

**Executive Committee Call, 29 June 2017
Minutes**

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat
Joanne Carter (Vice-Chair) & Delia Clayton Paula Fujiwara Nalini Lachance Pierre Blais Austin Obiefuna Aaron Oxley Victor Ramathesele Mario Raviglione Cheri Vincent	Apologies from: Erika Arthun Thokozile Phiri-Nkhoma <i>–phone out of reach</i>	Lucica Ditiu Jenniffer Dietrich Greg Paton
Minutes of Discussion		Outcome(s)
1. Reflections from 29th Coordinating Board Meeting in Berlin		
<p>The Executive Director gave short updates on Decision Points from the Board meeting with important implications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is moving forward to get Stop TB on the UN Interagency Coordination Group on anti-microbial resistance; • The decision point about the dashboard of information from the Global Fund is running into some constrains. However, Stop TB is supporting Global Fund to produce an overview of countries with low absorption rates and poor grant performance; • The Lancet Commission will have its first meeting at the end of July in San Francisco; • The next Board meeting might be during the week of World TB Day – feedback about the suitability of this date was requested. The Minister of Health from India is very engaged, he used a short video from Stop TB’s past Board meeting on his social media channels. The duration might probably be 2 solid days of meetings plus a full day of site visits to see the outstanding work of partners in India; • Follow-up of Decision Points from the Global Fund Session is ongoing together with Global Fund staff, similarly for TB/HIV Decision Points with UNAIDS. <p>The Chair asked if any Executive Committee members will be in Geneva in the coming weeks, to meet with the new WHO DG.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every other Executive Committee call will include a report on progress towards 30th Board Meeting. • The agenda for the next scheduled EC call should include a discussion on the Global Fund’s Concept Note development.
2. Finance Committee: new member		
<p>The Chair of the Finance Committee explained that the nominees for Finance Committee member came from Board members and do not need to be Board members themselves. The Finance Committee discussed which of the three candidates would complement the skills available and fill the gap on skills lacking</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop TB Secretariat to send message to the Board for the approval of the new

<p>on the committee (knowledge of investment sector and risk management). Another factor considered was having different constituencies represented on the Finance Committee. Based on the above, the Committee put forward one candidate for the Executive Committee’s consideration.</p> <p>Executive Committee members said it was encouraging to see highly qualified candidates nominated. The Executive Committee agreed with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and recommends Ms Angela Specht to the Finance Committee for the Board’s approval.</p> <p>Additionally, it was discussed that some matters around the governance of the Finance Committee are not sufficiently outlined in the Governance Manual. Therefore, the Finance Committee requested guidance from the Executive Committee on certain issues.</p>	<p>Finance Committee member.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Finance Committee requested guidance on 2-3 questions from the Executive Committee. • The Executive Committee recommended the Governance Manual be reviewed and a process for this will be proposed.
<p>3. G20 Heads of State Meeting and BRICS meeting in July</p>	
<p>BRICS Meeting of Health Ministers The Executive Director reported that it is not certain yet who will be attending from India or Russia, nor South Africa. The aim is to have language on TB in the communiqué.</p> <p>G20 Heads of State, 7-8 July Stop TB together with the Global TB Caucus sent a letter co-signed by Minister Motsoaledi to all G20 Heads of State, and MoH Mexico wrote back on behalf of the President of Mexico to support the addition of TB into the AMR section of the Heads of State Declaration. It would be great if more countries follow suit, so the support of others on the call to reach out to influencers is highly valuable. It is of course already a good sign from Mexico.</p> <p>Out of the G20 Ministers of Health Meeting in Germany, there is momentum to collaborate with Argentina and the Head of UNITAID to have TB more solid even in the next G20 Declaration in Buenos Aires.</p> <p><u>AMR Research Hub</u> There is a paper circulating by the German Secretariat called “AMR R&D Hub” to participate and join this new funding of AMR. There is no mention of TB or malaria in the document proposing this funding or hub. Fastest step would be to get MDR-TB into the paragraph about AMR on the 2-page document. Special effort should be made to reach out to some states requesting for TB to be included. It might be in Russia’s interest, hosting a Ministerial Conference on TB, to question during the Heads of States Meeting why TB is not included in the paper.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee members to engage their contacts to second Mexico in its motion to have MDR-TB included in the AMR section of the Heads of State Declaration.
<p>4. UN High-Level Meeting</p>	

<p>Following various meetings, discussions and brainstorming in the past weeks (Wilson Park and others), it transpired that the way forward is through the advancement of several “tracks of work” in order to attain a high-quality UNHLM. These “working groups” could be the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engagement in New York 2. Briefing of UN Missions in Geneva and NY 3. Coordination in countries affected by TB and/or politically important states; engaging with civil society and parliamentarians 4. Development of the Modalities document 5. Development of the meeting content and outcomes (the Declaration) 6. Civil Society engagement 7. PR & Communications around the meeting 8. Engagement of private sector 9. Logistics (meeting rooms, travels, ...) <p>As of July 2017, monthly calls will start for information sharing, communication and alignment. The leads of the “tracks”, the Office of UNSG, WHO, PDA, Board leadership, some country and donor representatives will be part of the Coordinating Group. UNOPS Office in New York can support. Civil society is getting organized. Discussions with the Private Sector constituency started.</p> <p>Comments about the Modalities document will be received by email and compiled until 10th July in order to submit as a whole to WHO.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Paper that shows the lead of each of the tracks/working groups and its deliverables. • A Coordinating Group Call will be scheduled for July. • Email was sent to the Board for comments about the Modalities Resolution.
<p>5. AOB</p>	
<p>Next Executive Committee Conference Call will be on 14 July 2017.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop TB Secretariat to send out calendar invite