

Teleconference Executive committee (30 Ex Comm. – 2 September 2010)

(Draft) Minutes

Attended:	Not able to attend:	Secretariat
Rifat Atun (Chair) Mario Raviglione Giorgio Roscigno Christy Hanson Michael Kimerling (<i>representing Peter Small</i>)	Jeremiah Chakaya Ken Castro	Shirley Bennett Annemaeke Brands Alan Esser Giuliano Gargioni Joel Spicer Anant Vijay (partial)
Minutes of Discussion	Decision	Action

1. Partnership Financial Reporting

From 2009, WHO regulations require the Partnership Financial Management Report to be cleared by WHO to maintain consistency with WHO published figures and its move to International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) as required by WHO's External Auditor. The Partnership accounts are based on the more widely used International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Executive Committee members questioned the resource implications of publishing figures to both IPSAS and IFRS standards. The Stop TB Partnership explained that, although this would entail extra time it could be carried out with the existing staff levels. Some investment would be needed in acquiring software to help prepare the statements	The Committee unanimously agreed for the Board to have figures following IPSAS as required by WHO, and those prepared on the basis of the widely used IFRS with explanations on links between two.	Secretariat to prepare figures to both IPSAS and IFRS and to prepare a full set of financial statements from 2010 onwards.
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2. Draft Agenda - 19th Coordinating Board Meeting, Johannesburg, South Africa

The Chair introduced the draft agenda for the 19th Coordinating Board meeting and invited comments from Executive Committee members.

The Executive Committee requested the session on MDR/XDR-TB be extended to allow adequate time for discussion. The Chair suggested that 30 minutes be allocated at the end of the first day for an update on the Global Fund Replenishment and Global Fund Round 10. It was agreed that a 30 minute session should be added to the agenda so the Board can be briefed on the data and high-level messages contained in the	The Executive Committee requested adjustments to the agenda be made in line with the suggestions.	Secretariat to adjust the Coordinating Board agenda accordingly.
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Global TB Report which will be released in November.		
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3. Coordinating Board – Invitation to Minister of Health, Swaziland

The upcoming Coordinating Board meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa, offers the opportunity to invite the Minister of Health from Swaziland, who will join the Ministers of Health from Lesotho and South Africa, both of whom are current Board members.

The Executive Committee discussed the focus of a Coordinating Board session at which the Ministers of Health, Lesotho, South Africa and Swaziland could present. Possible topics for discussion included cross-border issues for the management of TB and MDR-TB patients, human resource, drug supply, TB/HIV, and/or how partnerships can make a difference in resource and human resource mobilization. It was recommended the Secretariat develop a one page brief to help guide the session and focus the discussion.	The Executive Committee agreed that an invitation to attend the Coordinating Board meeting be extended to the Minister of Health Swaziland. The Minister of Health Lesotho, South Africa and Swaziland should be invited to give short presentations at the Coordinating Board.	Secretariat to develop a 1 page brief about how this session at the Coordinating Board will be run and circulate to Executive Committee members within two weeks. Stop TB Partnership with WHO to identify next steps and send invitation to Minister of Health, Swaziland.
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4. Future Strategy for Partnership VIPs and Ambassadors

The Stop TB Partnership has been associated with several VIPs and Ambassadors over the past years. There is a suggestion that a review of how the VIPs and Ambassadors have been used is conducted to inform a strategic decision to optimize their use in the future.

The Executive Committee discussed whether this issue should be presented at the upcoming Coordinating Board meeting. Over-arching strategic questions were identified about the use of VIPs and Ambassadors including: How does STBP use VIPs and Ambassadors? Is this an optimal use of this resource? Is this cost-effective with directly and indirectly attributable returns?	The Executive Committee agreed that a concept note for Partnership VIPs and Ambassadors detailing experience, achievements, costs, and strategic challenges should be developed to inform discussion and the way forward at the upcoming Coordinating Board meeting. At the Spring 2011 Coordinating Board meeting, a strategy for using VIPs and Ambassadors should be presented for endorsement by the Board.	Secretariat to develop a two-page concept note including experience to date and cost associated with VIPs and Ambassadors. A 30 minute session on VIPs and Ambassadors be included on the agenda for the upcoming Coordinating Board meeting.
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5. Any Other Business

The launch of the Global Plan is tentatively scheduled for 13 October 2010. More information will be communicated as soon as possible by the Secretariat.