

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 24 September 2007

Present: Prangtip Kanchanahattakij (Thailand), David Hohman (USA), Mamadou Seck (Senegal), Paul Spiegel and Gebrewold Petros (UNHCR, representing Cosponsors), Zonnibel Woods (IWHC, representing PCB NGOs) joined by telephone.

UNAIDS Secretariat: As Sy (Director, PER), Eddy Beck (EMP), Desmond Whymys (CCU), and Jacek Tyszko (PER/BUR).

Consultants for the Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS: Manuel Carballo and Bill Bertrand

Meeting's agenda:

1. Dates and venue for the 22nd PCB meeting
2. Independent evaluation of UNAIDS
3. Oversight of implementation of GTT recommendations
4. PCB Bureau workplan
5. Other Business

1. Dates and venue for the 22nd PCB meeting

Following the changes of dates for the Global Fund Board meeting from 24-25 to 28-30 April 2008 and after additional consideration of the availability of venues and the wide calendar of meetings in 2008, the Bureau decided to recommend to the PCB that, if the PCB decides to hold the 22nd meeting in Geneva, it should be held on 7-9 May 2008 at the International Labour Organization. With respect to venues outside of Geneva, the Bureau postponed the discussion till its next meeting, as member states had been invited to offer to host the 22nd meeting with the deadline of 15 October 2007. It was noted that so far only Thailand had volunteered to host the meeting.

2. Independent evaluation of UNAIDS

The Bureau was briefed about the outcome of the consultations on the Independent Evaluation with the UNAIDS Cosponsors and the PCB NGOs. The main concerns of Cosponsors concerning the evaluation included: its timing and duration; changes to the global environment (with new stakeholders, nature of the epidemic, availability of treatment, interrelationship among Cosponsors and other partners); and the potential need to revisit the ECOSOC resolution. In addition to the above, the PCB NGOs had raised the issue of the potential impact of the changing environment on civil society involvement in the AIDS response at country level. Both consultations had repeated that the focus of the Evaluation should be the Joint UNAIDS Programme. The consultants for the Independent Evaluation will now follow up with individual meetings.

The Bureau discussed the Missions Briefing on this issue that took place earlier on 24 September. An update of the calendar of consultations with other stakeholders was also

reviewed. It was suggested that some partner countries should be included in the list of key informants for the evaluation.

The Bureau requested the Secretariat to disseminate the evaluation introductory letter and questionnaire to all stakeholders and to post both documents on the UNAIDS web site.

The first draft of the concept note for presentation to the 21st PCB meeting, which will include the process, mechanisms and terms of reference, is expected by mid-October 2007 and the final version by the end of October 2007. Modalities for reviewing the first draft (e.g. another Missions Briefing, electronic consultations) were discussed.

3. Oversight of implementation of GTT recommendations

The PCB Bureau received an update on the Cosponsors and Secretariat review of the management response to the recommendations of the GTT assessment, which is to be finalized by 26 October 2007. The document will then be shared with the Bureau.

Following the call for nominations to the reference group for oversight of the implementation of the independent evaluation recommendations, the Bureau decided that the Group would consist of representatives from: Kenya, Lesotho, Senegal, South Africa and Thailand (for partner countries); France, Japan, Monaco, Norway and US (for donor countries); WHO (representing Cosponsors); and a PCB NGO. The Bureau decided Thailand would serve as the Chair of the Group.

The Secretariat was requested to contact respective representatives to obtain their contact data and to provide them with the draft terms of reference for the group in order to make it operational as soon as possible.

4. PCB Bureau workplan

The Bureau provided final comments to its workplan for 2007-2008 and agreed to post it on the PCB Bureau webpage.

5. Other Business

The Bureau requested the Secretariat to revise paragraph 1.2 of the summary of its meeting held on 23 August to reflect the Bureau had not reached a decision on themes to be proposed for the PCB consideration at its future meetings. The Secretariat was also requested to replace the document with a revised version on the web. The Bureau agreed to revisit and, hopefully, finalize the theme issue at its next meeting.

In order to avoid similar confusion in the future, the Bureau agreed that draft summaries of its future meetings would be shared for comments with all its members prior to circulation.

Next meetings: 15 October 2007 and 14 November 2007 both at 16h00 hrs.