

**Executive Committee Call, 25 April 2018
Minutes**

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat
Joanne Carter (Vice-Chair) & Selamawit Bekele Erika Arthun Pierre Blais Amy Bloom Paula Fujiwara Nalini Lachance David Lewinsohn Aaron Oxley Victor Ramathesele	Timur Abdullaev Tereza Kasaeva Austin Obiefuna	Lucica Ditiu Jenniffer Dietrich Catie Rosado
Minutes of Discussion		Outcome(s)
1. Governance: Board Country Seats		
<p>The Governance and Board Relations Officer briefly updated the Executive Committee on the progress of closing the review of the Governance Manual. She presented the main agenda item: Identification of countries to approach to join the Board to represent the countries affected by TB. Four of the six Board seats for countries affected by TB are vacant, two board members (India and Mozambique) were renewed during a previous Executive Committee decision. From a long-list of potential countries that could be approached based on the burden of TB, regional representation, historic involvement of the country on the Board, political situation in the country, feasibility for representative to commit time to TB and travel to meetings, a short-list was identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigeria • Kazakhstan • Indonesia • Philippines <p>Executive Committee members debated on the best combination of countries to be approached to explore their interest in engagement, during the World Health Assembly. Representation of counties from the western hemisphere was also discussed, if to extend Brazil for one term or approach Peru. The Executive Director explained that Board country seats that the Executive Committee is discussing on are seats for high-burden countries and agreed on the need for representation from that region.</p> <p>The Executive Committee agreed to offer a board seat to Nigeria and explore the interest of Indonesia, Philippines and Kazakhstan.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee endorsed approaching representatives from the following countries: Nigeria, Indonesia, Philippines and Kazakhstan. • The Secretariat will report back to the Executive Committee the outcome of the exploration by the Executive Director.

2. Next Board Meeting and next Executive Committee calls & agenda items	
<p>The Vice-Chair opened the agenda item reminding everyone that the Board made the decision in the previous meeting to hold its next meeting in Geneva.</p> <p>In finding the dates for the Board meeting, the Executive Director referred to the 9-month periodic timeline for Board meetings which would mean that the next meeting would fall in Nov-Dec-Jan. Taking into consideration board meetings of other organizations, it seems that November and December 2018 will be a quite busy time for Board members. The proposal is to hold the Stop TB Board meeting at the end of January, after the WEF meeting in Davos.</p> <p>Executive Committee members pointed out that the WHO Executive Board will meet on 28-29 January, which could be an issue or an opportunity of country representatives overlapping and attending the Stop TB Board meeting, too.</p> <p>Executive Committee calls & agenda items</p> <p>Depending on how many of the Executive Committee members will be in The Hague for the Union International Conference, it would be whether it will be attainable to hold a face-to face meeting at that time.</p> <p>The Executive Committee requested to add as an agenda item for future Executive Committee calls, the renewal of the Board Leadership.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee welcomed the month of January for the next Board meeting, however raised that the WHO Executive Board will be meeting at the end of January. • The Executive Committee is welcomed to send suggestions for agenda items of future Executive Committee calls.
3. AOB	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on the joint initiative ‘Finding the missing 4 million people’: Commitment is there from WHO, and full agreement of the numbers between Global Fund, WHO and Stop TB. The title of the initiative is still to be agreed upon, there are various suggestions for acronyms. <p>Work is ongoing for all three agencies to meet with Ministers from TB high-burden countries during the World Health Assembly. A briefing during the WHO STAG meeting is also being organized. It would be important to work on constituting an opportunity to also discuss the targets of this initiative with the Global Fund Board sometime in the future.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Executive Director informed the Executive Committee that her application to the Global Fund’s Strategy Committee moved further for Global Fund Board approval. 3. Next Executive Committee Conference Call is scheduled for Wednesday 16 May 2018. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Stop TB Secretariat will share 3-pager about the initiative. • Stop TB Secretariat to send a calendar invite.