

Teleconference Executive Committee (Ex.Com. No 11 - 19.09.06)  
DRAFT Minutes

Attended:	Not able to attend:	Secretariat
Giorgio Roscigno Jeremiah Chakaya Irene Koek (Chair) Mario Raviglione (partial) Ken Castro	Peter Small Roberto Tapia	Marcos Espinal Louise Baker Valérie Diaz Robert Matiru (partial)
Minutes on discussions	Decision	Action
<b>1) Preparations for Jakarta</b>		
The discussion focused on the agenda of the 11 <sup>th</sup> Stop TB Coordinating Board meeting, to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 29-30 November 2006.		
A meeting of South-East Asia Region Partners for TB Control meeting will be held in conjunction with the Board meeting the week of 27 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> November.  The outcomes from this meeting will form the basis for an "Asia TB Action Plan".  The Chair presented an overview of the Coordinating Board Meeting by session.  The Ex. Com welcomed the agenda but made several recommendations on the agenda items and time allocation.  The Chair suggested updates on the following items: ACSM activities, DOTS Expansion Core Group Meeting in Paris (UNION Conference), Africa and the Partners' Forum.	Ex. Com decided to include the additional agenda items as proposed.  Ex. Com agreed to also include discussions on GLC/UNITAID and GFATM - notably under the XDR TB discussions.  Ex. Com requested that the "Call to Stop TB in Asia" should not be a declaration of emergency.  Ex. Com instructed that decision points in Jakarta be made more specific and based on deliverables.	Update the draft agenda and circulate to Ex. Com and then to Board [ME]  Discuss with SEAR/WPR to ensure wide "Asia" focus [MR]  Provide Ex. Comm with an advanced copy of the draft "Call to Stop TB in Asia". [ME]
<b>2) MOU with the World Economic Forum</b>		
The Secretariat presented an overview of a draft MOU between the Stop TB Partnership and the World Economic Forum.		
This is a non-binding, non-exclusive MOU to formalize the existing relationship between the World Economic Forum and the Partnership. The Ex. Com requested an additional bullet point be added "acknowledging" the role of the Partnership.	Ex. Com decided the Executive Secretary could sign the MOU on behalf of the Stop TB Partnership.	Arrange amendment, sign MOU. [ME]
<b>3) XDR-TB Meeting</b>		
A meeting on XDR TB was held in Johannesburg, South Africa 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2006		

<p>The Ex. Com were updated on the discovery of a cluster of XDR-TB cases found in a KwaZulu-Natal hospital in South Africa during the period January 2005 - March 2006. The cluster is characterized by extremely high mortality rates. 52 of 53 patients died on average within 25 days from sputum collection. Of the 44 tested for HIV, all were positive. 15 of those were on antiretroviral treatment and died. At least 2 were health workers.</p> <p>A seven point action plan emerged and a Global Task Force is to be established.</p>	<p>The Ex. Com agreed that the partnership should provide support to countries and technical agencies (led by WHO) who are coordinating the international response.</p>	<p>Send information update to all partners informing them on the XDR-TB situation. [ME]</p> <p>Place XDR TB information on the Stop TB website.[ME]</p>
<p><b>4) Political Advocacy for Resource Mobilization Grant:</b></p>		
<p>WHO/Stop TB Partnership Secretariat will receive a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation over 3-years to support political advocacy for resource mobilization activities.</p>		
<p>The Secretariat introduced the key components of the grant and called for Ex. Com and Board support in identifying suitable candidates for key positions to be supported under the grant.</p> <p>A Senior Strategic Adviser will work closely with the Executive Secretary and the Director of the Stop TB Department to strategically boost TB on the political and development agenda.</p> <p>The position will be advertised on the WHO website and in the media soon.</p>	<p>Ex. Com agreed the Board should be informed of this position and asked to provide inputs on potential candidates..</p>	<p>Circulate TORs of the Senior Strategic Adviser position to Board members and request input on suitable candidates. [ME]</p>
<p><b>5) GDF Update</b></p>		
<p>The Executive Secretary updated the Ex. Comm on Global Drug Facility (GDF) issues</p>		
<p>GDF has been engaged with UNITAID. The launch was held in New York on 19 September 2006. The MOU is ready between WHO and UNITAID countries. WHO will host the UNITAID Secretariat for one year.</p> <p>A teleconference with the candidates for the GDF Business Advisory Committee will be held soon.</p> <p>The financial situation with GDF has stabilized but additional resources are still required to fully implement future commitments.</p>	<p>Ex. Com welcomed the fact that TB pediatric drugs are part of the UNITAID process.</p> <p>Ex. Com agreed the Secretariat should continue negotiating with CIDA for additional funds and with GFATM for the 5<sup>th</sup> round grant.</p>	<p>Confirm and inform Ex. Com if GLC 2<sup>nd</sup> line drugs are included in the UNITAID process. [GDF/GLC]</p>
<p><b>6) Status report from Abuja</b></p>		

Summary on the Action Plan of the 10th Stop TB Coordinating Board meeting in Abuja.		
N/A	Ex. Com decided there should be a more accurate measurement scale and that decision points should be more focused on deliverables.	Update Abuja Action Plan and include in Jakarta Board file. [ME]
<b>7) Visit by Stop TB to UN Special Envoy in Lisbon</b>		
Update on the visit to Lisbon of the Executive Secretary and Director, Stop TB Department for discussions with Jorge Sampaio.		
Former Portuguese President Jorge Sampaio is the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy to Stop TB. Meetings were held with the Special Envoy to discuss future collaboration.  Additionally, Ex. Sec and Director Stop TB met with Portuguese government officials from the MoH, Development Cooperation and Gulbenkian Foundation.	Ex. Com agreed Board members should all be informed about the Special Envoy's activities.	Final calendar of events for Special Envoy Sampaio to be circulated to all Board members. [ME]