



**29<sup>th</sup> UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board Meeting**  
**Talking Points**  
**NGO Delegate for Asia and the Pacific**

**4. Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS**

The NGO Delegation commends the work of the Secretariat and Cosponsors to follow-up on the recommendations of the Second Independent Evaluation (SIE), particularly those with regards to partnership with civil society, issues of governance, the united budget and workplan, human resources, and technical support.

While we note significant progress on all recommendations, we look forward to seeing the work that remains on some activities related to various recommendations made by the SIE and taken forward to ensure that the intent of each individual recommendation is fully realised.

We can appreciate the need to finalise the implementation of the recommendations, but urge the Secretariat to afford the follow-up on the recommendations the attention that it deserves in order to ensure that the SIE is truly a platform for change as envisioned.

The NGO Delegation received the SIE recommendations very eagerly, as we saw it as an opportunity to improve the working of the PCB and the effectiveness and efficiency of the Joint Programme. We recognized that as good governance members, we needed to promote the principles of accountability, oversight, and transparency in the way that the SIE was handled. For our constituency, it also meant that we needed to ensure that any changes at UNAIDS have impacts in the daily lives of individuals living with, at risk of, vulnerable to, and affected by HIV.

In terms of governance, we note that the changes in the mission and vision of the organization, as well as in the revised Strategic Plan, chart the course for us to turn the tide in the AIDS response. We particularly commend the endorsement of a bold vision to achieve zero discrimination and the elevation of protecting and promoting human rights of people living with HIV and key populations and key affected groups in the work of the UNAIDS Joint Programme.

We also note that the evaluation findings pointed out the limitations of how the UNAIDS structure makes it difficult for the PCB to provide true oversight, particularly because of the lack of formal mechanisms between the PCB and the governing bodies of the cosponsoring organizations. With this regard, we note the suggested decision point to agree with the revisions to the Programme Coordinating Board Modus Operandi as contained in Annex 1. We support this decision point, as we believe that these changes will help the Cosponsors to ensure that the relevant objectives and indicators agreed in UNAIDS global level results frameworks are incorporated in the corporate results framework, or equivalent, of each cosponsor.

In addition, we commend the Secretariat and Cosponsors for their diligent work on the Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework (UBRAF) to ensure that allocations across the joint programme should be based on performance and epidemic priorities, as opposed to entitlement and pro-rata increases. The ultimate goal of UNAIDS is to have impact in the daily lives of individuals living with, at risk of, vulnerable to, and affected by HIV. That means that impact has to be local.

We hope that the new format of the UBRAF will indeed be a tool to promote transparency and accountability of the joint programme and appreciate the effort to show the funding breakdown at regional level in an effort to illustrate that resources will be invested where they are required most and that country-level support is central to the joint programme. We appreciate efforts to include more explicit indicator-based reporting by the Secretariat and Cosponsors on the resourcing and engagement of civil society within the UBRAF and note with appreciation the commitment of the Secretariat to work with civil society going forward to ensure that adequate indicators are developed and captured in the UBRAF to monitor effective resourcing and engagement of civil society at all levels. My colleague will make further comments on this issue under the UBRAF agenda item later.