

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 27 January 2010

Present: Monique Middelhoff (Netherlands), Yuji Otake (Japan), Paul Spiegel (UNHCR, representing Cosponsors), Rhon Reynolds (Representing PCB NGOs) joined by phone.

UNAIDS Secretariat: Jan Beagle (DXD, MER), Helen Frary (Chief, BUR), Karusa Kiragu & Els Klinkert (PPD), Eddy Beck (EMP), Yuki Takemoto (BUR)

Absent: Lilian Alvarado-Overdiek (El Salvador)

Meeting's agenda:

1. **Establishment of PCB Task Force**
2. **Update on Thematic Segment, 26th PCB meeting**
3. **Agenda for 26th PCB meeting in June 2010**
4. **Logistics for 26th PCB meeting**
5. **PCB Bureau Workplan 2010**
6. **Any other business**

1. Establishment of PCB Task Force

The Secretariat provided an update on the composition of the Task Force and agreed the following:

- Pending confirmation from WEOG (Western Europe and Other States Group) and African States, the Task Force will include one representative from each regional group of Member States, Cosponsors, PCB NGOs and the UNAIDS Secretariat.¹
- Netherlands will chair the Task Force, ex-officio.
- The budget (US\$ 32,192) was approved with the assumption that there will be two physical meetings (at UNAIDS, Geneva) of two days each – in February and March, 2010.
- The working language of the Task Force will be English.

2. Update on Thematic Segment, 26th PCB meeting

The Secretariat provided an update on preparations for the thematic segment [*“Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services with HIV/AIDS interventions in practice”*] including an outline of the proposed agenda, ideas for breakout sessions, possible high-level speakers, background paper to be commissioned, proposed composition of the working group and a rough timeline. There will be an emphasis on practical services from the point of view of users before shifting the focus of the discussion to policy-related issues.

The Bureau noted / agreed the following:

- Recalling past criticisms from Member States regarding the lack of transparency, they should be invited to participate in the process early on. It was agreed that once the draft concept note is ready, it will be sent to all Mission focal points for comments and possible participation in the working group.

¹ Subsequent to the PCB Bureau meeting, the membership of the Task Force was confirmed on 27 January as follows: Sweden (WEOG); Iran (Asia); Ethiopia (Africa); Poland (CEE); Brazil (GRULAC); Evan Collins (PCB NGOs); UNDP (Cosponsors); Jan Beagle (UNAIDS Secretariat); Netherlands (ex officio).

- The session should be designed to capture the complexities around the issue while including a series of hands-on, educational activities for Board members.
- The session should also address issues related to sexual minorities, human rights and non-discrimination.
- If any constituency wishes to have a substantive agenda item in the future on this issue at the PCB, that could be proposed during the discussion of the outcomes of this thematic segment.
- Once the working group is constituted, input should be sought on various aspects of the thematic segment including potential high-level speakers and the details of the breakout sessions. This will depend upon the venue for the upcoming PCB is (see agenda item 4.).

3. Agenda for 26th PCB meeting in June 2010

After an extensive discussion, the Bureau agreed the following:

- Efforts should be made to include agenda items to respond to the following past PCB decisions in addition to the required agenda items.
 - a. [24th PCB meeting, decision 6.1];
Takes note with appreciation of the report of the NGO Representative which highlights the importance of human rights and tackling barriers to an effective response such as stigma and discrimination and gender inequality and *requests* that the issue of non-discrimination be discussed at a Programme Coordinating Board meeting in 2010 as a substantive agenda item;
 - b. [25th PCB meeting, decision 3.3]
Recognizing that in many countries there is a substantial and increasing number of HIV infections among men who have sex with men and transgender people, and that their human rights need to be respected, *requests* UNAIDS to include among its priorities, building on the UNAIDS Action Framework on Men Who Have Sex with Men and Transgender People and the UNAIDS Outcome Framework 2009-2011, the expansion of comprehensive programmes aimed at reducing HIV transmission amongst men who have sex with men and transgender people; and *agrees* to return to this decision at the 26th meeting of the Board;
 - c. [24th PCB meeting, decision 12.8] (Gender-sensitivity of AIDS responses)
Taking into consideration the initial stages of implementation, *requests* UNAIDS to report back on the progress of implementation by the 26th Programme Coordinating Board meeting and an assessment of this at the 27th Programme Coordinating Board to include the recommendations from the Second Independent Evaluation;
- The response to decision 12.8 from the 24th PCB meeting will simply be a progress report at the 26th meeting preceding a more substantive assessment at the 27th meeting.
- The sub-items and documents that will be presented under “Follow up to the Second Independent Evaluation (SIE) of UNAIDS” will be determined in time.
- While the Bureau agreed that the follow-up of the decisions related to “AIDS, Security and Humanitarian Response” from the 19th PCB meeting (9.1-9.7) will be deferred to the 27th meeting, the Bureau also stressed that it should be addressed as a matter of priority in December in view of the significant delay as well as the timeliness of addressing the issue this year.

4. Logistics for 26th PCB meeting

The Bureau agreed that among the available venues in June, the following should be pursued in the order of preference 1) WHO, 2) ILO. The final selection will be made on Friday, 5 February, 2010 based on availability².

5. PCB Bureau Workplan 2010

The Bureau agreed to provide comments to the draft Workplan by Friday, 5 February, 2010. Once finalized, the agreed Workplan for 2010 will be made available through the PCB Bureau page on the UNAIDS website.

6. Any other business

- The Secretariat informed the Bureau that following the success of the pilot intersessional field visit to Vietnam in November 2009, preparations are underway for another field visit to Latin America and the Caribbean region some time in April 2010. An invitation will be extended to PCB members once the details are determined.
- The next Bureau meeting will take place on Friday, 26 February at 9:30am (Geneva time).

² Subsequent to the PCB Bureau meeting the ILO was confirmed as the venue for the 26th PCB meeting due to the unavailability of the WHO Executive Board room.