

2 July 2021

**Virtual 48th Session of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board
Geneva, Switzerland**

29 June – 2 July 2021

Decisions

The UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board,

Recalling that all aspects of UNAIDS work are directed by the following guiding principles:

- Aligned to national stakeholders' priorities;
- Based on the meaningful and measurable involvement of civil society, especially people living with HIV and populations most at risk of HIV infection;
- Based on human rights and gender equality;
- Based on the best available scientific evidence and technical knowledge;
- Promoting comprehensive responses to AIDS that integrate prevention, treatment, care and support; and
- Based on the principle of non-discrimination;

Intersessional Decisions:

Recalling that, to cope with the specific circumstances due to the COVID-19 health crisis, it has decided through the intersessional procedure (see decisions in UNAIDS/PCB/(EM)/3.2):

- *Agrees* that the March Special Session of the Programme Coordinating Board will be held virtually on 24 – 25 March 2021;
- *Agrees* that the 48th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board will include an additional day to the dates agreed in decision point 11.3 of the 43rd PCB meeting and will be held virtually on 29 June – 2 July 2021;
- *Agrees* that the PCB Bureau will determine if the 49th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board will be virtual or in-person; and that if the meeting will be held virtually, it will exceptionally include an additional day and be held on 7 – 10 December 2021; and
- *Agrees* on the modalities and rules of procedure set out in the paper, Modalities and procedures for virtual 2021 UNAIDS PCB meetings (UNAIDS/PCB(EM)/3.2), for the virtual 2021 PCB meetings and their preparations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. *Adopts* the agenda;

Agenda item 1.2: Consideration of the report of the Special Session of the PCB

2. *Adopts* the report of the Special Session of the PCB;

Agenda item 1.3: Report of the Executive Director

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director;

Agenda item 1.4. Report of the Chair of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organisations

4. *Takes note* of the report of the Chair of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organisations;

Agenda item 3: Organizational Oversight Reports

- 5.1 *Welcomes* the first report of the ethics office;
- 5.2 *Accepts* the External Auditor's Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 and urges the Secretariat to implement its 4 main recommendations;
- 5.3 *Takes note* of the Internal Auditor's Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2020;
- 5.4 *Welcomes* the Management response to the Organizational Oversight Reports;
- 5.5 *Commends* progress made against many of the issues identified across the oversight reports and *requests* the Executive Director to continue to take urgent measures to address the areas with a high level of residual risk as identified in the report of the internal auditor;
- 5.6 *Urges* the Secretariat to resolve the outstanding issues, and in particular, to fully address issues identified in the Global Staff and UNAIDS Secretariat Staff Association surveys, including with regard to harassment and abuse of power, and confidence in the senior leadership team;
- 5.7 *Requests* the Secretariat to finalise the Memorandum of Understanding with the WHO Office of Internal Oversight Services and to strengthen mechanisms to enable staff to report misconduct, discrimination or harassment without any fear of retaliation;
- 5.8 *Looks forward* to reporting on further progress at the 50th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board;

Agenda item 4: UNAIDS Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework 2016-2021

Agenda item 4.1: Performance Monitoring Reporting

- 6.1 *Takes note* of the 2020 Performance Monitoring Reports and *welcomes* its continued improvement in scope and depth;
- 6.2 *Welcomes* the accomplishments of the Joint Programme in support to multisectoral HIV/AIDS responses, including people living with HIV and key populations, especially in addressing the health and social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the HIV response through strengthened joint and collaborative action at country level;
- 6.3 *Appreciates* further improvements in the qualitative and quantitative analytical performance reporting jointly developed and aligned to prioritized national targets, with a focus on impact and disaggregated results, emphasis on priority off-track areas and actions to address these, and wider links to the 2030 Agenda and the UN reform;
- 6.4 *Calls* for a more simplified and integrated report with enhanced visibility and readability and to further improve the performance monitoring system; and *encourages* the Joint Programme to take these recommendations into account when developing the new 2022-2026 UBRAF and its new performance monitoring framework;
- 6.5 *Encourages* all constituencies to use UNAIDS' annual Performance Monitoring Reports to meet their funding reporting needs and as a basis for programme planning;

Agenda item 4.2 Financial Reporting

- 6.6 *Accepts* the financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020;
- 6.7 *Takes note* of the interim financial management update for the 2020-2021 biennium for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2021;
- 6.8 *Encourages* donor governments to release their contributions towards the 2016–2021 Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework as soon as possible and to make multiyear contributions;

Agenda item 5: Zero draft of the 2022-2026 Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework (UBRAF)

- 7.1 *Recalls* decision points 4.2 & 4.3 of the Special Session of the Programme Coordinating Board in March 2021;

- 7.2 *Takes note* of the zero draft of the overall Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework 2022-2026 and looks forward to the submission of the full 2022-2026 UBRAF, including the revised performance reporting framework, and biennial workplan and budget for 2022-2023 for approval at a Special Session of the PCB to be held on 6 October 2021;
- 7.3 *Requests* the Joint Programme and the 2022-2026 UBRAF Working Group to take into consideration the PCB's comments in the development of the final draft of the 2022-2026 UBRAF;

Agenda item 6: Update on strategic Human Resources Management issues

- 8.1 *Takes note* of the update on strategic Human Resources Management issues;
- 8.2 *Requests* the Executive Director to continue to provide data with regards to staff geographical composition and other aspects relevant to staff diversity as part of the Update on strategic Human Resources Management issues;

Agenda item 7: Statement from the UNAIDS Staff Association

9. *Welcomes* the statement by the representative of the UNAIDS Secretariat Staff Association;

Agenda item 8: Follow-up to the thematic segment from the 47th PCB meeting:

- 10.1 *Takes note* of the background note ([UNAIDS/PCB \(47\)/20.44](#)) and the summary report (UNAIDS/PCB (48)/21.17) of the Programme Coordinating Board thematic segment on "cervical cancer and HIV—addressing linkages and common inequalities to save women's lives";
- 10.2 *Recalls* the Global strategy to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer as a global public health problem adopted by resolution WHA73.2 and its associated 90-70-90 HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening and treatment targets for 2030, and the Global AIDS Strategy's 2025 target for 90% of women living with HIV to have access to cervical cancer screening integrated or linked with HIV services;
- 10.3 *Calls* on Member States to:
- a. Adequately invest in and scale up HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment and care services through integrated and multisectoral delivery platforms and community systems that address health inequalities and other vulnerabilities of girls and women, including those living with HIV and from key populations, to both HIV and cervical cancer with a focus on increasing access and affordability of key technologies, innovations and commodities and optimizing opportunities for integration where appropriate;
 - b. Empower, engage and strengthen the capacities of communities and civil society partners to address the interlinkages between HIV and cervical cancer, and to support awareness raising, social mobilization, and demand creation for

equitable access to services, new technologies and innovations;

10.4 *Calls* on the UNAIDS Joint Programme to:

- a. Support countries and communities with policy guidance and technical assistance to scale up implementation of HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment and care services that are integrated with HIV and health services, including sexual and reproductive health services, for women and adolescent girls and other population groups living with HIV at risk of cervical cancer;
- b. Strengthen support to countries and communities to integrate HIV and cervical cancer primary (prevention of HPV infection) and secondary prevention, treatment and care and to eliminate inequalities, health disparities, stigma and discrimination that increase women's and girls' vulnerability to HIV and cervical cancer;
- c. Advocate for increased domestic and global investments in HIV and cervical cancer programmes with a focus on increasing access and affordability of key technologies, innovations and commodities and optimizing opportunities for integration where appropriate;
- d. Report on progress made on integrated approaches to cervical cancer and HIV, as part of regular reporting to the Programme Coordinating Board;

Agenda item 9: Update on the implementation of the HIV response for migrant and mobile populations

- 11.1 *Takes note* of the update on the implementation of the HIV response for migrant and mobile populations, as well as refugees and crisis-affected populations, as appropriate;
- 11.2 *Welcomes* the new Global AIDS Strategy's emphasis on migration as a cross-cutting issue that demands prioritized action, including ensuring access to combination prevention and leveraging and adapting existing data collection to monitor people in crises and humanitarian contexts;
- 11.3 *Calls* on the Joint Programme to further operationalize the 2021-2026 Global AIDS Strategy's provisions with respect to HIV among migrant and mobile populations, as well as refugees and crisis-affected populations by:
 - a. Collecting data on HIV among migrant and mobile populations, as well as refugees and crisis-affected populations, including in collaboration with International Organisations and take this into account in the new Global AIDS Monitoring System and 2022-2026 UBRAF indicators; and
 - b. Reinvigorating efforts for effective action to address HIV among migrant and mobile populations, as well as refugees and crisis-affected populations, including through strategic partnerships with other relevant actors (such as but not limited to the Interagency Task Team on HIV in emergencies) with the intention of elevating global attention to this issue; and
- 11.4 *Requests* the Joint Programme to report back to the Programme Coordinating Board on progress made on the implementation of the HIV response for migrant and mobile

populations, as well as refugees and crisis-affected populations as part of regular reporting.

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