

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 28 May 2009

Present: Allehone Mulugeta Abebe (Ethiopia), Monique Middelhoff (Netherlands), Andrew Ball (WHO, representing Cosponsors), Vince Crisostomo (Representing PCB NGOs)

UNAIDS Secretariat: Helen Frary (BUR), Barbara de Zalduondo (PPD), Yuki Takemoto (BUR)

Absent: Stephanie Hochstetter Skinner-Klee (Guatemala)

Meeting's agenda:

1. Update on preparations for the 24th PCB meeting
2. Draft decisions and recommendations for the 24th PCB meeting
3. Update on preparations for the Thematic Segment for the 24th PCB meeting
4. Any other business

1. Update on preparations for the 24th PCB meeting

The Secretariat provided an update on preparations for the upcoming PCB meeting.

- **PCB Documents:**
At the time of the meeting, the following two documents remained to be posted on the UNAIDS website, but were expected Friday, 29 May and to be followed by French versions: 'UNAIDS participation in "One UN" Country Pilots' and 'Cooperation with the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and the PCB: Support mechanisms for African States'
- **Draft agenda for the 24th PCB meeting**
The Bureau agreed to revise the draft agenda (UNAIDS/PCB(24)/09.1.Rev.1) reflecting the addition of three Conference Room Papers. Under '2010-2011 Unified Budget and Workplan and 2008-2009 Reports', two Conference Room Papers have been added reflecting requests from the subcommittee ad interim. Under 'Gender-sensitivity of AIDS responses', a Conference Room Paper will provide additional information on the outcomes of the technical consultations to support the oral statement by UNDP, which will also refer to the MSM guidance paper that was released recently.
- **Technical consultations on Gender (20 and 29 May, 2009)**
The meeting in New York (20 May) was well-attended and productive. Reflecting some of the questions that were raised at the meeting, the Bureau agreed to propose draft decision points to the Board under the agenda item 'Gender-sensitivity of AIDS responses' after the second technical consultation in Geneva (29 May). The Bureau reaffirmed that the Board shall determine the follow up actions, but recognized the importance of ensuring that support is provided where it is most needed in a timely manner.
- **List of participants**
The draft list of participants will be made available two weeks prior to the 24th PCB meeting and that participants are encouraged to register already.
- **Logistics**

There may be slight changes to the configuration of the plenary room to reflect the new EXD's personal preferences. However, there should be no change to the number of PCB members seated at the front row.

2. Draft decisions and recommendations for the 24th PCB meeting

- The Secretariat explained that the 'draft decisions and recommendations' is simply a compilation of proposed decision points for the Board from each of the PCB documents.
- The seven recommendations put forth in the 'Report by the NGO representative' were included under the relevant items in parentheses to guide Board members (to be taken out later).
- As mentioned above, the Bureau agreed to discuss additional decision points to be included under 'Gender-sensitivity of AIDS responses' reflecting the outcome of the two technical consultations on gender.
- Once updated, the Bureau agreed to make the document available to the Board, recognizing that the Board can amend these decision points and propose others it sees fit.

3. Update on preparations for the Thematic Segment for the 24th PCB meeting ("People on the move – forced displacement and migrant populations")

- The Secretariat reported that preparations are well underway – breakout sessions have been designed and speakers and other resources persons have been confirmed for each breakout session.
- With strong support from the Executive Director, the Secretariat is currently exploring the possibility of having some high-level speakers for the opening and closing of the thematic segment.
- The background paper is being finalized and is expected to be made available in English as well as French before the PCB meeting. The final draft will be shared with Cosponsors and the PCB Bureau next week for possible comments through a silent procedure. It was noted with regret that there will not be enough time to invite comments beyond that.
- Bureau members expressed appreciation for the efforts by the Secretariat to make this an inclusive process. They also recognized that the success of the thematic segment is dependent upon broad and committed participation by stakeholders throughout the process of preparation and the actual day of the meeting.
- It was agreed that the Secretariat will conduct an evaluation / lessons learnt from this thematic segment as part of its regular assessment of individual PCB meetings.

4. Any other business

- The PCB NGO representative reported that with the help of the Communication Facility the NGOs have organized a Consultative Group, a group of experts - consisting of former PCB NGO representatives and people from regions or whose expertise are currently not represented in PCB NGOs – to provide additional support to PCB NGOs. Other Bureau members welcomed this as a way to ensure institutional memory and a better representation of its constituency.
- Legal counsel:
The Secretariat reported that a legal counsel has been contracted effective immediately until the end of 2009. This is in response in part to discussions by Bureau members regarding the need for a UNAIDS legal counsel on several occasions in 2007 and 2008, and also in anticipation of an increase in workload around the Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS. She will be available to respond to questions from Bureau

members as well as the Secretariat as needed. Long-term engagement of a legal counsel will be determined by the Secretariat in due course to be followed by appropriate actions dictated by rules around Human Resources management.

- **UNAIDS Governance Handbook**
The Secretariat will publish a new handbook that contains a series of key documents related to the governance of UNAIDS (e.g. founding ECOSOC resolutions, Modus Operandi, Cosponsors Memorandum of Understanding, etc.). The English version will be distributed at the next PCB meeting to be followed by a French version some time later.
- **Next PCB meeting:**
The Bureau is not scheduled to meet before the 24th PCB meeting.