

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 30 October 2008

Present: David Hohman (USA), Stephanie Hochstetter Skinner-Klee (Guatemala)

Absent: Allehone Mulugeta Abebe (Ethiopia), WHO, PCB NGO delegation

UNAIDS Secretariat: As Sy (PEX), Helen Frary (BUR), Pradeep Kakkatil (TOS), Yuki Takemoto (BUR)

Meeting's agenda:

1. Update on 23rd PCB meeting
 - (1) Review draft documents for agenda item 6. ("PCB Operational Matters")
 - 6.1 *Review of the process for PCB inter-sessional decision making*
 - 6.2 *Implementation of previous PCB decisions*
 - 6.3 *Election of Officers*
 - (2) Update on preparations for thematic session
2. Any other business

1. Update on 23rd PCB meeting, 15-17 December, 2008

(1) Review of draft documents for agenda item 6. ("*PCB Operational Matters*")

6.1 Review of the process for PCB inter-sessional decision making

- Based on suggestions from the PCB NGO delegation (who were not able to be present at this meeting) to explicitly address the meaningful involvement of civil society in the inter-sessional process, it was agreed to insert the following text in paragraph 4: "The PCB Bureau will to the extent possible take into account the views of Cosponsors and the PCB NGO Delegation throughout this process."

6.2 Implementation of previous PCB decisions

- A question was raised as to why revisions to the current Modus Operandi are being proposed now while the changes that affect the Modus Operandi were proposed and agreed at the 20th PCB meeting in June 2007 [*"UNAIDS role in strengthening global coordination on AIDS and development of the Programme Coordinating Board"* (UNAIDS/PCB/(20)/07.7)].
- The Secretariat explained that while many of the proposed changes were implemented immediately after the 20th PCB meeting (e.g. thematic segments becoming part of every PCB meeting, doing away with the distinction between a regular and thematic meetings), for the first time, it has become impossible to implement a decision due to a rule in the current Modus Operandi – namely aligning the election cycle of officers with that of ECOSOC.

- Given that revisions are now necessary, the proposal is to take this opportunity to revise the entire Modus Operandi so that it is consistent with all of the changes that have been mandated by the Board.

6.3 Election of Officers

- The Secretariat gave a brief overview of the countries that will be eligible to be officers should the proposed revisions to the Modus Operandi be approved.
- Guatemala requested their approval of the draft document to be on hold until further consultations with their capital.

Note: Following consultations by the Bureau Chair with Ethiopia, Guatemala and the NGO Delegation, the three papers were approved for issuance.

(2) Update on preparations for the Thematic Session

- The Secretariat shared the latest draft concept note and agenda that will be finalised in the coming weeks. Moderators and panellists for the four breakout sessions will be finalised next week and invitations to them will be sent out thereafter.
- The Bureau was reminded that these documents will be made available on the UNAIDS website in due time along with other documents for the 23rd PCB meeting.
- It was agreed that the Chair of the PCB will be asked to summarise the discussions on the day of the Thematic Segment before recommendations are adopted by the Board.

2. Any other business

Next meeting

The next Bureau meeting will be held on Monday, 1 December 2008.