



Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 22 September 2008

Present: David Hohman (USA), Stephanie Hochstetter Skinner-Klee (Guatemala), Teguest Guerma and Andrew Ball (WHO, representing Cosponsors), Vince Crisostomo (Representing PCB NGOs) joined by phone.

Absent: Allehone Mulugeta Abebe (Ethiopia)

UNAIDS Secretariat: Helen Frary (BUR), Yuki Takemoto (BUR)

Meeting's agenda:

1. Update on Extraordinary PCB meeting, 2 October
2. Update on 23rd PCB meeting
 - a. Revised draft agenda for approval
 - b. Update on preparations for thematic session
3. Update on Second Independent Evaluation (oral update on Stakeholders meeting)
4. Any other business

1. Update on Extraordinary PCB meeting, 2 October

- The Secretariat provided an update on preparations for the Extraordinary PCB meeting: 110 registrations have been received so far.
- The Bureau approved the proposal by the Secretariat to simplify the list of participants to include only the names and titles of registered participants, in line with the format employed by WHO.
- The Bureau approved the proposal that the PCB would be asked to agree that the Chair of the PCB should be mandated to approve the meeting report on behalf of the Board immediately following the closing of the Extraordinary PCB meeting. (A clarification was made that the report would be administrative in nature, whereas the substantive recommendations from the Extraordinary PCB meeting will be approved by the Board in the Plenary in accordance with normal Board procedures.)

2. Update on 23rd PCB meeting, 15-17 December

a. Revised draft agenda

The following revisions were proposed by the Secretariat and tentatively approved by the Bureau. (There may be further revisions when the draft agenda will be discussed again at the next Bureau meeting.)

- Inclusion of agenda item on 'Election of Officers' where the Board will be asked to take note of the composition of the PCB NGO delegation for 2009.

- Deferral of the 'Mid-term review on progress on the 2007-2010 UNAIDS Strategic Framework for UNAIDS support to countries' efforts to move towards universal access and extension of the Framework to 2011'. The Secretariat presented the rationale that this item could be addressed more fully at the PCB meeting in June 2009 under the leadership of the new Executive Director. However, the Board will be asked at the 23rd meeting to approve the extension of the Strategic Framework to 2011 under the agenda item "2006-2007 Unified Budget and Workplan Performance Report".

b. Preparations for the Thematic Session

The Secretariat gave an update on the preparations, reporting on the consultations that were held with civil society and cosponsors on 5 and 8 September respectively. A consultation with Member States is scheduled for Tuesday, 23 September¹. The Working Group for the thematic session is scheduled to meet for the third time on Tuesday, 23 September and it will now include 2 representatives of PCB NGOs, a member of the PCB delegation to the Global Fund and a representative of WHO.

3. Update on Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS

The Secretariat reported on the constructive discussions held at the Evaluation Stakeholders' meeting and other consultations that were organized by the Evaluation Team and the Oversight Committee in Geneva during the week of 15 September.

4. Any other business

Update on Search Committee, Executive Director, UNAIDS²

The Chair gave a brief update on the Search Committee process. The Chair of the Search Committee had sent the Report of the Committee to the PCB Chair on Friday, 19 September. The Search Committee had decided to make the report confidential. Accordingly, it will now be shared as a password protected document to be posted on the UNAIDS website. The Chair of the PCB will send out a message to PCB members to announce this and the Secretariat will follow-up by sending out the necessary password information to PCB members, Cosponsors and the PCB NGO delegation. The Search Committee Report, along with the report and recommendations from the Extraordinary PCB meeting, will be transmitted by the PCB Chair to the Chair of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations (CCO), immediately following the Extraordinary PCB meeting. The CCO is scheduled to hold interviews of the short-listed candidates in Geneva in October.

Next meeting

The Bureau decided that its next meeting would take place on Wednesday, 8 October, at 10:00am Geneva time.

¹ Member States who had submitted written comments were invited and they were asked to forward the invitation to other Member States who may be interested in participating.

² Following the PCB Bureau meeting, the message from the Chair of the PCB was sent out and the report of the Search Committee was posted in English and French as at Monday, 22 September.