

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 15 July 2009

Present: Allehone Mulugeta Abebe (Ethiopia), Monique Middelhoff (Netherlands), Sulmi Barrios (Guatemala), Jeff O'Malley (UNDP, representing Cosponsors) and Vince Crisostomo (Representing PCB NGOs) joined by phone

UNAIDS Secretariat: Helen Frary (BUR), Yuki Takemoto (BUR)

Meeting's agenda:

1. Lessons learnt from 24th PCB meeting
2. TOR and process for working group ad interim on governance
3. Proposal to hold the 25th PCB meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
4. Any other business

1. Lessons learnt from 24th PCB meeting

Bureau members:

- Welcomed the report by the Executive Director to the PCB and acknowledged the positive responses from Board members.
- Welcomed the high-level engagement by Cosponsors such as Dr Chan (WHO) and Mr Guterres (UNHCR) and acknowledged the efforts made by the Executive Director of UNAIDS in this regard.
- Commended the PCB NGOs for being better prepared and coordinated throughout the meeting.
- Noted that the changes proposed in plenary related to the PCB decision making process of the Board had caused some confusion. Any such change in the future should be communicated well in advance of the meeting to allow delegations to prepare.
- Welcomed the new layout of the meeting room including increased visibility for Cosponsors.
- Acknowledged efforts by the Secretariat that had resulted in a highly inclusive and interactive thematic segment. As requested, the Secretariat will share with Bureau members the final report (including any reviews) on the thematic segment that is being prepared.
- Noted that capacity in the plenary room was somewhat limited. Agreed that further discussions are needed to determine how far the Secretariat needs to go in accommodating participation in the meeting, taking into account related cost implications.
- Welcomed the final decisions and recommendations.

2. TOR and process for working group ad interim on working methods of the PCB

- The Bureau agreed on the following points related to the process and the TOR:
 - The mandate of the working group should be clearly stated in the TOR based on the decision from the 24th PCB meeting (11.2)
 - The TOR should include a preference for experience with the PCB for potential members.
 - The TOR should acknowledge that Cosponsors, as full (albeit non-voting) PCB members should be included in discussions on the working methods of the PCB, as should the Secretariat. (Meanwhile, the working group may wish

- o to hold discussions that do not include the Secretariat or Cosponsors, as was the case for the Oversight Committee of the Second Independent Evaluation.)
 - o Legal Counsel should be used to support the work of the group.
 - o The TOR should mention earlier exercises of governance reform that should be considered by the group in its work.
 - o Recommends that at least one of the meetings should be held face-to-face and requests the Secretariat to find the necessary funding.
- The Bureau will agree electronically (by Tuesday, 21 July) on the content of the message that will be sent from the PCB Chair to PCB members - calling for membership and requesting for input into the TOR of the working group with a proposed timeline.

3. Proposal to hold the 25th PCB meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The Bureau agreed to discuss this agenda item at its next meeting. In the meantime, the Chair will further consult with relevant offices in Addis Ababa.

4. Any other business

- Draft agenda for 25th PCB meeting
- The Secretariat shared a draft agenda for the 25th PCB meeting that is based on the structure of the final report of the Second Independent Evaluation. No content of the final Evaluation Team report will be made public before 30 September 2009, and any request/inquiry should be addressed through the Oversight Committee.

The Bureau agreed on the following:

- outcomes from the first five-year evaluation of UNAIDS should be reflected;
 - the Secretariat to propose pending items from past PCB decisions that could potentially be addressed under the proposed agenda items; and
 - the Secretariat to further examine the feasible timing of publishing the draft agenda for the 25th PCB meeting.
- PCB NGOs informed the Bureau that blogs by NGO observers who participated in the last PCB meeting are available through the PCB NGO website (<http://www.unaidspcbngo.org/pcb/>).
 - The next PCB Bureau meeting will take place in early September (exact date TBC).