

# MANAGEMENT REPOSE TO THE ANNUAL REPORT ON EVALUATION

**Additional documents for this item:** Evaluation Report (UNAIDS/PCB (55)24.30)

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

- *Recalling* decision point 7.5 of the 53rd session of the Programme Coordinating Board approving the UNAIDS 2024–2025 Evaluation Plan, as well as decision point 7.10 of the 53rd session of the PCB requesting the next annual report to be presented to the PCB in 2024;
- *Welcome* continued progress in the implementation of the 2024–2025 Evaluation Plan (UNAIDS/PCB (53)/23.30) and the role of the Evaluation Office in generating evidence of the UNAIDS Joint Programme’s contributions to results;
- *Take note* of the summary of the main findings of the evaluations conducted in 2024;
- *Take note* of the management response to the 2024 annual report on evaluation (UNAIDS/PCB (55)/24.31);
- Recalling decision point 7.7 of the 53rd PCB meeting, *appoint* the candidate nominated by the PCB NGO delegation and *agree to* the full composition of the Expert Advisory Committee proposed by the PCB Bureau for 2025 as mentioned in Annex 1 of the annual report on evaluation (UNAIDS/PCB (55)24.30);
- *Take note*, with appreciation, in accordance with provision 73 of the Evaluation Policy, that the UN Evaluation Group peer review will be undertaken in 2025;
- *Look forward* to the annual report on evaluation to be presented to the PCB in 2025;

**Cost implications for the implementation of the decisions:** *none*

## Summary

1. The UNAIDS management expresses appreciation to the Evaluation Office for its work in implementing the 2024–2025 Evaluation Plan. Management acknowledges the sustained efforts of the Office to produce high-quality and relevant evaluation evidence even during a period of leadership transition and office relocation. The Evaluation Office, together with the Cosponsor Evaluation Group, and supported by the Expert Advisory Committee, plays an important role in deepening an evaluation and learning culture in UNAIDS, and in continually strengthening the Joint Programme’s contribution to country implementation of the Global AIDS Strategy.
2. Management commends the evaluation team on its smooth transition and implementation of the Evaluation Plan and budget. The team is now fully staffed and operational in Bonn, Germany. Management facilitated the induction and on-boarding of the new Evaluation Office director, Mr Adan Ruiz Villalba. He has rich and long experience in the field of evaluation and most recently served as the Head of Evaluation of WIPO and Vice-Chair of the United Nations Evaluation Group.
3. UNAIDS has worked closely with the Evaluation Office for follow up of the completed evaluations, development of management responses to evaluations, and implementation of recommendations.
4. Management welcomes the proposed professional peer review of the UNAIDS evaluation function. This approach will contribute to system-wide coherence and learning from the experiences of peers in strengthening the evaluation function in UNAIDS.
5. Two reports have been received from the Evaluation Office:
  - The independent joint evaluation of the Global Action Plan for healthy lives and well-being of all; and
  - The mid-term evaluation of the cooperative agreement between the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNAIDS.
6. Management responses for the two evaluation reports are being developed in consultation with the partners involved.
7. In addition, a report on the review of the Joint Programme evaluations and assessments was carried out. A management response will be prepared once the report is received. The results of the “review of the UNAIDS Joint Programme evaluations and assessments” undertaken by the Evaluation office, together with the management response to the review, will feed into the work of the High-Level Panel.
8. Management looks forward to working with the evaluation team on the proposed evaluations for 2025. It also has worked closely with the team on follow-up to previously completed evaluations. Management responses to the evaluations completed in 2023 were developed and are being implemented as outlined in Annex 2 of the annual report on evaluation (UNAIDS/PCB (55)24.30).
9. Management welcomes the moves to identify, synthesize and disseminate lessons from the evaluations and develop innovative products that contribute to knowledge management and the use of artificial intelligence.

## Proposed decision points

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11. *Welcome* continued progress in the implementation of the 2024–2025 Evaluation Plan (UNAIDS/PCB (53)/23.30) and the role of the Evaluation Office in generating evidence of the UNAIDS Joint Programme’s contributions to results;
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16. *Look forward* to the annual report on evaluation to be presented to the PCB in 2025.

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