

Teleconference Executive Committee (ExCom. No 12 - 21.11.06)  
Minutes

Attended:	Not able to attend:	Secretariat
Mario Raviglione Irene Koek Giorgio Roscigno Peter Small Jeremiah Chakaya Ken Castro	Roberto Tapia	Marcos Espinal Louise Baker Robert Matiru
Minutes on discussions	Decision	Action
<b>1) GDF Financial Forecast and Requirements</b>		
In view of recent discussions concerning possible cuts in CIDA funding and the implications for GDF and other partnership operations, the Executive Committee discussed strategic approaches to the Government of Canada.		
<p>The GDF Manager updated the Executive Committee on the current status of CIDA; including advocacy by partners so far (including letters by WHO and advocacy through parliamentarians).</p> <p>Some progress appears to have been made with regard to GDF funding for 2006. If the basic commitment of 10 million CAD is received soon all back orders can be paid for.</p> <p>However, GDF has requested a minimum of 5 million CAD to enable further orders to be placed. GDF has provided, on request of CIDA, a cash flow that outlines current and future operational constraints.</p> <p>WHO informed Ex Comm that CIDA is considering reverting to original funding levels for technical assistance through partners (WHO, KNCV and Union) in 2006.</p> <p>Ex. Comm considered the implication of potential CIDA cuts on countries and whether it was opportune to inform countries of funding issues.</p> <p>Ex. Comm also discussed whether additional grass roots advocacy in Canada was required at this point to fully address policy makers.</p>	<p>Ex. Comm confirmed the critical importance of CIDA funding for GDF and partnership operations.</p> <p>Ex. Comm decided GDF should refrain from informing countries about potential supply difficulties until deadline for transfer of funds passes.</p> <p>Ex. Comm recognized the nature of GDF funding from Canada and decided to dedicate special attention to advocacy, including at grass roots level if required, with the new Canadian government during 2006.</p> <p>The Ex. Comm agreed a HLM mission to Canada would be welcome. President Sampaio should be requested to participate along with Board/Ex. Comm members.</p> <p>The Ex. Comm believes that the visit should take place prior to the IAS Toronto conference in mid August 2006.</p>	<p>GDF to follow up with CIDA and inform them of a clear deadline for transfer of funds – after which time countries would need to be informed [ME/RM]</p> <p>Letter to CIDA President to include ref. to HLM with President Sampaio [ME/LB]</p> <p>Teleconference with CIDA Board member to keep them informed of Partnership position [IK/ME]</p> <p>Calls Canadian based partners on CIDA follow up [ME/SEC]</p> <p>Follow up with ACSM WG re. GDF Resource Mobilization in general [ME/LB]</p>
<b>2).Fall Coordinating Board meeting (2006)</b>		

The Ex. Comm discussed the request of Indonesia to move the dates of the Autumn 2006 Coordinating Board meeting.

The Ex. Secretary informed Ex. Comm about a proposal to move the dates of the Autumn Board meeting to the week of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

The Ex. Secretary outlined concerns that this week is:

- 1) Immediately following the long American Thanksgiving holiday weekend.
- 2) Very late in the year
- 3) The same week as World AIDS day
- 4) Subject to further change if Indonesia faces additional urgent health crises.

The Ex. Comm discussed alternative times and venues.

The Ex. Comm expressed their empathy with the Ministry of Health in Indonesia in view of the considerable number of health emergencies currently faced by the country.

The Ex. Comm confirmed their wish to hold the Autumn CB meeting 2006 in Indonesia, subject to the final agreement of the Government of Indonesia.

The Ex. Comm agreed to hold the CB meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia in the week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

Contact the Government of Indonesia confirming Ex Comm agrees, on behalf of the CB to dates in the period 29<sup>th</sup> November- 1<sup>st</sup> December 2006 – ensure the Government of Indonesia is clear that these dates are now fixed. The CB would reserve the right to change venue should these dates be further amended. [ME]

### 3). Role of the UN Special Envoy

Ex. Comm discussed the proposed schedule of visits for the UN Special Envoy to Stop TB.

No major issues requiring decision were presented to the Ex. Comm.

Discussion focused on the wish expressed by the Special Envoy to target his visits schedule to meetings with Heads of State and government and leaders of major agencies.

The Ex. Comm welcomed the appointment of the Special Envoy and endorsed the schedule of visits.

The Ex. Comm agreed that deployment of the Special Envoy must be strategic to avoid over exposure.

The Executive Secretary and Director, Stop TB WHO to visit Lisbon to agree final annual work plan in mid July. [MR/ME]

### 4). Upcoming Advocacy Missions

Ex. Comm discussed the upcoming High Level Mission to Australia.

The Executive Secretary informed the Ex. Comm that the proposed visit to Australia in July 2006 has been postponed to October 2006 to enable the appropriate level of high level meetings with government and parliamentary officials.

The Director, Stop TB WHO informed Ex. Comm that policy papers emerging from AUSAID on development policy and health strategy suggest that support for TB

The Ex. Comm decided that the visit to Australia was critical to advocacy and resource mobilization efforts and welcomes that these meetings will take place later in 2006.

Ensure broad and solid representation from key country, donor and partner agencies on the delegation for this critical mission [ME]

<p>by Australia may be sidelined in favour of a health systems strengthening approach.</p>		
<p><b>5). Action Plan Abuja</b></p>		
<p>The table of follow up actions/status was presented to Ex. Comm for comment.</p>		
<p>The Secretariat presented the format for tracking progress in delivery of Coordinating Board decisions.</p> <p>The Ex. Comm noted with concern that some actions are still pending.</p>	<p>The Ex. Comm welcomed the format but requested a clear definition of the nomenclature of “status” terms.</p> <p>The Ex. Comm requested Board members to follow up on their areas of responsibility.</p> <p>The Ex. Comm welcomed the offer to DOTS Expansion to follow up on its sub-group activities.</p>	<p>Ensure the table is updated and presented at each Ex. Comm [ME/LB]</p>
<p><b>5). Any other issues</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ UNITAID letter - the Chair provided an update on the letter sent regarding advocacy for UNITAID funding of second line drugs to stakeholder governments and thanked Ex. Comm members for their tolerance and support in terms of quick turnaround time.</li> <li>○ Director, Stop TB WHO briefed Ex. Comm about STAG discussions, notably related to support for the creation of a TB Research Movement, as discussed in Abuja</li> <li>○ GLC funding – Ex. Comm requested an update on GLC negotiations with GFATM. [ME] Attached.</li> </ul>		

**Brief Update GLC GFATM FUNDING**

The Round 6 GLC contribution mandated by the GFATM Board will not have any effect until late next year. DFID have agreed to organise a teleconference of interested parties, GFATM secretariat, Stop TB, DFID, USAID (Irene), AusAid to discuss how to proceed with the GFATM Board's instruction to their secretariat to find possible options for R1-5.

This is planned for period 26-30 June 2006. It may be possible to include the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in these discussions. To be explored.