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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).

We are honoured to inform you that further to [decision 10.3](#) adopted at the 51st PCB meeting, which set the dates for the 56th and 57th PCB meetings, the PCB Bureau reached a consensus on the modalities and procedures for these meetings in 2025 ([PCB Bureau Summary 27 February 2025](#)). These were subsequently presented to the Board through the intersessional decision-making process, where they were formally agreed upon ([UNAIDS/PCB \(56\)25.2](#)).

In line with these decisions, we are pleased to invite you to the **56th PCB meeting**, scheduled to take place **from 24 to 26 June 2025**. The meeting will take place over (3) three days with plenary sessions held each day from 9:00 up to 18:00 (CEST).

The 56th PCB meeting will convene in a fully in-person format at the **World Health Organization (WHO) Auditorium, located at Avenue Appia 20, 1211 Geneva, Switzerland**. However, limited online access (Zoom) for meeting members, participants and observers who are unable to join the meeting in person will be made available, as outlined in the modalities and procedures for the 56th and 57th PCB meetings ([UNAIDS/PCB \(56\)25.2](#)).

A copy of the [annotated agenda](#), the [timewise agenda](#) and a [note on logistical arrangements](#) for the 56th meeting of the Board are attached hereto. Please note that, exceptionally, the 56th PCB will not include a Thematic Segment on the final day, as reflected in the agenda and approved by the PCB intersessionally as part of the modalities and procedures.

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 or any of the UNAIDS Cosponsoring Organizations, and any intergovernmental or nongovernmental organization.

Participation in the 56th meeting of the PCB and its related meetings, as well as requests for observer status, should be submitted through <http://pcbregistration.unaids.org> no later than the deadline of **Friday, 6 June 2025**.

In accordance with the modalities and procedures for the 56th and 57th PCB meetings in 2025 ([UNAIDS/PCB \(56\)25.2](#)), in-person participation at the PCB meeting is not limited, while online participation will be limited to (6) six participants per delegation. Delegations should submit a note verbale for Member States and a simple note for other participants, with their online registration for the 56th meeting of the PCB through the following link: <http://pcbregistration.unaids.org>.

While completing the online registration, delegations should submit a note verbale or note to indicate:

- Name(s) and title(s) of in-person participant(s);
- Name(s) and title(s) of a maximum of (6) six online participant(s)

In alignment with [decision point 3.2 of the 40th PCB](#) (2017), and in furtherance of the goal to advance Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls), Member States are encouraged to prioritize gender balance within their delegations.

As outlined in the modalities and procedures for the 56th and 57th PCB meetings in 2025 ([UNAIDS/PCB \(56\)25.2](#)), informal pre-meeting sessions focused on specific agenda items and consultations on draft decisions will be organized virtually by the PCB Chair before the in-person meeting of the Board ([meeting schedule](#)). It is recommended that delegates for the 56th meeting of the PCB meeting also take part in the informal pre-meeting sessions.

Furthermore, we would like to reiterate our commitment to fostering an inclusive, respectful, and safe environment for all participants. As such, we kindly draw your attention to the [Code of Conduct applicable to UNAIDS events and gatherings](#).

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 assurance of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 21 March 2025

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