

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 15 January 2008

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

Absent: Mamadou Seck (Senegal)

UNAIDS Secretariat: As Sy (Director, PER), Paul De Lay (Director, EMP), Helen Frary (Chief, BUR), Joel Rehnstrom (Chief, BFA), Eddy Beck (EMP) and Jacek Tyszkowski (PER/BUR).

Meeting's agenda:

1. Preparations for the 22nd PCB meeting (Thailand, 23-25 April 2008)
 - 1.1 Venue
 - 1.2 Draft provisional agenda
 - 1.3 Proposals for Vice Chair
2. Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS
3. Possible establishment of PCB subcommittees (decision 5.2)
4. Other Business

1. Preparations for the 22nd PCB

1.1 Venue

Following the decision of the 21st PCB meeting that Thailand would host the 22nd meeting in April 2008, the Bureau agreed to Chiang Mai as the venue of the meeting, taking into account a better choice of interesting field visits and a higher effectiveness of meetings when held outside of capitals. The Secretariat will conduct a reconnaissance visit in early February.

1.2 Draft provisional agenda

In follow-up to its previous discussions, the Bureau further discussed items to be included in the agenda of the 22nd meeting of the Board. The Bureau agreed that the final approval of the agenda would take place at its February meeting.

1.3 Proposals for the Vice Chair

During the December 2007 PCB meeting, there were informal discussions among various PCB members, particularly those who are considered to be eligible to take the Vice Chair post, on the issue of the future Vice Chair of the PCB. It was noted that the

African Group had expressed interest in holding this position. Individual members of the Bureau will continue consultations with PCB Member States on this issue.

2. Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS

The Secretariat provided an update on the process. With reference to the timeline agreed by the 21st PCB meeting, the Bureau will devote its meeting on 28 January to issues related to the Evaluation, specifically the establishment of its Oversight Committee. By Wednesday, 23 January, the Secretariat will present to the Bureau a matrix of nominations received by the deadline (18 January) with an assessment of candidates against criteria established by the 21st PCB meeting. The Bureau will also receive a draft tender for the Evaluation and a draft message to PCB constituencies informing them about the proposed composition of the Committee and inviting their approval.

3. Possible establishment of the PCB subcommittees

As requested by decision 5.2 of the 21st PCB meeting, the Secretariat presented to the Bureau a note on the possible establishment of the subcommittees of the PCB. Based on an analysis of existing mechanisms, and their strengths and shortcomings, it was agreed that the most appropriate would be to establish **a PCB subcommittee on Planning, Finance, and Performance Monitoring**.

The purpose of such a subcommittee would be to enable structured engagement by PCB members on all aspects related to the UNAIDS Unified Budget and Workplan (UBW).

The possible terms of reference of the proposed subcommittee would be to review and, as appropriate, make recommendations to the PCB on:

- a. priorities, structure, scope and cycle of the UNAIDS budget and workplan;
- b. budget distribution and allocations;
- c. performance monitoring system;
- d. process and methodology for a mid-term review;
- e. performance monitoring and financial implementation reports;
- f. other budget, financial and monitoring matters referred by the PCB.

Other issues discussed by the Bureau covered:

- membership of the committee (structure, size, selection process, criteria for nomination);
- costs involved in its operation;
- frequency of its meetings;
- need for a sunset clause;
- relationship with other existing mechanisms such as the MERG and CEWG as well as technical consultations among UNAIDS Cosponsor Focal Points and Global Coordinators.

It was stressed that the proposal would be made without prejudice to the outcome of the Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS. Given that the Evaluation will be considering the governance mechanisms of the Joint Programme, other models or standing committees would not be proposed at this point in time. The Bureau will continue discussion on the issue at its February meeting.

4. Other Business

4.1 Topic for the 23rd PCB meeting's thematic segment

With reference to the decision of the 21st PCB meeting concerning the selection of future issues for the thematic segment of the Board meetings, the Bureau requested the Secretariat to disseminate a call for proposals with a deadline for their submission and a template against the established criteria, including justification, board relevance, responsiveness, focus and scope for action. At the same time, it was agreed that the theme "People on the move – AIDS, migration and forced displacement" would be maintained on the list of proposals.

4.2 Future meetings of the PCB

The Bureau agreed to a preliminary schedule of future PCB meetings covering the period 2009-2010, as follows:

- 24th meeting – 22-24 June 2009;
- 25th meeting – 8-10 December 2009;
- 26th meeting – 7-9 June 2010; and
- 27th meeting – 6-8 December 2010.

A document covering the topic for the thematic segment for the 23rd PCB and dates for next meetings will be presented to the 22nd Board for approval.

4.3 Next meetings:

28 January 2008 and 14 February 2008. Both at 15h00.