

Summary of the PCB Bureau meeting of 26 April 2010

Present: Monique Middelhoff (Netherlands), Carmen Elena Castillo-Gallandat (El Salvador), Evan Collins & Rhon Reynolds (Representing PCB NGOs) and Elizabeth Benomar (UNFPA, representing Cosponsors) joined by phone.

UNAIDS Secretariat: Jan Beagle (DXD, MER), Els Klinkert (PPD), Yuki Takemoto (CRG)

Absent: Yuji Otake (Japan)

Meeting's agenda:

1. Update on 26th PCB meeting, June 2010
2. Update from PCB Task Force
3. Update on Thematic Segment, 26th PCB meeting
4. Thematic Sessions in 2011
5. Any other business

1. Update on 26th PCB meeting, June 2010

- The Secretariat informed the Bureau that invitations are being sent out and that a series of documents including the registration form will be posted shortly on the UNAIDS website.
- "Report by the NGO representative" & "Ensuring non-discrimination in responses to HIV"
 - It was pointed out that both documents focus on the same issue (non-discrimination) and that it would seem logical that they be considered together rather than as separate agenda items.
 - PCB NGOs stressed the distinct nature of the two documents (NGO report based on extensive survey results reflecting the voices of a broad range of civil society while the other is comprehensive analysis and report that is more academic in nature) and argued that they each merit to be presented under separate agenda items.
 - The Bureau agreed that the PCB Chair shall propose to the Board how the two papers should be addressed – each to be presented under their respective agenda item, but for there to be a combined discussion to address the common issues raised in the two papers. Accordingly, the Bureau agreed that the draft agenda should remain as it is for now.
 - A follow-up meeting will be held by representatives of the Secretariat, PCB NGOs and the PCB Bureau Chair to consolidate the recommendations contained in the two papers and how the documents will be presented to the Board (e.g. panel presentation).

2. Update from PCB Task Force on SIE follow-up related to all aspects of governance

- The report by the Task Force to the Board has been finalised and will be made available shortly through the UNAIDS website as one of the documents for the 26th PCB meeting.
- The report reflects the extensive discussions by the Task Force including its decision to revert to the Board for further discussion on the question of decision making by the PCB. This was a reflection of the diverse views that could not be consolidated in the time available for the work of the Task Force.

3. 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.”*

- Preparations are underway with a teleconference being held every two weeks by the core working group in which all constituencies are represented.
- The core working group agreed on speakers to be invited for the opening session of the thematic segment based on the following criteria: gender balance; constituency representation; regional representation; HIV status (i.e. a person openly living with HIV); representation of young people. It was also agreed that various perspectives such as global and country, policy and programmes, service-providers and consumers and human rights should be highlighted by the speakers.
- The people proposed to date (availability yet to be confirmed):
 - Ms Joke Brandt/ Ms Marijke Wijnroks - Representing the Netherlands, PCB Chair
 - Mr Michel Sidibe, Executive Director, UNAIDS
 - First Lady of Rwanda
 - Ms Luisa Cabal, Director of the International Legal Program, Center for Reproductive Rights (The Centre works closely with governments and networks of people living with HIV - in Latin America and elsewhere-, SRH and human rights and access to justice).
 - Mr Ricky Swuanpyae, TOP, Myanmar (Service provider of SRH services for transgender, male and female sex workers), Community Organizer, Population Services International Myanmar, and Youth representative of Asia Pacific Network of Sex workers Myanmar.

Alternatives:

- Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director, UNFPA
 - Minister of Health, Rwanda
 - Ms Dudu Simelane, Executive Director, IPPF Affiliate in Swaziland, Family Life Association of Swaziland (FLAS)
 - Mr Ricardo Baruch, Activist, GYCA, Youth Coalition, Mexico, SRH and HIV Prevention
 - Ms Suskma Ratri, Indonesian Positive Women’s Network (addresses domestic violence and works closely with sex worker communities)
 - Mr Sunil Pant, Diamond Society, Nepal (Activist and Politician. First openly gay Member of Parliament in an Asian country).
- Breakout sessions:
 1. Empowering young people through comprehensive sexuality education (Lead - UNESCO)
 2. Models, Magic and Meaning: Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV Services (Lead - UNFPA)
 3. Funding opportunities for integrating SRH and HIV-services (Leads - GFATM and WHO)
 4. Gender based Violence and HIV (Leads - UNAIDS Secretariat and UNDP)
- Proposed exhibitions:
 - Display of all current family planning devices and HIV-tests. (UNFPA)
 - Photo exhibition portraying men, men who have sex with men and men who are criminalised for being gay in their own country. Feasibility to be confirmed in May. (UNDP)
 - Series of paintings (‘Art for Health’) produced by Elisabetta Farina in 2006 to increase awareness about and promote action towards, improving Sexual and Reproductive Health, especially the health of women and children. (WHO)

4. Thematic Sessions in 2011

- Following discussions at its last meeting on 24 March and taking into account key events in 2011, the Bureau agreed the following broad themes to be proposed to the Board (exact wording still to be determined):
 - June 2011: The role of combination prevention in achieving Universal Access
 - December 2011: HIV and the Law
- The Secretariat will prepare descriptions of the proposed sessions incorporating the relevant issues that were raised in the various proposals to be agreed by the Bureau through electronic means.
- It was agreed that this approach will allow the Board to address a series of closely interrelated critical issues in the HIV response.
- The Bureau's proposal to the Board ("*Next PCB meetings*") shall take into account the possibility that there may not be a thematic segment in June 2011.
 - e.g. Proposed theme to be addressed in June 2012;
 - e.g. PCB to revisit the topic in June 2011, if so decided in December 2010, in continued preparation for the High Level Meeting to review the progress per UNGASS on HIV/AIDS commitments.
- PCB NGOs requested that the session on prevention include the issue of treatment scale up and the concept developed by GNP+ of Positive Health, Dignity and Prevention.

5. Any other business

- PCB NGOs asked for an update on follow up to decision 5. at the 25th PCB meeting:

Agenda item 3: Impact of the global financial and economic crisis on the AIDS response
5. Welcomes the report and recommendations on the impact of the global financial and economic crisis on the AIDS response and calls on UNAIDS and its partners to provide a comprehensive package of technical support to countries, paying particular attention to high burden countries, to contain and mitigate the negative impact of the current crisis on the HIV/AIDS response and to use its convening power to bring HIV/AIDS funders together, where possible coordinating with similar work underway at the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and other innovative financing mechanisms including UNITAID.

- The Secretariat reported that informal internal discussions had been held but that concrete actions were yet to be determined. It was agreed that the Bureau will discuss this issue further at its next meeting.
- The Secretariat reported that options for implementing the Board decisions related to "*Cooperation with the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and the PCB: Support mechanisms for African States*" (decisions 9.1-9.5, 24th PCB meeting, June 2009) are currently being explored and the Bureau will be informed accordingly.
- The next Bureau meeting will take place on Monday, 31 May at 14:00 (Geneva time).