

UNAIDS Second Independent Evaluation
Oversight Committee

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From the Oversight Committee Chair
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Dear Stakeholders,

The Oversight Committee (OC) had its second meeting in Geneva on 15-16 July 2008 and I wish to provide you with an update on the progress that has been made on the UNAIDS Second Independent Evaluation (SIE).

The tendering process for the selection of the Evaluation Team was completed prior to the OC meeting and the winning bid was established by the tender evaluation panel led by UNOPS. At the meeting, the OC carefully reviewed the winning bid and concluded that the selection process met the required standards of independence and impartiality, and produced a quality bid with a competent Evaluation Team. The OC has therefore submitted to the PCB its recommendation for the Evaluation team.

We are presently awaiting an early endorsement by the PCB of the recommended Evaluation Team, in order to meet the tight evaluation timeframe. Once the timeline is adhered to, the Evaluation Team is scheduled to begin their work in August and to produce an Inception Report by early September.

The Inception Report provides the overall concept, design and detailed workplan for the Evaluation. The OC is planning wide consultations on the Inception Report, and in order to facilitate these consultations, will widely disseminate the Inception Report through the OC Webpage, email address, and mailing lists.

The objectives of the consultations are:

- i) to review the design and methodology of the Inception Report to ensure the proposed approach achieves the purpose of the Evaluation;
- ii) to involve a wide range of stakeholders in order to generate quality information for the Evaluation;
- iii) to foster ownership of the Evaluation process and findings of the Report.

Further information on the Evaluation Team and stakeholder consultations on the Inception Report will follow when confirmation is received.

In addition, the OC is planning to hold a representative stakeholder workshop with the Evaluation Team on the Inception Report in Geneva on 15-17 September 2008. Details

on the purpose, proposed participants, agenda, themes, structure, and venue will be provided to you in early August.

The Oversight Committee is pleased to welcome Anandi Yuvaraj from India as our new Member, replacing Jacqueline Cortes, who resigned to accept an assignment with UNAIDS. Anandi brings a wide range of experience and knowledge to the Committee, and we look forward to her participation.

Now that the Evaluation is underway, we wish to reiterate that we welcome your contributions and again urge you to contact us with any comments, suggestions, queries, or requests at the telephone, fax or email address noted above.

Catherine Hodgkin
Chair
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