

Executive Committee Teleconference, 9 May 2016  
Minutes

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat
Joanne Carter (Vice-Chair) & Delia Clayton Erika Arthun Cheryl Boon Paula Fujiwara Austin Obiefuna Victor Ramathesele Mario Raviglione Gloria Wiseman Cheri Vincent & Amy Bloom	Thokozile Phiri-Nkhoma Aaron Oxley Gloria Wiseman	Lucica Ditiu Shirley Bennett
Minutes of Discussion		Outcome
<b>1. Stop TB Partnership 28<sup>th</sup> Coordinating Board meeting – location and dates</b>		
<p>The Stop TB Partnership Secretariat proposed to hold the 28<sup>th</sup> Coordinating Board meeting in New York, United States around the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).</p> <p>The proposed dates for the Board meeting are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday 18 September – constituency meeting and pre-briefings;</li> <li>• Monday 19 – Tuesday 20 September – Coordinating Board meeting.</li> </ul> <p>The Board leadership and leadership of the Finance Committee are available for these dates.</p> <p>The Board meeting would be held after the Global Fund replenishment which will take place on 15-16 September 2016 in Montreal, Canada.</p> <p>The Executive Committee agreed that holding the Coordinating Board meeting in New York around the UNGA presented an advocacy opportunity for the Stop TB Partnership. The Executive Committee expressed concern that the proposed dates may not work for some Board members.</p> <p>An early version of the agenda for the Stop TB Partnership 28<sup>th</sup> Coordinating Board meeting was shared for comment and input. The Executive Committee welcomed the draft and requested a session on the progress of the Global Plan be added to the draft agenda. The Executive Committee also suggested that the session on brainstorming on resource mobilization, scheduled for 18 September 2016 be well facilitated.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Executive Committee welcomed the suggestion of holding the 28<sup>th</sup> Coordinating Board meeting in New York.</li> <li>• The Executive Committee asked the Secretariat to reach out to Board members to ensure a quorum of members would be able to attend the Coordinating Board meeting if it were held on 18-20 September 2016 in New York.</li> <li>• Secretariat to make the suggested changes to the draft agenda.</li> </ul>

2. Stop TB Partnership Working Groups, Work Plans 2016	
<p>The Work Plan process outlined in the Working Group SOPs requests that the Executive Committee provide feedback on the Work Plans to Working Groups via the Partnership Secretariat.</p> <p>The Work Plans of 8 Working Groups were shared with the Executive Committee for feedback (Work Plans for the following Working Groups: (i) GDI Working Group; (ii) GLI Working Group; (iii) Childhood TB Sub-group; (iv) PPM Working Group; (v) End TB Transmission Initiative WP Budget; (vi) New Diagnostic WG Work Plan; (vii) Working Group New Drugs; and (viii) Working Group on New Vaccines).</p> <p>The Executive Committee welcomed the Work Plans 2016 and agreed that the sharing of the Work Plans were very beneficial.</p> <p>The Executive Committee sought clarification that the funding for the Working Groups was included in the budget the Secretariat presented to the Board for approval at its meeting in November 2015 in Cape Town, South Africa. The Secretariat confirmed this to be the case.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working Groups to implement the Work Plans 2016.</li> </ul>
3. Stop TB Partnership Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)	
<p>The Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board approved the Standard Operating Procedures at the 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting in Paris, France in April 2015 (Decision Point 26-3). The SOPs are intended to be a living document and updated as needed.</p> <p>Following a year of operations at UNOPS, the SOPs needed to be updated to reflect the protocols of UNOPS. In particular the following sections need updating to ensure efficient implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The process through which the Stop TB Partnership award grants, including for TB REACH; the Challenge Facility for Civil Society; Global Fund Technical Assistance; as well as for individual contractors; and</li> <li>The internal clearance within Stop TB.</li> </ul> <p>The SOPs will be updated with input from UNOPS including UNOPS legal team. It is expected the process to update the SOPs will be concluded by the end of June. The Standard Operating Procedures will be shared with the Executive Committee for approval, and then with the Coordinating Board.</p> <p>The Executive Committee welcomed the update and asked when sections are changed the rationale for this change is included.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretariat to update the SOPs and share the updated SOPs along with the rationale explaining any proposed changes to the Executive Committee.</li> </ul>

#### 4. Global Fund

The Secretariat provided a summary of the 35<sup>th</sup> Global Fund Board meeting held 26-27 April 2016 in Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire. The Board deliberated on several important topics which will directly impact the TB portfolio including:

- Eligibility criteria which will include a rolling 3 year average of GNI. TB countries should remain eligible for longer.
- The co-financing threshold of 15% has been removed. Co-financing will be discussed between countries and country teams.
- Countries with a high income and lower burden of disease will be asked to apply for funding to specifically impact vulnerable groups.
- The bands that were part of the prior funding model have been eliminated.
- Assuming a full replenishment of the Global Fund (approx. USD 13 billion) up to USD 800 million will be set aside for catalytic interventions.

The Global Fund Board postponed the approval of the Key Performance Indicators.

UNAIDS is working to develop a HIV co-efficient for risk groups because these groups were left out of country envelopes. The Global Fund has reached out to Stop TB as well as WHO to discuss the TB co-efficient.

The Global Fund Secretariat has scheduled meetings with partners and constituents groups about the funding for the catalytic interventions. UNAIDS is considering proposals on girls and young women in southern Africa. Malaria is considering malaria elimination. It has been proposed that discussions through the TB Situation Room and Core Groups identify the topics for TB for the catalytic interventions.

At the next Global Fund Board meeting in November 2016, the Board will deliberate on the strategic priorities. There will be two meetings of the Strategy Committee (SC) between now and the Board meeting to guide this work. The first meeting is expected in June and ideally the TB community would agree on the proposals that will be presented and discussed.

The Executive Committee recognized that TB has previously benefitted from the incentive funding. The Executive Committee agreed that working through the Core Group to ensure these issues are discussed and agreed would be very appropriate.

- The Executive Committee welcomed the report.
- Secretariat to keep the Executive Committee updated with how the outcomes of the discussions on the TB co-efficient progress.