



Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS  
Oversight Committee

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Coordinating Board

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Your Excellency

On behalf of the Oversight Committee, I am pleased to submit our report on the Second Independent Evaluation. The Report informs on how the Oversight Committee fulfilled its responsibility to the Programme Coordinating Board to ensure a credible and independent evaluation process, and a high quality, forward-looking evaluation report relevant to the future of UNAIDS.

The OC Report provides details on how the Committee interpreted their mandate and dealt with critical factors deemed to be essential to fulfil this mandate, including the approach taken to quality assurance in reviewing evaluation outputs, in particular the draft Evaluation Report.

Finally, the Report reflects on lessons learned and best practices drawn from our experience in managing the oversight function. We hope these observations will be useful to stakeholders in planning future evaluations of the complexity of this Second Independent Evaluation.

Members of the Oversight Committee, were not fully prepared for the extent of the time and tasks required for serving on the Committee. However the members of the Committee rose to meet this challenge and made a consistent contribution. All agree that the experience has been enriching and rewarding, and well worth the effort if their endeavours contribute to a stronger UNAIDS that can meet future challenges. We feel that the Final Report of the Evaluation Team has justified our commitment, and look forward to the discussions at the PCB meeting in December.

cc: Michel Sidibé, Executive Director, UNAIDS, Geneva

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On my own behalf, I was honoured to have been selected by the PCB as Chair of the Committee. It has been a responsibility that has led me to better appreciate the formidable tasks facing UNAIDS. I am grateful for the opportunity to make a contribution that should help the programme to meet the challenges it faces in continuing to provide leadership in confronting the AIDS pandemic.

I would also like to express my appreciation for the support the Oversight Committee, and myself as Chair have received from you and your predecessor, from the PCB, and from other stakeholders who worked with the OC to fulfil its mandate.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catherine Hodgkin" with a small flourish at the end.

Catherine Hodgkin  
Chair, Oversight Committee