



PROGRAMME COORDINATING BOARD

Seventeenth meeting
Geneva, 27–29 June 2005

DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

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

1. The Programme Coordinating Board adopted the provisional agenda.

Agenda item 1.2: Election of Officers

2. Brazil was elected as Chair, ... as Vice-Chair and ... as Rapporteur of the 17th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board.

Agenda item 1.3: Consideration of the reports of the fifteenth and sixteenth meetings

3. The Programme Coordinating Board adopted the reports of the 15th and 16th meetings.

Agenda item 1.4: Report of the Executive Director

4. Taking note of the achievements of UNAIDS during the last biennium, and recognising the many continuing challenges for the response to AIDS and for UNAIDS, the Programme Coordinating Board:

4.1 supports UNAIDS' efforts to advocate for increased resources to be devoted to the response to AIDS, and to explore innovative options for expanding the funding base, nationally and internationally;

4.2 further supports UNAIDS' efforts to identify the obstacles to effective AIDS programme implementation and to support countries in overcoming such obstacles, through its Technical Support Facilities, the brokering of horizontal cooperation, the strengthening of UNAIDS own capacity in this area, and working with donors to articulate further the nature and scale of the problem, and how policies and programmes can be refined;

4.3 encourages UNAIDS to strengthen its support for the greater coherence and accountability of AIDS responses, through the adoption and implementation of the "Three Ones" principles in all countries, the integration of AIDS harmonisation into the broader development agenda while continuing to recognise the exceptionality of AIDS, and the strengthening of greater coordination and alignment of monitoring and evaluation approaches;

4.4 recognising the importance of a comprehensive approach to AIDS, encourages UNAIDS to continue to promote and support countries in the adoption of evidence-informed AIDS strategies, including efforts towards the universal coverage of prevention and treatment services;

4.5 recognising the equal importance of ensuring a sustained response to the global AIDS epidemic, encourages UNAIDS to further articulate the long term impact of AIDS and to promote and support initiatives that tackle the enduring obstacles to development caused by AIDS itself, such as orphans and the stripping of human and institutional capacity, and;

4.6 encourages UNAIDS to continue to mobilise a truly inclusive response to AIDS including the promotion and facilitation of the inclusion of civil society in national and international responses to AIDS, and the mobilisation of greater management support for civil society organisations in grant application and programme implementation.

Agenda item 1.5: Report by the Chairperson of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations

5. Noting with appreciation the Report by the Chairperson of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations, the Programme Coordinating Board:

5.1 welcomes the joint programme-wide initiatives undertaken by UNAIDS, led by the Secretariat and/or various Cosponsors, and notes their key achievements and multisectoral activities in the field of AIDS, and;

5.2 urges the Cosponsors and Secretariat to continue to strengthen the UNAIDS partnership, especially at country level, and thereby contribute to a comprehensive response to AIDS.

Agenda item 1.6: Report by the Nongovernmental Representative

6. The Programme Coordinating Board welcomes the report of the nongovernmental organizations.

Agenda item 2: Follow-up to March 9, 2005 meeting “Making the Money Work”: Report of the Global Task Team on Improving AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions & International Donors

7. Taking note of the rapid, high-level and highly participatory work of the ad-hoc Global Task Team on Improving AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions and International Donors, the Programme Coordinating Board:

7.1 endorses the complete set of recommendations contained in the 13 June final report of the Global Task Team;

7.2 requests the UNAIDS Cosponsors and Secretariat to implement the Global Task Team recommendations – within the specified timeframes – that relate directly to the work of the Joint Programme;

7.3 approves the global division of labour of UNAIDS Cosponsors and Secretariat;

7.4 approves the expansion and refocusing of UNAIDS Programme Acceleration Funds so they enable the UN system and others to scale up the provision and facilitation of technical support, as proposed by the UNAIDS Secretariat;

7.5 urges the board members of UNAIDS Cosponsors, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and other multilateral institutions to bring the Global Task Team recommendations to these boards for endorsement, and;

7.6 urges relevant bilateral organizations and institutions to endorse and implement the alignment and harmonization arrangements detailed in the Global Task Team recommendations.

Agenda item 3: UNAIDS Policy Position Paper; Intensifying HIV Prevention

8. Welcoming the action taken by UNAIDS on the decision of its 16th Programme Coordinating Board meeting in December 2004 for UNAIDS to engage in the development of a policy position paper for intensifying HIV prevention, the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board:

8.1 expresses satisfaction with the extent and range of consultations in which UNAIDS has engaged in the development of the UNAIDS Policy Position Paper; Intensifying HIV Prevention;

8.2 endorses the UNAIDS Policy Position Paper; Intensifying HIV prevention;

8.3 encourages UNAIDS to strengthen its support both to global and national efforts at intensifying HIV prevention as part of a comprehensive response to AIDS;

8.4 urges UNAIDS to take the lead in the process of intensifying HIV prevention on the basis of proposals made in section 4 of the policy position paper and the UNAIDS Secretariat in coordinating this intensification;

8.5 encourages UNAIDS to prepare an action plan to further harmonise and coordinate its efforts to intensify HIV prevention through a clear division of responsibilities between the UNAIDS Cosponsors and Secretariat, as well as with other national and global stakeholders, and inform the Programme Coordinating Board of this action plan by December 2005, and;

8.6 requests UNAIDS to provide a progress report in June 2006 on UNAIDS' efforts to intensify HIV prevention.

Agenda item 4: UNAIDS Unified Budget and Workplan 2006-2007

9. The Programme Coordinating Board:

9.1 expresses its satisfaction with the success of the Cosponsors and Secretariat in responding fully to the decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board and further improving the Unified Budget and Workplan 2006-2007, by setting out clearly the contributions of UNAIDS to the global response and bringing further strategic coherence to work planning and budgeting;

9.2 commends UNAIDS for strengthening the results-based management framework of the Unified Budget and Workplan 2006-2007, making it a more user-friendly and transparent document and a better tool for accountability; and notes with satisfaction the inclusion of results and corresponding indicators of achievement at the level of the Joint Programme as a whole and at the level of individual Cosponsors and the Secretariat;

9.3 recognizes that the Unified Budget and Workplan 2006-2007 is a prime example of United Nations' reform in action;

9.4 notes with satisfaction the increases in the Cosponsors' own resources for AIDS for global and regional activities and planned country level resources, all of which are tangible expressions of their increased capacity, commitment and action to fight AIDS;

9.5 endorses the strategies and approaches contained in the Unified Budget and Workplan 2006-2007, in particular its emphasis on helping to enable countries to scale up the national response to the epidemic;

9.6 approves the core budget of US\$320.5 million and the proposed distribution of those resources as follows: US\$120.7 million for Cosponsors; US\$115.4 million for the Secretariat; and US\$84.4 million for interagency activities;

9.7 appreciates the progress made by Cosponsors to improve the congruence between their own agencies' internal planning, programming, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation and reporting systems on AIDS and the Unified Budget and Workplan 2006-2007, and requests that they pursue further efforts in this regard, and;

9.8 recognizes that the approval of this Unified Budget and Workplan 2006-2007 implies a moral responsibility for all countries to fully fund it, in accordance with the principle of burden-sharing.

Agenda item 5: United Nations Strategic Framework on HIV and AIDS 2006-2010

10. Recognizing the importance of strengthening commitment and expanding action of the United Nations system in response to AIDS, the Programme Coordinating Board:

10.1 welcomes the efforts of the United Nations system organisations to continue working together as a system under one framework, in line with the Millennium Development Goals and Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS;

10.2 commends the progress made by the Cosponsors, other UN system organisations and the UNAIDS Secretariat on the development of the United Nations System Strategic Framework on HIV and AIDS 2006-2010;

10.3 urges the United Nations system organizations to mainstream AIDS in their global, regional and national plans and programmes, and to direct their country offices to support national programmes, and;

10.4 endorses the overall content and strategic direction of the United Nations System Strategic Framework on HIV and AIDS 2006-2010, and encourages urgent implementation of the United Nations System Strategic Framework on HIV and AIDS 2006-2010 and individual organizational strategic plans on AIDS.

Agenda item 6.1: Progress on implementation of the “Three Ones”

11. Noting with satisfaction the progress made on the implementation of the “Three Ones” principles at country level, the Programme Coordinating Board:

11.1 expresses appreciation for UNAIDS' continuing efforts for country level harmonization and alignment of aid through strengthening national leadership, involvement of civil society and coordination among all stakeholders;

11.2 requests UNAIDS to take the lead in developing the required links between the Global Task Team recommendations and “Three Ones” implementation at country level;

11.3 encourages UNAIDS to identify human, technical and financial resources, including the technical support facilities and civil society, to support “Three Ones” implementation;

11.4 endorses the areas of action proposed in the progress report, and;

11.5 requests regular updates on progress in implementing the “Three Ones” principles at country level.

Agenda item 6.2: AIDS and Security

No decisions expected.

Agenda item 6.3: Interim Financial Management Information for the 2004-2005 Biennium and Financial Update as at 31 March 2005

No decisions expected.

Agenda item 7: Next PCB meeting

12. The Programme Coordinating Board reconfirms its decision from the 14th meeting that the 18th Programme Coordinating Board meeting will be held on 27-28 June 2006, in Geneva.

Agenda item 8: Any other business

No decisions expected.

Agenda item 9: Adoption of decisions, recommendations and conclusions

13. The Programme Coordinating Board adopts the decisions, recommendations and conclusions of the 17th Programme Coordinating Board meeting.
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