requires shifting resources to those closest to the communities most impacted; those who provide overall the most effective prevention, education, and treatment adherence services, and who will be there for their peers as the funding landscape changes.
- Although there are challenges to human rights approaches in different UN processes at this moment, human rights is central to community-led AIDS responses and to ensuring the right to health. Several participants in the MTT noted that the HIV epidemic is driven by inequalities that have profound human rights implications, recalling that how people are treated matters, particularly when it comes to ensuring service access and uptake
- Members of the Multistakeholder Task Team on community-led AIDS responses emphasized the important role that can be played by the Joint Programme in establishing better systems for financing community-led organizations, as well as reinforcing the capacity of community-led organizations to mobilize resources and report on outcomes.

Agenda item 5: Update on the Global Partnership to eliminate all forms of HIV-related stigma and discrimination

The Secretariat provided the update as follows:

- This report “Updates on the Global Partnership for Actions to End All Forms of HIV-Related Stigma and Discrimination” is presented to the PCB, at the request of the Chair, to follow-up on the PCB NGO Delegation and UN partners’ call of December 2017 and provide progress updates on the roll-out of the Global Partnership for Action to Eliminate All-Forms of HIV-Related Stigma and Discrimination (hereafter, the Global Partnership). This report was prepared with co-sponsors’ contributions.
- Stigma and discrimination undermine efforts to achieve the 95-95-95 targets by 2025, in addition to adding burden to the mental and physical health of people living with HIV. Forty years into the epidemic, stigma and discrimination still kill.
- While the harmful role of stigma and discrimination has been recognized for some time, investments and action to reduce stigma and discrimination have been minimal, often restricted to pilots and small-scale interventions. The result is that high levels of HIV-related stigma and discrimination, including against key populations, adolescent girls and young women, still remains.
- The Global Partnership was set-up and launched in December 2018, in response to the PCB NGO Delegation and UN Partners’ call to accelerate actions and commitments to end stigma and discrimination. It is co-convened by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), the Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+), and the UNAIDS Secretariat, with the leadership and technical support of the NGO delegation to the UNAIDS Program Coordination Board. The Global Partnership is a platform for harnessing the combined power and resources of governments, civil society, the UN and funding mechanisms to end HIV-related violence, stigma and discrimination and reform restrictive and punitive laws.
- While the Global Partnership refers to stigma and discrimination, the actions necessary to reduce stigma and discrimination involve all societal enablers across the 10-10-10 targets by 2025. Removing harmful criminal laws, harmful gender norms, as well as reducing gender inequality and ending gender-based violence, are integral elements of the Global Partnership. Developed in collaboration with community-led organizations and designed to increase their role in leading the design and implementation of the response, the Global Partnership is also critical to the achievement of the target that 60% of all societal enabler programmes and actions are community-led.
- As of 1st September 2022, 31 countries have formally joined the Global Partnership, committing to take concrete and deliberate steps to end HIV-related stigma and discrimination across six settings (healthcare, education, employment, justice, community and humanitarian setting) in five years. This platform is enabling enhanced coordination of in-country and transnational interventions and investments to end stigma and discrimination. It also contributes to enhance coherent provision of knowledge and evidence-guided technical support and greater community empowerment and leadership in the design and delivery of programmes and actions to end HIV-related stigma and discrimination.
- Countries such as the Central African Republic, Jamaica, Thailand and Uganda, for example, leveraged support from the Global Partnership to reform their HIV laws; accelerate the design and implementation of costed nation-wide plans to end stigma and discrimination; initiate dialogues on decriminalization and strengthen the leadership of people living with, and most at risk of HIV in the design, implementation and monitoring of national plans to end stigma and discrimination. Other non-Global Partnership countries supported by the Joint Programme or the GFATM to end HIV-related stigma and discrimination have also leveraged the coordination

mechanisms of the Global Partnership, the expertise and lessons learnt through its technical working groups, and its advocacy for sustained political will, to achieve greater return on their investments in actions to end stigma and discrimination.

- Coordination provided by the Global Partnership, with civil society and networks of people living with and most at risk of HIV, is critical to ensure coherence of interventions and efficient use of resources to end HIV-related stigma and discrimination in countries. Its convening role; technical support and the sharing and generation of tools and good practices for the design, implementation, monitoring or evaluation of programmes that work to end stigma and discrimination, are important value-added in supporting country efforts to scale-up funding and deliberate, concrete, targeted and measurable steps to end stigma and discrimination.

Agenda item 6: Report of the PCB Bureau on UNAIDS funding situation (immediate and sustainable) based on the recommendations of the Informal Multistakeholder Task Team

The PCB Chair and UNAIDS Secretariat provided the update as follows:

- The report of the Bureau based on the recommendations of the Informal Multistakeholder Task Team on UNAIDS funding situation (Task Team) responds to the request of the PCB at the 50th PCB meeting in June 2022 in its decisions 6.7 and 6.8.
- Following this Bureau meeting, the Secretariat will send for the review and comments of the Bureau members a draft outline of the Bureau's report to the PCB on UNAIDS funding situation. The Bureau received a tentative timeline for the finalization of the report (Annex 2).
- Further to receiving your inputs, the report writer supported by the Secretariat would further develop a more detailed outline of the report.
- The PCB Bureau will have a meeting on Thursday, 20 October with the co-chairs of the Task Team. Further the October 20 meeting, the report writer, taking in consideration the Bureau's discussion with the co-chairs of the Task Team, would further develop the report and the Secretariat would circulate it for our review.
- Finally on 7 November, during the last Bureau meeting, scheduled after the Strategic Funding Dialogue (SFD), the PCB Bureau would have a final review of the report to ensure that the outcomes of the Strategic Funding Dialogue are taken in consideration in the report before it is posted online and presented to the 51st PCB in December.

Agenda item 7: Evaluation UNAIDS Evaluation Office

Joel Rehnstrom, UNAIDS Evaluation Office Director, provided the update on the agenda item as follows:

- The report responds to decision 7.4 of the 49th session of the PCB which approved the 2022-2023 Evaluation Plan (UNAIDS/PCB (49)/21.28) and looked forward to the annual report on evaluation to be presented to the Programme Coordinating Board in 2022.
- The annual report on evaluation (UNAIDS/PCB (51)/22.34) was discussed with the UNAIDS Expert Advisory Group on evaluation on 5 October and will be shared with the Independent External Oversight Advisory Group (IEOAC) in November for information.
- The PCB is invited to take note of the good progress made in implementing the Evaluation Plan. Key challenges relate to the fact that the evaluation function has not been resourced in accordance with the evaluation policy, which calls for 1% of organizational expenditures to be allocated to the evaluation function (see decisions 7.3 of the 49th PCB and 9.3 of the 47th PCB meeting).
- The document prepared for the December PCB proposes that the Evaluation Office should carefully consider the MOPAN review of the evaluation function as well as an independent review of UNAIDS evaluation policy and that the Executive Director should consider the

findings and recommendations of these external reviews in addition to the financial situation of the organization when deciding on the resourcing, staffing and location of the Evaluation Office.

- To take into account UNAIDS tight funding situation, the Evaluation Office has reduced the number, scope and budgets of evaluations to be conducted and has been able to implement the Evaluation Plan with these adjustments. As a unit with two staff, without dedicated administrative support, the Evaluation Office is stretched and completing all evaluations planned for 2022-2023 will be a challenge.
- Cosponsors have participated actively in management and reference groups of the joint evaluations conducted during the year. This includes evaluations on key populations and efficient and sustainable financing as well as on the country envelopes and social protection. The Cosponsors have also engaged actively in the development of the management responses to the key populations and efficient and sustainable financing evaluations.
- A 15-minute power point presentation will be made at the PCB in person by Joel Rehnstrom, Director, Independent Evaluation. Two conference room papers accompany the annual report on evaluation (UNAIDS/PCB (51)/21.34). These are: Independent evaluation of the Joint Programme's work with and for key populations; Case study of the Joint Programme's work with and for key populations in Thailand.
- As the time available under the PCB agenda item on evaluation does not allow for an in-depth discussion of evaluations conducted during the year, two opportunities will be provided for Board members and observers to engage in a discussion on the key populations evaluation.
- A missions' briefing in late November at which the conclusions and recommendations of the key populations evaluation as well as the management response will be presented.
- A side event during the PCB in December at which a case study of the evaluation of the work of the Joint Programme with and for key populations in Thailand will be presented.

Agenda items 7 & 8: Election of Officers and Next PCB Meetings:

The Secretariat provided the update as follows:

- The Next PCB meetings and Election of Officers papers are standing agenda items for the December PCB meeting.
- The Next PCB meetings paper includes the dates for 56th and 57th PCB meetings in 2025. It will also outline the thematic segment proposals for the PCB meetings in 2023.
- The Secretariat issued a call for thematic segment proposals on 5 July 2022 for the thematic segments in 2023. 7 proposals were received. The Bureau received these in their materials in advance of this meeting.
- The Chair recalled that the PCB Bureau needed to select 2 of these proposals for the thematic segments to take place in 2023 on the basis of: broad relevance, responsiveness, focus, and scope for action. In addition, The PCB Bureau must recommend at which PCB meeting the thematic segment should take place. The Bureau's recommendations would be included in the Next PCB Meetings paper for consideration by the wider PCB at its 51st PCB meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The Bureau will select the themes under agenda item 3 of this meeting.
- The paper, Election of Officers, includes the PCB composition for the upcoming year, the NGO Delegation nomination process, and the election for the PCB Bureau for the next year. As of the meeting, the Secretariat had not received any expressions of interest for Vice-Chair and Rapporteur for the upcoming year.

Agenda item 10: Update, Thematic Segment at the upcoming PCB meeting

The UNAIDS Secretariat and WHO provided the update on the upcoming Thematic Segment topic: *HIV and men, in all their diversity, how can we get our responses back on track?*

- The UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) agreed, at its [49th meeting](#), that the subject for the 50th PCB thematic segment would be “*HIV and men, in all their diversity, how can we get our responses back on track?*”, and the thematic segment of the 51st meeting would be “*Positive learning: harnessing the power of education to end HIV-related stigma and discrimination, empower young people and provide a comprehensive HIV response*”. On 22 March 2022, the PCB agreed intersessionally that the thematic segment topic for the June meeting as approved at the 49th PCB meeting will be exceptionally shifted to the December meeting and the thematic segment topic previewed for the December meeting will be shifted to the June meeting. Accordingly, the topic for December 2022 will be: “***HIV and men, in all their diversity, how can we get our responses back on track?***”.
- PCB members were invited on 26 September to join a working group to support and guide preparations for the thematic segment, including providing technical inputs and strategic advice on (1) the background paper, (2) collection of country best practice case studies, (3) the agenda, and (4) the speakers for the session.
- The Draft outline has been shared with the working group for inputs. The working group provided its advice during the first meeting (held 7 Oct), as well as in writing via email.
- The Secretariat provided the outline of the thematic segment background note:
 - Making the case on the men gap across the cascade
 - Some data and insights on the gaps
 - Changing the narrative and assumptions about men
 - Assumptions on men impeding action
 - Men in all their diversity
 - Men as partners, as service providers, as patients/clients
 - Notable examples of models that work
 - Models of service delivery and existing guidance
 - Country driven action and examples
 - Where to from here
 - Next steps
 - Upcoming guidance

The Bureau thanked the agenda item focal points and the Secretariat for their comprehensive presentations and looked forward to the posting of the final papers and the discussions to be held at the 51st PCB meeting on these important topics and an important discussion and open debate during the thematic segment on “HIV and men, in all their diversity, how can we get our responses back on track?”.

3. Selection of themes for the thematic segments in 2023

The Secretariat provided the update as follows:

- The Secretariat issued a call for thematic segment proposals on 5 July 2022 for the thematic segments in 2023. 7 proposals were received. The Bureau received these in their materials in advance of this meeting.
- The themes in country alphabetical order:
 - 1: “**Poverty eradication and its relation to ending AIDS**” (China)
 - 2: **Testing and HIV** (China)

- 3: **Access to sexual reproductive health services for transgender and other gender-diverse people** (Germany supported by Canada, Belgium, Sweden, Thailand, USA, UNICEF, WHO, UNODC, UNDP)
- 4: **Sexual and reproductive health services that integrate HIV prevention, testing and treatment services** (United Kingdom)
- 5: **HIV and disability and intersection with other vulnerabilities/overlapping vulnerabilities** (United Kingdom)
- 6: **Community Leadership. Their role in the response to HIV as a central agent in research, monitoring and political advocacy.** (NGO Delegation supported by Germany, USA, UNICEF, WHO, UNDP, UNFPA)
- 7: **Key and priority populations and the path to 2025 targets: Reducing health inequities through tailored and systemic responses** (NGO Delegation supported by Canada, USA, WHO, UNDP) and gender diverse populations.

- The PCB Bureau would need to select 2 of these proposals for the thematic segments to take place in 2023. Proposals are to be considered on the basis of: broad relevance, responsiveness, focus, and scope for action.
- In addition, Bureau members would need to recommend at which PCB meeting the thematic segment should take place. The Bureau's recommendations will be included in the Next PCB Meetings paper for consideration and decision by the PCB in December.
- The proposal entitled "Sexual and reproductive health services that integrate HIV prevention, testing and treatment services" has been partially covered by "Delivering on SDG3: Strengthening and integrating comprehensive HIV responses into sustainable health systems for Universal Health Coverage" (June 2019), and partially by "Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health services with HIV/AIDS interventions in practice » (June 2010). In addition, the last thematic segment emphasized SRHR integration with HIV services in its recommendations.
- The proposal entitled "Community Leadership. The role of communities in the response to HIV as a central agent in research, monitoring and political advocacy" could be said to have been covered by the June 2016 PCB thematic segment "The role of communities in ending AIDS by 2030". However, the recent debates on the topic of community-led AIDS responses could arguably warrant a thematic segment on the subject. In addition, Guyana proposed "CSOs/NGOs and HIV for 2030- Involvement in Care and treatment practices" last year, and that topic had not been taken forward at the time.

Regarding the proposals for the thematic segments for 2023, the PCB Bureau noted the strength and relevance of all submitted proposals.

After discussing in detail on the proposed themes, all Bureau Members supported the theme *Key and priority populations and the path to 2025 targets: Reducing health inequities through tailored and systemic responses* (Annex 3) for the 52nd PCB.

On selection of the second theme for 2023, a majority of members supported *Access to sexual reproductive health services for transgender and other gender-diverse people* for the 53rd PCB Meeting, noting that the wording of the themes could be further refined as there was not a full consensus. One of the Bureau Members expressed preference for the topic of *Testing and HIV*, given its broad and current relevance, and the fact that the topic had not been previously discussed at a thematic segment. Following discussions and a lack of consensus, the Bureau Member asked that it be put on the record that they would not block

decision making by the Bureau but asked to record their reservation that they could not support recommendation of the topic on *Access to sexual reproductive health services for transgender and other gender-diverse people* owing to its narrow focus, lack of broad relevance and limited scope of action compared to the topic on *Testing and HIV*.

4. PCB Field Visit in Thailand (in the margin of the 51st PCB meeting- 13-16 December 2022)

The Secretariat recalled the purpose of PCB Field Visits as follows:

- The PCB field visits enable participants to immerse themselves into the realities of the country's HIV epidemic and response and direct engagement with stakeholders in the response. The visit is an opportunity to see and discuss the work undertaken by the Joint Programme together with national and international partners.
- Participants in the field visits often use references from the visits to inform discussions at Board meetings.
- The focus of the programme of the field visits typically mirrors the agenda of the upcoming meeting of the PCB.
- A PCB meeting in Thailand combined with local field visits will benefit from the expertise and local leadership in these areas, providing significant added value to the discussions at the 51st PCB meeting.
- Field visits comprise meetings with Government officials, local community partners, and Joint Programme partners. It also includes specific site visits that showcase best practices examples that are replicable in other countries and regions.
- Format and logistics:

Thailand has indicated that the theme of the field visit will focus on demonstrating concrete actions that a country with limited resources can take to accelerate efforts to end AIDS by 2030. The field visits will emphasize a people-centered approach to designing HIV programs and responses (programs with, for and by communities and key populations), the power of partnership with communities and people living with and affected by HIV, and the integration of HIV and health within the framework of universal health coverage (UHC). In addition, Thailand shared a draft tentative schedule and programme for the PCB field visits (Annex 4).

The PCB Bureau thanked Thailand for preparing very interesting sites visits that would help the decision-making at the 51st PCB meeting and will undoubtedly showcase best practices in the AIDS response in Thailand that could inspire and help other countries.

Following the clarification by the Secretariat of the timing of the drafting group session at the 51st PCB meeting, the PCB Bureau agreed that the Field Visit would take place on Monday 12 December morning (9:00-12:00 hrs. Thailand time) and on Tuesday 13 December morning (9:00-12:00 hrs. Thailand time). PCB members participating in the Field Visit would need to register to it and be back on time for the start of the 51st PCB meeting on Tuesday 13 December at 13:00 hrs. Thailand time.

5. AOB

There was no other business raised and the Chair subsequently closed the meeting, thanking participants for their time and engagement.

[Annexes below]

Annex 1

Schedule for the 51st PCB meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand (13-16 December 2022)

MEETING SCHEDULE

51st MEETING OF THE UNAIDS PCB

- Kindly note that this schedule includes the pre-meeting sessions, consultation on decision points, and potential PCB field visit and drafting group sessions in addition to the dates of the 51st meeting of the PCB as approved by the PCB Bureau in accordance with the Modalities and Procedures for virtual 2022 PCB meetings.
- Participants can register for these sessions through the following link: <http://pcbregistration.unaids.org>
- These dates may be subject to change by the PCB Bureau.
- The PCB field visit, which will be exceptionally held on the sidelines of the 51st PCB meeting, is listed for information purposes.

Date	Subject
Tuesday, 29 November 2022 13h00 to 16h00 (UTC+2) VIRTUAL (Zoom)	Pre-meeting on agenda items 1.2, 1.4, 2, 4: Report of the 50 th meeting of the PCB; Report by the NGO Representative; Follow-up to the thematic segment from the 50 th PCB meeting; Report of the Task Team on community-led AIDS Responses
Wednesday, 30 November 2022 13h00 to 16h00 (UTC+2) VIRTUAL (Zoom)	PCB pre-meeting on agenda items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9: Update on the Global Partnership to eliminate all forms of HIV-related stigma and discrimination; Report of the Multistakeholder Task Team to provide recommendations to the Bureau on UNAIDS funding situation (immediate and sustainable); Evaluation Annual Report; Next PCB meetings; Election of Officers
Friday, 2 December 2022 13h00 to 16h00 (UTC+2) VIRTUAL (Zoom)	Consultation on decision points (only PCB members)
As of Monday, 12 December 2022 08h00 onwards (UTC+7) IN PERSON (Chiang Mai)	51 st PCB field visit (TBC)
Tuesday, 13 December 2022 13h00 to 16h30 (UTC+7) HYBRID (Zoom + Chiang Mai)	51st PCB – DAY 1
Tuesday, 13 December 2022 17h30 to 19h30 (UTC+7) HYBRID (Zoom + Chiang Mai)	Drafting group session (only PCB members) (TBC)
Wednesday, 14 December 2022 09h00 to 11h00 (UTC+7) HYBRID (Zoom + Chiang Mai)	Drafting group session (only PCB members) (TBC)
Wednesday, 14 December 2022 13h00 to 16h30 (UTC+7) HYBRID (Zoom + Chiang Mai)	51st PCB – DAY 2
Wednesday, 14 December 2022 17h30 to 19h30 (UTC+7) HYBRID (Zoom + Chiang Mai)	Drafting group session (only PCB members) (TBC)
Thursday, 15 December 2022 10h00 to 12h00 (UTC+7) HYBRID (Zoom + Chiang Mai)	Drafting group session (only PCB members) (TBC)
Thursday, 15 December 2022 13h00 to 16h30 (UTC+7) HYBRID (Zoom + Chiang Mai)	51st PCB – DAY 3
Friday, 16 December 2022 13h00 to 16h30 (UTC+7) HYBRID (Zoom + Chiang Mai)	51st PCB – Thematic Segment: "HIV and men, in all their diversity, how can we get our responses back on track?"

Annex 2

Tentative timeline for the finalization of the Report of the PCB Bureau on UNAIDS funding situation (immediate and sustainable) based on the recommendations of the informal Multistakeholder Task Team
Agenda item 6 at the 51st PCB meeting, 13-16 December 2022 in Chang Mai, Thailand

Deliverable/related event	Timeline
First draft outline of the Report	Following the meeting of the PCB Bureau on Tuesday 11 October 2022
Fourth Meeting of the Informal Task Team	Thursday 13 October 2022
Draft summary report of the fourth meeting of the Informal Task Team	Friday 14 October 2022
Draft annotated outline of the report	Monday 17 October 2022
Bureau meeting with the co-chairs of the Task Team to discuss the recommendations of the Task Team and the report of the Bureau	Thursday 20 October 2022
First Draft of the report of the Bureau	Wednesday 26 October 2022
Fifth Meeting of the Informal Task Team	Tuesday 1 November 2022
Strategic Funding Dialogue (SFD)	Thursday 3 November 2022
Second draft report of the Bureau	Friday 4 November 2022
Bureau meeting to finalize the report further to the SFD	Monday 7 November 2022
Final report submitted to the Bureau for final clearance	Monday 15 November 2022
Final report posted online	Thursday 24 November 2022

Annex 3

Selection of themes for the thematic segments in 2023 Theme 7: Key and priority populations and the path to 2025 targets: Reducing health inequities through tailored and systemic responses

Theme proposed by: NGO Delegation

Broad relevance: what is the relevance of the theme to the global AIDS response?

Both the 2021 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS and the 2021-26 A Global AIDS Strategy is centered on addressing the inequalities that continue to sustain the global HIV/AIDS pandemic. In order for UNAIDS and countries to meet the 95-95-95 targets by 2025 and to ensure no one is left behind in the HIV/AIDS response, an adaptive, differentiated approach must be used to tailor differentiated structural, systemic multi-sectoral responses to address key and priority populations groups.

Responsiveness: how is the theme responsive to the interests, concerns and information needs of a broad range of actors in the global AIDS response?

Gaining support for this topic would most likely require collaboration and support between the Secretariat, Cosponsors, the NGO Delegation, and progressive member states. Reducing the inequalities faced by key and priority populations through tailored, differentiated systemic responses will support the world in reaching the 95-95-95 targets and ensuring that key populations will not be left behind.

Focus: how can consideration of the theme be focused to allow for in-depth consideration in one day (or half day)?

- 1) From Strategic Data department, provide an overview on the trends on incidence, prevalence and quality of life for people living with HIV and key priority populations (KPP);
- 2) Prioritizing within the global HIV funding structure to support community-led KPP networks on the global, regional and local levels;
- 3) Utilizing Health in All Policies (HiAP) to co-creating policies, programming and services for KPP and CLM to support effective and efficient monitoring and evaluation of funded programming, services and policies;
- 4) Co-designing and implementing sustainable, evidenced-informed differentiated structural and systemic multisectoral interventions for KPP.

Scope for action: how does the theme address possible and necessary action to be undertaken in the response to AIDS, rather than purely theoretical or academic issues?

Investing and prioritizing global HIV funding to support key and priority populations (KPP)-led networks and organizations on the global, regional and country levels within the AIDS response; Incentivizing countries to utilize evidence-informed, KPP co-created/approved/endorsed structural and systemic interventions to support countries in meeting the global targets; Engaging affected communities in co-developing human-centered and differentiated HIV interventions and programming, differentiated HIV-related/KPP-focused healthcare services and social protection schemes; Creating enabling socio-legal environments and health systems through utilizing an health in all policies (HiAP) approach that respects human rights and dignity for all.

Theme supported by: Canada, USA, WHO, UND

Annex 4

PowerPoint presentation of the draft tentative schedule and programme for the PCB Field Visits in Thailand

Proposed Site Visit for the 51st PCB Meeting

October 12, 2022, from 08:00 am. – 5:00 pm (Thai time)
in Chiangmai Province

Theme:

The Power of people-centred approach with , partnerships and integration through UHC towards Ending AIDS in Thailand

Participants:

UNAIDS PCB members (approx. 20 persons /group)

Objective:

1. To demonstrate the real actions of a resource-limited country that adopts a people-centered approach, partnership with communities and people living with and affected by HIV, and integration of HIV and health under Universal Health Coverage (UHC).
2. To inspire and raise more courage among country leaders on practical solutions to accelerate the effort to end AIDS by 2030.
3. To exchange lessons learned on promising practices:
 - The power of integration of HIV in UHC -- for achieving the 95-95-95 and sustainable HIV services through Universal Health Coverage and with and for communities
 - The power of a people-centered approach – with, for and by communities and Key Population-led health response to end AIDS
 - The power of partnerships --Thailand Partnership for Zero Discrimination initiative that promotes a multisectoral approach to eliminate all forms of HIV-related stigma and discrimination.

Draft Schedule for PCB Site Visit on 12 December

Time	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 3
07:00 - 08:00	Registration			
08:00 - 09:30	Introduction - Celebration for UHC Day - Overview of national HIV program, and the provincial network for ending AIDS in Chiangmai (VDO and presentation) - Sharing experiences from key stakeholders e.g. PLHIV network, KPLHS, CRS team, NHSO, etc.			
10:00	Depart to Nakornping hospital (Approx. 8.4 km.)	Depart to Hangdong hospital (Approx. 16 km.)	Depart to Thanyarak Chiangmai Hospital (Approx. 30 km.)	Depart to Chiangdao Hospital (Approx. 70 km.)
	Highlight: Linkage with KPLHS	Highlight: Linkage with KPLHS	Highlight: PWID	Highlight: Stigma and discrimination
10:30 - 12:30	Visit Nakornping Hospital - HIV prevention and treatment package (IPT, PrEP, STIs, ARV, STIs, etc.) - Lingage with CBO	Visit Hangdong Hospital - HIV prevention and treatment package (IPT, ARV, etc.)	Visit Thanyarak Chiangmai Hospital - Matrix Program - Therapetic community and FAST model - Community Based Treatment (CBTx)	Visit Chaingdao Hospital - HIV prevention and treatment package (IPT, ARV, etc.) - Stigma and discrimination reduction and involvement of PLHIV in development of program
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch at.... (TBD)	Lunch at....(TBD)	Lunch at....(TBD)	Lunch at....(TBD)
13:30 - 14:00	Depart to M Plus (Approx. 5 km.)	Depart to CAREMAT (Approx. 15 km.)	Depart to TDN (Approx. 30 km.)	Depart to Baan Mitratorn (Approx. 6 km.)
14:00 - 16:00	Visit M Plus HIV prevention and treatment package (HIV, syphilis and hepatitis C testing services, (PrEP) service, Tele-counseling, VCT MOBILE)	Visit CAREMAT HIV prevention and treatment package (HIV, syphilis and hepatitis C testing services, (PrEP) service, Tele-counseling, VCT MOBILE)	Visit Thai Drug User's Network: TDN - Harm reduction, C-Free, group support, etc.	Visit Baan Mitratorn - Home for children including children living/ affected with HIV - Counseling and training for PLHIV and community
16:00 - 17:00	Discussion - lessons learned	Discussion - lessons learned	Discussion - lessons learned	Discussion - lessons learned

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