

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 13 February 2009

Present: Allehone Mulugeta Abebe (Ethiopia), Monique Middelhoff (Netherlands), Sulmi Barrios (Guatemala), Teguest Guerma and Andrew Ball (WHO, representing Cosponsors), Alexandra Garita (Representing PCB NGOs) joined by phone.

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

Meeting's agenda:

1. Agenda items for the 24th PCB meeting
2. Establishment of the Subcommittee ad interim of the PCB for preparation of 2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan (UBW)
3. Follow up on Thematic segments (Decision 3.11, 23rd PCB meeting)
4. Follow up on Field visits (Decision 14.1, 23rd PCB meeting)
5. Road map for key PCB documents
6. Identification of theme for the 26th and 27th PCB meetings (June and December 2010) and dates for the 28th and 29th meetings
7. 2009 ECOSOC Substantive Session; UNAIDS report and resolution
8. PCB Bureau Workplan (January 2009-)
9. Any other business

1. Agenda items for the 24th PCB meeting

- (1) A lengthy discussion preceded the decision on this matter, during which the possibility of adding an extra day to the 24th PCB meeting and the serious cost implications as well as burden to PCB members and participants of such an option were duly noted. The Bureau recognized that it was not logistically feasible to address all of the pending items in three days, requiring the Bureau to exercise its responsibility to prepare the agenda as it has done in the past. The Bureau agreed the following items to be included in the draft agenda of the 24th PCB meeting (in random order).
 - a) *2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan and Financial Report*
 - b) *HIV prevention among injecting drug users (22nd PCB, 6.3 & 20th PCB, 11.9)*
 - c) *Cooperation with the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (24th PCB, 3.10)*
 - d) *UNAIDS participation in "One UN" country pilots (20th PCB, 8(f))*
 - e) *Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS (22nd PCB, 8.5)*
 - f) *Gender Sensitivity of AIDS responses (23rd PCB, 12.2)*
- (2) The Bureau agreed that other items fit into one of the following categories:
 - Already addressed through follow up to other decisions
 - To be examined and addressed in the context of the Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS at the 25th PCB meeting
 - To be addressed in the thematic segment of the 24th PCB meeting
- (3) Other decisions by the Bureau on this issue:
 - In the future, the Board shall be asked to simply take note of the outcomes of the thematic segment.

- The Bureau recognized that the Board may wish to consider at the 24th PCB meeting the possibility of extending the duration of the 25th PCB meeting if necessary.

2. Establishment of the Subcommittee ad interim of the PCB for preparation of 2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan

- The Bureau confirmed the composition of the subcommittee to date. While acknowledging the extensive efforts made by the Secretariat on this matter, the Bureau noted with regret the lack of representation by two of the regional groups (Eastern Europe and Asia).
- Taking into account expertise on budgetary issues and the composition of recent committees formed by the Board (e.g. EXD selection committee, oversight committee of the Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS), the Bureau agreed to propose Mr Michel Laroque (France) as Chair of the Subcommittee ad interim.
- The inter-sessional decision making process was to be initiated in the afternoon of the same day by a message from the PCB Chair requesting approval of the proposal by Board members no later than 20 February 2009.¹

3. Follow up on Thematic segments (Decision 3.11, 23rd PCB meeting)

4. Follow up on Field visits (Decision 14.1, 23rd PCB meeting)

Reflecting the decision reached by the Bureau under 1. Agenda items for the 24th PCB meeting, no discussion was held on these two issues.

5. Road map for key PCB documents

The Bureau identified the following key PCB documents and agreed the respective consultative drafting process to be followed for each.

- g) *2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan and Financial Report*
The subcommittee ad interim, already in the process of being established, will provide the road map and ensure an inclusive preparatory process.
- h) *HIV prevention among injecting drug users*
A call for expression of interest by Member States will be sent out in preparation of this document. PCB NGOs, Cosponsors (WHO, UNODC), Ethiopia and the Netherlands already expressed their interest in participating.
- i) *Cooperation with the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria*
The process shall begin with consultations involving the Africa group, Secretariats of UNAIDS and the Global Fund. PCB NGOs also expressed their wish to participate in the process.
- j) *Gender Sensitivity of AIDS responses*
At the 24th PCB meeting, the Board shall receive an oral update on the outcomes of the proposed informal consultations as well as any progress made since the last PCB meeting with the view that a full progress report will be presented to the Board in due course. The two informal consultations will be held in Geneva and New York in May 2009 inviting PCB Member States, PCB NGOs, and other countries and civil society to participate as observers.

¹ A message from the PCB Chair was sent out to the inter-sessional contact list, copied to Cosponsors and PCB NGOs as stipulated in the Modus Operandi of the PCB on Friday, 13 February.

6. Identification of theme for the 26th and 27th PCB meetings (June and December 2010) and dates for the 28th and 29th meetings

(1) The Bureau agreed:

- To ensure the timely nature of future thematic segments, a new call for proposed themes will be sent out by the Bureau in time to be discussed at the next Bureau meeting.
- While a new list of proposed themes will be compiled through this process, those who wish to resubmit a theme prepared for the 22nd and 23rd PCB meetings would be welcome to do so.

(2) The Bureau agreed:

- The Secretariat will further investigate the potential dates for the UNGASS meetings in 2010 and 2011 and revert to the Bureau with possible dates for the 26th and 28th PCB meetings. It was noted that the confirmed dates for the 26th PCB meeting may need to be revisited.
- For the 29th PCB meeting, 6-8 December 2011 would be preferable.

7. 2009 ECOSOC Substantive Session; UNAIDS report and resolution

The Secretariat reported on the preparations of the report for the ECOSOC substantive session that is scheduled for 6-31 July, 2009 in Geneva. The Bureau was reminded of the key role of the officers of the PCB (Ethiopia, Netherlands and Guatemala) in presenting and facilitating the discussion around the resolution by ECOSOC that will be based on the report.

8. PCB Bureau Workplan (January 2008-December 2009)

The Bureau agreed to study the current Workplan further and to provide input through electronic means. Once agreed, the updated workplan will be posted on the UNAIDS website.

9. Any other business

The next Bureau meeting will take place on Wednesday, 18 March 2009, 10:00-12:00.