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The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions in Geneva, to Organizations of the United Nations system, and to Nongovernmental Organizations dealing with matters pertaining to HIV/AIDS not represented on the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB).

Subsequent to the decisions taken at the 45th Programme Coordinating Board meeting (PCB) ([45th PCB decisions](#)), and as agreed through intersessional decision-making on the modalities and procedures for UNAIDS PCB meetings in 2022 ([UNAIDS/PCB \(50\)/22.2](#)), and as discussed during agenda item 9 of the 50th PCB meeting ([51st Meeting of the PCB](#)) and the [PCB Bureau meeting on 11 October 2022](#), we have the honour to inform you that the 51st meeting of the PCB will be held in a hybrid format, with both online (Zoom) and in-person participation (Shangri-La Hotel, 89/8 Changklan Rd, Tambon Chang Khlan, Mueang Chiang Mai District, 50100 Chiang Mai, Thailand) from 13 to 16 December 2022. The hybrid meeting will take place over four days with plenary sessions held each day from 13:00 to 16:30 (UTC+7) to accommodate participants from different time zones.

The hybrid meeting will be run from the Shangri-La Hotel (Chiang Mai, Thailand), with representatives of the PCB Chair and [PCB Members](#) present in the room. Observer member states and civil society organizations are invited to participate online.

A copy of the [annotated agenda](#) and [timewise agenda](#) for the 51st Meeting of the Board are attached hereto. Please also consult the latest version of the "[Information for participants](#)" and "[Information for in-person participation](#)" on the UNAIDS website. The modalities and procedures for UNAIDS PCB meetings in 2022 can be consulted here: [UNAIDS/PCB \(50\)/22.2](#).

UNAIDS wishes to draw the attention of the Missions and Organizations to the [Modus Operandi](#) of the UNAIDS PCB, which includes a provision that observer status may be granted by the Executive Director of UNAIDS, in consultation with the PCB Chairperson and upon receipt of a written application expressing a manifest interest, to any Member State of any of the UNAIDS Cosponsoring Organizations, and any intergovernmental or nongovernmental organization. Requests for observer status should be made through <http://pcbregistration.unaids.org> no later than the deadline of **Friday, 25 November 2022**.

In accordance with the modalities and procedures for UNAIDS PCB meetings in 2022 ([UNAIDS/PCB \(50\)/22.2, §9 and §21](#)), registration for the 51st meeting of the PCB will be **limited to four online participants for Observer Member States, NGOs, and Intergovernmental Organizations**. Delegations should submit a note verbale for Member States and a simple note for other participants, with their online registration for the 51st meeting of the PCB: <http://pcbregistration.unaids.org>

Kindly note that the PCB Bureau has recommended during their last meeting ([11 October 2022](#)) and submitted for intersessional decision making by the PCB, an amendment to provision 22 of the modalities and procedures for UNAIDS PCB meetings in 2022 ([UNAIDS/PCB \(50\)/22.2, §22](#)) to increase the number of in-person participation up to 6 representatives for each [PCB member](#) at this hybrid meeting. Once the decision is taken by the PCB through the intersessional procedure, PCB members and observers will be informed by the PCB Chair and the registrations to the 51st PCB meeting will be adjusted accordingly to reflect the change in provision 22 of the modalities for PCB meetings in 2022.

In accordance with [decision point 3.2 noted during the 40th PCB](#) (2017), and to support the aim of achievement of SDG 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls), Member States are invited to consider that gender balance be applied to their delegations.

In line with the modalities and procedures for UNAIDS PCB meetings in 2022 ([UNAIDS/PCB \(50\)/22.2, §31](#)), informal pre-meeting sessions to address specific agenda items will be organized virtually prior to the hybrid meeting of the Board by the PCB Chair ([Meeting schedule](#)), from 13:00 to 16:00 (UTC+2). It is recommended that delegates for the 51st meeting of the PCB meeting also take part in the informal pre-meeting sessions.

Observer Member States, NGOs, and Intergovernmental Organizations who would like to participate in the 51st meeting of the PCB and the pre-meetings, should submit their registration request the latest by **Friday, 25 November 2022** on the UNAIDS website: <http://pcbregistration.unaids.org>.

UNAIDS avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions in Geneva, to Organizations of the United Nations system and to the Nongovernmental Organizations, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 17 October 2022