

NGO DELEGATION

**Increased involvement of civil society
in the Programme Coordinating Board**

Wednesday, 17 December Geneva

BACKGROUND

- **Ground-breaking inclusion of civil society in UNAIDS PCB.**
- **2006: Independent Review of Civil Society participation in PCB**
 - 4 recommendations and > 70 ‘options for action’.
- **2007: Recommendations presented to 20th PCB Meeting:**
 - Some endorsed (e.g. for Communications Facility)
 - Some not endorsed or directly addressed.
- **2008: Agenda item for 23rd PCB Meeting:**
 - Opportunity to propose further concrete recommendations

Progress to Date

Progress achieved since Independent Review:

- **NGO Delegation to PCB** – enhanced communication and coordination, with Communications Facility supporting NGO Delegation to:
 - Operationalize updated TORs,
 - Broadly disseminate PCB information relevant to civil society
 - Adopt and implement self-appraisal tool for NGO Delegates
 - Strengthen internal communications and infrastructure
 - Collaborate with other civil society leaders in response to HIV
 - Strengthen relationships with other members of PCB
 - Improve dialogue & relationship building with civil society delegations to international organizations, such as UNITAID, the Global Fund, IHP+, GAVI

RECOMMENDATIONS

Broad consultation with stakeholders based on a stocktaking of the 2006 recommendations:

- Interviews with 25 key informants
- E-consultation carried out in 5 languages with 183 participants from all regions
- Focus group discussions with 3 groups of civil society stakeholders

These recommendations had the broadest base of support

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Encourage Member States to integrate one or more representatives of civil society within their national Delegations to PCB meetings.**

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2. Support ongoing improvements in the preparation of PCB meetings

- Hold Bureau meetings 'in person'
- Provide a simple 'road map' for key Board documents
- Encourages submission of key documents 8 weeks prior to PCB meetings to facilitate local translation

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3. Increase engagement of civil society at regional levels

- Opportunities to interact with UNAIDS Regional Support Teams
- Caucuses as part of an ongoing regional meeting once every two years

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4. Acknowledge two areas that civil society participants felt were better placed with the Independent Evaluation Team

- The wider participation of Civil Society participation in UNAIDS program as a whole
- Analysis of voting status of the NGO Delegation

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- 5. Review progress on this agenda item in 2010**