

COMPOSITION OF THE UNAIDS EVALUATION EXPERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**DECISIONS APPROVED BY THE PCB
INTERSESSIONALLY**

Additional documents for this item:

Action required at this meeting—the Programme Coordinating Board is invited to:

See draft decision points in paragraph 12 below:

- *Recall* decision point 7.4 from the 49th PCB meeting, approving the composition of the Expert Advisory Committee on Evaluation proposed by the PCB Bureau for the period 2022-2023 as mentioned in annex 1 of the 2021 annual report (UNAIDS/PCB (49)/21.28;
- *Approve* the nomination of the candidate from Eastern Europe to serve on the UNAIDS Evaluation Expert Advisory Committee; and
- *Request* the Evaluation Office to revise the annex of the 2021 Annual Evaluation Report to reflect the final composition of the Committee.

Cost implications for implementation of the decisions: none

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INTRODUCTION

1. At the 44th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) in June 2019, the PCB approved the [UNAIDS Evaluation Policy](#) in [decision point 6.6](#): “Approves the UNAIDS Evaluation Policy and requests the UNAIDS Evaluation Office to present an evaluation plan to the 45th meeting as well as annual reporting on the implementation of the evaluation plan.”
2. The UNAIDS evaluation function covers the work of the Joint Programme, i.e. the work of the UNAIDS Secretariat and the HIV-related work of the Cosponsors:
 - *UNAIDS Secretariat evaluations*, which are aimed at organizational learning, evidence-informed decision-making and accountability of the UNAIDS Secretariat actions and activities;
 - *UNAIDS Joint Programme evaluations*, which are aimed at organizational learning, evidence-informed decision-making and accountability of the UNAIDS Joint Programme, and which are performed with the cosponsors to assess collaborative efforts, i.e. system-wide or joint evaluations.
3. The PCB receives annual reports on the Evaluation Policy (see reports from its [45th](#), [47th](#), and [49th](#) PCB meetings) and approves biannual Evaluation Plans. In addition, semi-annual reporting is provided to the PCB Bureau. The implementation of the Evaluation Policy is undertaken by the UNAIDS Evaluation Office and supported by the Evaluation Expert Advisory Committee.
4. The Evaluation Expert Advisory Committee provides advice and guidance on the UNAIDS evaluation function (terms of reference can be found in annex 1). It is an independent, external body which reports to the Board. The Committee advises the Director of Evaluation and the Executive Director on the implementation of UNAIDS evaluation policy and the development and implementation of UNAIDS evaluation plan to enhance use of evaluations and organizational learning, and ensure alignment with UNAIDS Strategy, the UBRAF as well as UNEG norms and standards for evaluation.
5. The Committee consists of up to seven technically experts who are nominated by Member States (5), the PCB NGO Delegation (1) and Cosponsor Evaluation Group.
6. All members of the Expert Advisory Committee shall be technical experts in the field of evaluation and have:
 - In-depth knowledge and understanding of evaluation and performance measurement as well as collection, analysis and use of quantitative and qualitative data;
 - Extensive experience of evaluation of complex programmes and organizational performance to improve relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact, sustainability and coherence;
 - Good understanding of HIV, health and/or related issues and familiarity with the work of UNAIDS Cosponsors and/or Secretariat at country, regional or global levels;
7. Committee members are appointed for a two-year period and can be re-appointed once. The Committee meets at least once a year in person and holds regular virtual meetings. The UNAIDS Evaluation Office serves as Secretary of the Expert Advisory Committee.
8. The Evaluation Expert Advisory Committee commenced its work in 2020. As a result of disruptions in work due to COVID-19, the majority of Committee members expressed an interest in reappointment for the period 2022-2023. In December 2021, the PCB

approved the reappointment of six of the current Committee members and the appointment of one new member for the period 2022-2023 on the basis of the recommendation of the PCB Bureau.

9. In October 2021, a call for nominations was circulated to Member States in the Eastern European region, in accordance with the terms of reference for the Committee. Further to its meeting on 4 February 2022 [LINK], the PCB Bureau considered the candidacy of Sigrid Vorobjov. On the basis of her experience and qualifications, the Bureau agreed to recommend Ms. Vorobjov to serve on the UNAIDS Evaluation Expert Advisory Committee (see annex 2).
10. In order to ensure that the Evaluation Expert Advisory Committee can continue its work with a full complement of members and in accordance with the nomination process laid out in the terms of reference for the Committee, the PCB Bureau requests the agreement of the PCB to confirm the appointment of Ms. Vorobjov.
11. The final proposed composition of the Evaluation Expert Advisory Committee would be as follows:
 - Dr. Elizabeth Moreira dos Santos, researcher and independent consultant (Latin America and Caribbean), Chair;
 - Mr. Raymond Yekeye, Chair of the National AIDS Council of Zimbabwe (Africa);
 - Dr. Zunyou Wu, Chief Epidemiologist, Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Asia-Pacific);
 - **Ms. Sigrid Vorobjov, Senior Researcher, National Institute for Health Development, Estonia (Eastern Europe)**
 - Professor Till Bärnighausen, Director of the Heidelberg Institute of Global Health (Western European and Other Countries);
 - Ms. San Patten, independent research and evaluation consultant (NGO Delegation);
 - Mr. Marco Segone, Director of the UNFPA Evaluation Office (Cosponsor Evaluation Group).

DRAFT DECISION POINTS

12. The PCB is requested to:
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ANNEXES

Annex 1: Terms of reference of the UNAIDS Evaluation Expert Advisory Committee

UNAIDS EVALUATION EXPERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Background

UNAIDS efforts to lead the collective response to HIV and AIDS – bringing together the UN system with other partners – has been successful in many respects. However, AIDS remains a global challenge and evaluation needs to be a critical element in defining the way forward to ensure the HIV epidemic does not rebound and the goal of ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030 can be achieved.

At its 44th meeting, 25-27 June 2019, the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board approved UNAIDS revised evaluation policy [*PCB (44) 19.7*] which formalizes the establishment of an independent evaluation function reporting directly to the Board. This is an important milestone in efforts to strengthen evidence-based decision making, learning and accountability.

The new institutional architecture for the evaluation function includes an Expert Advisory Committee of evaluation experts, nominated by Member States, civil society and UNAIDS Cosponsors. The Committee is an independent, external body which reports to the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board.

These terms of reference are based on paragraphs 55 and 57-60 of the UNAIDS evaluation policy.

Scope of work

The Evaluation Expert Advisory Committee advises the Director of Evaluation and the Executive Director on the implementation of UNAIDS evaluation policy and the development and implementation of UNAIDS evaluation plan to enhance the use of evaluations, organizational learning and alignment with UNAIDS Strategy, the Unified Budget Results and Accountability Framework as well as UNEG norms and standards for evaluation.

The Committee has a critical role in providing guidance and advice on the evaluation function and ensuring its independence. A summary of the work and recommendations of the Committee is presented annually to the Board.

Qualifications

All members of the Advisory Committee shall be technical experts in the field of evaluation and have:

- in-depth knowledge and understanding of evaluation and performance measurement, collection, analysis and use of quantitative and qualitative data;

- extensive experience of evaluation of complex programmes and organizational performance to improve relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability and impact;
- good understanding of HIV, public health and/or related development and human rights issues and familiarity with the work of UNAIDS Cosponsors and/or Secretariat at country, regional or global levels;
- good understanding of UNAIDS existing evaluation tools and mechanisms.

Composition

The process of constituting the Expert Advisory Committee draws on the experience of the establishment of sub-committees of the PCB. Accordingly, the membership of the Evaluation Advisory Committee shall be geographically representative, and gender-balanced. To ensure efficiency, the Advisory Committee shall include a maximum of seven members comprising:

- five evaluation experts nominated by Member States;
- one evaluation expert nominated by the PCB NGO Delegation; and
- one evaluation expert nominated by the Cosponsor Evaluation Group.

Selection

PCB Member States, the PCB NGO Delegation and the UNAIDS Cosponsor Evaluation Group are invited to propose experts as members of the Advisory Committee. Member States are encouraged to agree on nominations within their regional groups.

Nominations shall be submitted to the PCB Bureau, which ensures that the Committee has the required technical expertise and that it is geographically representative, and gender-balanced.

If the number of nominations exceeds the number of places on the Committee for that constituency, the PCB Chair will contact all the members of the constituency represented on the Board for further discussion and agreement.

Once the proposed composition of the Committee has been confirmed, the PCB Bureau will communicate the names of the experts to all Member States, the PCB NGO Delegation and Cosponsors. The PCB Bureau shall propose the membership of the Committee as well as a Chair from within the membership, for agreement by the PCB using the inter-sessional decision-making process.

Members of the Expert Advisory Committee shall serve for a term of two years and cannot be reappointed more than once.

Working modalities

The Committee meets once a year face-to-face, possibly in connection with a multi-stakeholder consultation on evaluation; other meetings are virtual. UNAIDS will pay for the travel and per diem of Committee members. Members who are self-employed will additionally be paid an honorarium. The UNAIDS evaluation office serves as secretary of the Committee.

A summary of the work and recommendations of the Committee is prepared and shared annually with the Board. The role and relevance of the Committee shall be reviewed at the

time UNAIDS evaluation policy is reviewed and any changes shall be reflected in a revised policy submitted to the Board for approval.

Expectations and time commitment

Indicative schedule of work	Period	Estimated time commitment
Virtual meeting (one) Discuss follow up to Board meeting and issues raised by the PCB or evaluation office	January-March	Total requirement: 1 day -Virtual meeting (2 hours) -Document review (4 hours) -Electronic exchanges (2 hours)
Virtual meeting (one) Review progress in implementation of the evaluation plan	April-June	Total requirement: 1 day -Virtual meeting (2 hours) -Document review (4 hours) -Electronic exchanges (2 hours)
<i>Programme Coordinating Board Meeting – June</i>		
Virtual meeting (one) Discuss follow up to Board meeting and issues raised by the PCB or evaluation office	July-September	Total requirement: 1 day -Virtual meeting (2 hours) -Document review (4 hours) -Electronic exchanges (2 hours)
Face-to-face meeting (one) Review progress in implementation of the evaluation plan and discuss the next plan (if relevant)	October-December	Total requirement: 2+ days -Face-to-face meeting (8 hours plus travel time) -Document review (4 hours) -Review of annual report (2 hours) -Electronic exchanges (2 hours)
<i>Programme Coordinating Board Meeting – December</i>		

Annex 2: Curriculum Vitae for the nominee

Candidate: Sigrid Vorobjov

Institutions and positions

01.03.2017–...	National Institute for Health Development, senior researcher
14.02.2017–...	National Institute for Health Development, National Institute for Health Development, head of department
01.09.2012–...	University of Tartu, Faculty of Medicine, Institute of Family Medicine and Public Health, Visiting Lecturer
2005-2012	Researcher, National Institute for Health Development

Education

2002-2005	Master Program in Public Health, University of Tartu
2005–2012	PhD in Medical Sciences, University of Tartu

Academic degrees

Sigrid Vorobjov, Doctor's Degree, 2012, (sup) Anneli Uusküla, Drug use, related risk behaviour and harm reduction services utilization among injecting drug users in Estonia: implications for drug policy, University of Tartu.

Sigrid Vorobjov, Research Master's Degree, 2005, (sup) Mati Rahu, Ravijärgimus juhuslikustatud hormoonasendusravi uuringus, University of Tartu, Faculty of Medicine, Department of Public Health.

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2020

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Muri, Ly; Vorobjov, Sigrid; Kommusaar, Janne. (2020). Sotsiaalsete oskuste seos uimastite tarvitamisega Eesti 15–16aastaste õpilaste seas 2011., 2015. ja 2019. aasta ESPADi uuringu andmetel. *Eesti Arst*, 99 (lisa 2): Tartu Ülikooli arstiteaduskonna aastapäeva teaduskonverents 2020, Tartu. Celsius Healthcare OÜ, 50–50.

Vares L, Vorobjov S (2020). Probleeme teades saab luua õpilaste heaolu soodustava koolikeskkonna. Õpetajate Leht (10). 20.11.2020.

2019

Raag, Mait; Vorobjov, Sigrid; Uusküla, Anneli (2019). Prevalence of injecting drug use in Estonia 2010-2015: a capture-recapture study. Harm Reduction Journal, 16 (1), 19–19. DOI: 10.1186/s12954-019-0289-3.

Salekešin, Maris; Vorobjov, Sigrid (2019). HIVi levimuse ja riskikäitumise uuring Narva narkootikumide süstivate inimeste seas 2018.

Vorobjov S, Salekešin M, Vals K (2019). Eesti täiskasvanud rahvastiku uimastite tarvitamise uuring, 2018.

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