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23rd PROGRAMME COORDINATING BOARD

Thematic Segment: Agenda

Date: 15 December 2008
Venue: CICG, Geneva, Switzerland
Time of meeting: 09h00 - 12h30 and 14h00 - 17h30

Theme: "The Relationship between UNAIDS and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria: issues of relationships with the international technical support architecture and Public-Private Partnerships"

Background:

The 22nd Programme Coordinating Board chose the above as the theme for its next meeting to be held in December 2008. The discussions occur at a time when the technical support landscape has changed significantly, with increasing levels of complexity in the nature of the response and demands placed on country systems, and a proliferation of technical support providers. This welcome attention places a new emphasis upon the need for strong ownership, better coordination and the need to enhance and strengthen capacity building and accountability in the delivery of technical support. This is in the context of the identified need to base national responses more clearly on a "know your epidemic and response" analysis that results in shifting resources and programmes to more equitably and effectively address the populations most at risk and/or affected by it, whether they be women, young people, men who have sex with men, drug users, migrants, sex workers and their clients and other vulnerable groups. It is also in a context where HIV prevention must be intensified for a sustainable response and where "combination prevention" calls for the right combination of biomedical, behavioural and structural approaches to prevention. Equally, there are new initiatives, including Public Private Partnerships, which play an increasingly influential role within the overall development framework and whose potential must be positively harnessed. The discussions will also take into account the recommendations on Partnerships from the Global Fund's Five Year Evaluation.

Objectives:

There are clear signals from many countries that, while much progress in making the money work has been made, many challenges remain in redirecting and scaling up National Plans in ways that address the real drivers of the epidemic and assure programmatic attention to those most vulnerable and affected. This thematic session provides a unique opportunity for all stakeholders to come together and discuss openly and constructively the potential for new approaches in technical support to overcome various implementation bottlenecks. The

discussions emanating from the thematic session will provide strategic direction in strengthening technical support functions within UNAIDS, and more broadly. The thematic session of the PCB will be structured in 4 interrelated breakout sessions, each addressing a particular objective. The final plenary will draw together the outcomes of each of the breakout sessions. The overall objective of the thematic session is to explore ways to better ensure that Global Fund and UNAIDS support to countries results in effective and equitable national responses to HIV. The specific objectives of the thematic session include:

- **Learn** from the lessons in providing Technical Support for Global Fund grant implementation and the implications of National Strategy Applications;
- **Look** at the experiences of building Capacity, Ownership, Accountability, Inclusiveness, Equity and Leadership within the National AIDS Councils;
- **Review** the current institutional mechanisms in place to rationalize global Technical Support architecture**;**
- **Identify** which types of technical support are needed and where; and
- **Share successful** experiences and lessons learned in Public-Private Partnerships.

Timeline for the day:

09h00 – 10h00: **Introduction to the Thematic Segment**

10h00 – 10h30: Coffee Break

10h30 – 12h30: Two breakout sessions to be run in parallel:

PANEL 1: Lessons from Technical Support and Implications of National Strategy Applications
This session aims to establish what works and what does not work in terms of technical support, in order to identify what is needed and what gaps remain in technical support provision. Discussions will also focus on the potential challenges in providing support to countries and in ensuring meaningful civil society participation including the involvement of key affected populations in the development, validation and implementation of national plans and National Strategy Applications.

Key Questions:
1. What are the needs in terms of technical support, including scale-up?
2. What resources are required – in terms of capacity, sustainability, financing etc?
3. What works and what does not work? What are the challenges?

PANEL 2: Leadership of National AIDS Authorities

This session will analyse the evolving leadership and coordination arrangements at the country level and discuss ways to harmonise available coordination structures and mechanisms in support of an effective multi-sectoral HIV response.

Key Questions:
1. What authority do National AIDS Authorities have to effectively coordinate National AIDS responses, keeping in mind the existence of key bodies or mechanisms such as Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCMs), PEPFAR, etc.?
2. What has been the experience between the National AIDS Authorities and the CCMs at the country level? What are the challenges? What are the roles of agencies in responding to these challenges?
3. What has been the experience of meaningful engagement of CSOs in the national response? More specifically for countries with concentrated epidemics: what has been the experience concerning the voice of marginalised – and often criminalised – groups such as IDU, MSM and sex workers? Will capacity building specifically targeted at Strengthening of Community Systems lead to stronger national AIDS responses – specifically concerning access issues, stigma and discrimination, and how can it be done? How can National AIDS Authorities learn from the CMM experience of including CSOs as key stakeholders, and how can meaningful engagement in CCMs be further strengthened?

12h30 – 14h00: Lunch

14h00 – 16h00: Two breakout sessions to be run in parallel:

PANEL 3: What is the added value of global Technical Support functions?

This session sets out to define the current steps being taken at the global level to enable technical support providers to add value to the scale-up of national AIDS programmes. It will address duplication and coordination, financing and the role of partners in providing technical support.

Key Questions:
1. What structures are in place to coordinate technical support at the country level?
2. What systems exist at the global level to support these country-level structures and address accountability, impacts and value-added?
3. How do UNAIDS and the Global Fund work with each other to improve technical support for Global Fund grant implementation?

PANEL 4: Public-Private Partnerships
This session will address the benefits and challenges of public-private partnerships in the global response to AIDS, including their role in Global Fund grant implementation.

Key Questions:
1. What are the potential benefits <u>and</u> drawbacks of having the private sector implement publicly funded (or part-publicly funded) HIV/AIDS programs?
2. What steps can the public and private sector take to fully realize the promise of PPPs and manage the risks?
3. How could the Global Fund and the UNAIDS Programme work together to scale up the private sector response?

16h00 – 16h30: Coffee Break

16h30 – 17h30: **Rapporteurs' reports and conclusions**

17h30: Closure of the session at which point buses will be available to transport delegates from the CICG to the UNAIDS Headquarters building for the PCB Reception.