

**Executive Committee Call  
18 October 2018  
Minutes**

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat
Joanne Carter (Vice-Chair) & Selamawit Bekele Timur Abdullaev Erika Arthun Pierre Blais Amy Bloom Paula Fujiwara Christian Gunneberg (for Tereza Kasaeva) Nalini Lachance Nyma Malik Aaron Oxley Victor Ramathesele Cheri Vincent	Austin Obiefuna David Lewinsohn	Lucica Ditiu Jenniffer Dietrich Suvanand Sahu
Minutes of Discussion		Outcome(s)
<b>1. 31<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting: Agenda</b>		
<p>The Executive Director went through the detailed Board agenda explaining the highlights of the content. She requested Executive Committee members to note any concerns and provide feedback. It was pointed out that each of the post-UNHLM topics would include intervention from a Minister:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. maintaining the momentum beyond the UNHLM on TB</li> <li>2. keeping the promises (accountability)</li> <li>3. investing the funds needed</li> <li>4. treat all people, with respect and new tools</li> </ol> <p>Executive Committee members' comments were along the following lines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the report of the Executive Director, it would be great to highlight the significance of the UNHLM in creating a bigger landscape for TB, as well as for the future work of the Partnership</li> <li>• To think more on the facilitation of the accountability session, and also the specifics of the proposal to come forward (who and how it will be developed);</li> <li>• Focus on more strategic discussions of the future of TB REACH. This was echoed by other committee members stressing that understanding the impact of TB REACH to date will help in discussing the future;</li> <li>• the reinvigorated civil society community presents a revitalized landscape, to which it would also be important to hear from the Secretariat about what shape their work together will take in the future.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Executive Committee approved the Board content agenda and provided some points for the Secretariat's consideration.</li> </ul>

<p><b>2. Governance: Board Membership – Open Seats</b></p>	
<p>The Governance and Board Relations Officer briefed the committee on the discussion document for Open Seats and discussed the various groups and sectors that are not yet represented on the Board, as well as sectors that are insufficiently represented. The Officer also mentioned the two Open Seats that are currently available are not new seats, instead they have always been part of the Board and unoccupied. Executive Committee members had various comments focusing on how to maximize representation on the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• within a constituency, participation should be encouraged to other similar groups in order to increase representation (without the need for another Board seat);</li> <li>• the Board could benefit from more representatives from UN agencies; for this, the suggestion is to form one (non-voting) general UN seat available to various UN organizations and these organizations could then rotate their joint representative;</li> <li>• analyze how to bring in more representation through some mechanism without increasing much the Board size;</li> <li>• the Post-UNHLM landscape might make it compelling to bring other influential players in the TB world into the Board;</li> <li>• it is essential to focus on groups that are already engaged in TB, rather than expecting that Board membership will engage them afterwards in TB.</li> </ul> <p>The Executive Director highlighted that the biggest upcoming challenges are the funding, accountability and communities, which she explained are the bottlenecks in TB. The Secretariat looks at the regional financial institutions as a sector to help tackle, for example, one of those three challenges.</p> <p>In terms of observers, Japan has requested to attend the Board meeting as an observer (they used to be a donor to the Partnership in the past).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Executive Committee acknowledged that although the size of the Board should not increase, it is important to give representation to more groups.</li> <li>• The Executive Committee agreed to invite representatives of some sectors as observers to the next Board meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Global Fund Strategy Committee</b></p>	
<p>Due to time constraints, the Secretariat proposed to organize a separate conference call for the Executive Committee to discuss Global Fund matters, both Strategic Committee decisions and upcoming Board meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Secretariat will follow up with a calendar invite.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. AOB</b></p>	
<p>Next Executive Committee Conference Call will be on Wednesday, 21 November 2018.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stop TB Secretariat will send a calendar invite.</li> </ul>