

11 December 2012

**31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board  
Geneva, Switzerland  
11-13 December 2012**

**Draft Decisions, Recommendations and Conclusions**

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;

**Agenda item 1.1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

1. *Adopts* the agenda;

**Agenda item 1.2: Consideration of the report of the thirtieth meeting**

2. *Takes note* of the report of the 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board;

**Agenda item 1.3: Report of the Executive Director**

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

**Agenda item 2: Gender-sensitivity of AIDS responses**

- 4.1 *Welcomes* the report of the mid-term review of the UNAIDS Agenda for Accelerated Country Action on Women, Girls, Gender Equality, and takes note of the progress made in the implementation of the UNAIDS Agenda for Women and Girls, particularly in building political commitment, strengthening the gender sensitivity of HIV responses and meaningfully engaging women, girls and other stakeholders;

- 4.2 *Requests* UNAIDS, in collaboration with development partners, to increase coordinated support to countries to assess HIV responses from a gender perspective; and *to improve* monitoring and evaluation for better data on women and girls, to *more effectively measure* progress in meeting the needs of women and girls in all their diversity challenging harmful gender norms and addressing violence against women and girls, in order to inform planning, costing, budgeting and implementation of a gender transformative HIV response, based on, the UNAIDS Agenda for Women and Girls in different contexts;
- 4.3 *Further requests* UNAIDS to deliver on its accountabilities and actions, as outlined in the Agenda and the Mid-Term Review and cost these, with a commitment to mobilizing adequate resources for their implementation and for achieving results as set out in the UNAIDS Strategy;
- 4.4 *Welcomes* UNAIDS' efforts to strengthen collaboration with networks of women living with HIV, women from key populations, women's rights organizations and groups of men and boys working for gender equality, and request UNAIDS to work with governments to ensure that women, adolescent women and girls in all their diversity are meaningfully engaged in all stages of planning, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of HIV responses and related issues;
- 4.5 *Requests* UNAIDS and Member States to support countries to ensure sustained funding for the women, girls, gender equality and HIV, as well as funding for networks of women living with HIV and other civil society partners working towards gender transformative HIV responses, including through the UBRAF and other mechanisms such as the Global Fund, as part of shared responsibility and strategic investment;
- 4.6 *Requests* UNAIDS, Member States and civil society to promote and facilitate better linkages between HIV, gender equality, sexual and reproductive health and rights within post 2015 global development priorities, together with governments, including women and girls living with HIV, women from key populations (as defined in the UNAIDS Strategy 2011-2015), women's health and rights organizations and other relevant stakeholders, to achieve improved health outcomes and uphold the human rights of women and girls in all their diversity;

### **Agenda item 3: Strategic investment**

5. *Takes note of the report*

### **Agenda item 4: Follow-up to the thematic segment from the 30<sup>th</sup> PCB meeting**

- 6.1 *Takes note* of the summary report of the Thematic Session on combination prevention;
- 6.2 *Calls* on governments to work with research institutions in public and private sectors, and with civil society, especially people living with and affected by HIV, to identify the key barriers – in particular the human resource and systems weaknesses – to the implementation of advances in HIV science in all settings;

- 6.3 *Further calls* for all national AIDS responses to be guided by the most up to date evidence of impact and effectiveness, including the use in all settings of validated estimates of HIV incidence through the best available methods;
- 6.4 *Notes* with concern the impact of the treatment cascade on people living with HIV who are unable to access or, remain in, fully effective treatment and care and *calls* for urgent steps to reduce the barriers and the “drop outs” within the cascade, in order to achieve the outcomes of keeping people alive and stopping new infections;
- 6.5 *Requests* UNAIDS, together with research and implementing partners, to refine methods to assess the impact of behaviour-change programming in order to ensure the greatest impact and value-for-money;
- 6.6 *Takes note* of the HIV prevention goals and targets adopted in the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: Intensifying Our Efforts to Eliminate HIV and AIDS (2011) which calls on governments, programme managers, donors, civil society and all stakeholders to support and extend the reach of efficient, evidence-based combination prevention efforts;

#### **Agenda item 5: Review of NGO/Civil Society participation in the PCB**

- 7.1 *Takes note* of the report of the independent consultant and *recognizes* the important contribution of civil society to the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board and in the global response to HIV;
- 7.2 *Calls* on Member States to involve representatives of civil society in their national delegations to the Programme Coordinating Board and to facilitate input from and feed-back to civil society on agenda items and decisions; and *to work* with the NGO Delegation and UNAIDS to strengthen communication, between all constituencies, in particular between Board Meetings;
- 7.3 *Requests* UNAIDS Secretariat and Cosponsors to strengthen their collaboration at country, regional and headquarters levels with the NGO Delegation including in cosponsors governing boards; *to continue* the support to the NGO Delegation through the most cost effective approaches including induction of new delegates and the Communications Facility; and *to champion*, in collaboration with Member States, the involvement of civil society in wider global health and development frameworks, in particular the post 2015 agenda;
- 7.4 *Calls* on The Programme Coordinating Board NGO Delegation to respond to the changing global environment and likely post-MDG agenda by developing more systematic and strategic relationships with civil society leaders and delegations of other key HIV mechanisms, especially the Global Fund; and wider health and development initiatives; *to strengthen* its accountability and outreach to wider civil society in countries and regions; and *to explore* cost effective approaches to build capacity and ensure the institutional memory within the NGO Delegation;

## **Agenda item 6: Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group (MERG)**

8. *Takes note of the report;*

## **Agenda item 7: Next Programme Coordinating Board meetings**

- 9.1 *Agrees* that the themes for the 33rd Programme Coordinating Board meeting be “HIV and young people” and “Strategic use of ARVs for treatment and prevention of HIV”;
- 9.2 *Further agrees* to request the Programme Coordinating Board Bureau to take appropriate and timely steps to ensure that due process is followed in the call for themes for the 34th and 35th Programme Coordinating Board meetings, as necessary;
- 9.3 *Agrees* on the dates for the 36<sup>th</sup> (9-11 June 2015) and the 37th (8-10 December 2015) meetings of the Programme Coordinating Board;

## **Agenda item 8: Election of Officers**

- 10.1 *Elects* India as Chair, Australia as Vice-Chair and Congo as Rapporteur for the period 1 January to 31 December 2013;
- 10.2 *Approves* the new Programme Coordinating Board NGO delegation as follows:  
Europe: European AIDS Treatment Group, Macedonia and Eurasian Harm Reduction Network, Lithuania. North America: Housing Works, United States of America.

## **Agenda item 9: Any other business**

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