Provisional Agenda
UNAIDS Reference Group on HIV and Human Rights
Ninth Meeting
24-26 November 2008
Kofi A. Annan Conference Room
UNAIDS/WHO Building, Geneva

In 2008, twelve years into the existence of UNAIDS and at a time of change in its leadership, this meeting of the UNAIDS Reference Group on HIV and Human Rights focuses on taking stock of what the UNAIDS programme should be doing to support a rights-based response to HIV, and how it should best be doing it. The output of this meeting will form a set of recommendations to the incoming Executive Director of UNAIDS and also be made available to the team responsible for carrying out the Second Independent Evaluation of UNAIDS. The agenda is organized by some of the key themes to be addressed in the briefing to aid in discussions around recommendations to the incoming Executive Director.

Monday 24 November

Opening and introductions; dialogue with UNAIDS Executive Director
Chair: Mark Heywood

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome: introduction of new members, purpose of meeting
Mark Heywood, Chair of the Reference Group

9:15 – 10:30 Dialogue with UNAIDS Executive Director Peter Piot – human rights priorities for UNAIDS and the response to HIV

10:30 – 10:50 Coffee break

Review of agenda and preliminary consideration of draft outcome document
Chair: Michael Kirby and Mark Heywood

10:50 – 11:00 Review of agenda
Mark Heywood

Overview of human rights challenges and strategies of the UNAIDS Programme

11:00 – 12:25 Discussion on scope and content of outline of recommendations to the incoming UNAIDS Executive Director, with view to considering Peter Piot’s comments, preparing for rest of meeting (including meeting with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights), and for the Jonathan Mann event
Susan Timberlake (UNAIDS)(10 minutes); discussion
Dialogue with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
Chair: Michael Kirby

13:30 – 14:00 Preparation for discussion with Navi Pillay
Michael Kirby; Abigail Noko (OHCHR)(10 minutes)

14:00 – 15:00 Dialogue with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee Break

Overview of developments since last meeting
Chair: Sofia Gruskin

15:15 – 16:30 Update on recommendations raised at the last meeting, and developments in UNDP and in the UNAIDS Secretariat
Mandeep Dhaliwal (UNDP) and Susan Timberlake (UNAIDS)(15 minutes); discussion

Key developments since last meeting
Mary-Ann Torres (High Level Meeting); Jonathan Cohen (World AIDS Campaign); Susan Timberlake (International Task Team on HIV-related Travel Restrictions); Ralf Jurgens (AIDS 2008, Mexico): each to speak 5 minutes on major strategic points/challenges emerging

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17:00 Opening: Peter Piot (Executive Director, UNAIDS)
17:15 Film screening: A tribute to Jonathan Mann and his work (Staffan Hildebrand/Face of AIDS)
17:30 Keynote: Michael Kirby on Jonathan Mann and his contributions to health and human rights
17:45 Informal Sofa Talk 1 (Moderator: Kevin De Cock) – Jonathan Mann: his life and legacy
(Sofia Gruskin, Teguest Guerma, Bila Kapita, Daniel Tarantola)
Discussion and questions with audience
19:00 Informal Sofa Talk 2 (Moderator: Jonathan Cohen) – Ten years later: HIV, human rights and public health - some critical concerns (Robert Carr, Michaela Clayton, Mark Heywood, Anastasia Kamlyk)
Discussion and questions with audience

20:00 Closing Hiroki Nakatani (WHO)
Cocktail reception to follow

Tuesday 25 November

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9:00 – 9:15 Summary of key points from previous day's discussions
Michael Kirby

Human Rights-based Responses to HIV
Chair: Daniel Tarantola

9:15 – 10:30 Programming to support human rights in national AIDS responses -
Susan Timberlake (UNAIDS) – overview of guidance materials and strategies to date (10 minutes); discussion
Issue Paper 2: Programming to support human rights in national AIDS responses

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:00 Focus on prevention and intersections with human rights (combination prevention, social change communication, most at risk populations)
Michael Bartos (UNAIDS); Robert Carr (10 minutes); discussion
Issue Paper 3: Focus on prevention and intersections with human rights

12:00 – 12:30 Expanding availability of testing and counselling
Donna Higgins, Amolo Okero (WHO) (10 minutes); discussion

12:30 – 13:45 Lunch

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Human Rights-based Responses to HIV (continued)
Chair: Joe Amon

13:45 – 15:00 Promoting gender equality
Mandeep Dhaliwal (UNDP), Kristan Schoultz (UNAIDS)(10 minutes); discussion

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee Break
15:15 – 16:30 Universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support – two years to go
Jantine Jacobi (UNAIDS) (10 minutes), Igor Toskin (UNAIDS) and Sofia Gruskin (10 minutes); discussion

**Issue Paper 4: Mechanisms for monitoring progress towards universal access**

**Addressing the legal environment**
Chair: Jonathan Cohen

16:30 – 17:45 HIV legislation (including criminalization of transmission, criminalization of key populations-at-risk)
Béchir N’Daw (UNDP), Susan Timberlake (UNAIDS) (15 minutes); discussion

**Issue Paper 5: Guidance note on HIV and law**

17:45 – 18:00 Close of day

19:30 SOCIAL DINNER (restaurant to be announced)

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**Wednesday 26 November**

**UNAIDS staff capacity in relation to human rights**
Chair: Michaela Clayton

9:00 – 10:00 Staff capacity: role of and core competencies of UNAIDS staff in relation to human rights, Susan Timberlake (UNAIDS), Mandeep Dhaliwal (UNDP) (10 minutes); discussion

**Reference Group issues**

10:00 – 11:00 Reference Group issues
Susan Timberlake and Ralf Jurgens (10 minutes); discussion

**Issue Paper 6**

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

**Summary of key recommendations; closing remarks**
Chair: Michael Kirby

11:15 – 11:30 Overview of key recommendations
Michael Kirby (10 minutes); discussion

11:30 – 12:30 Closing discussion and wrap up
Michel Sidibe, Deputy Executive Director (UNAIDS)(tbc)