

Teleconference Sub-Committee on Governance, Performance and Finance
(Teleconference 1: 1 June 2011)
(Draft) Minutes

Attended:	Apologies	Secretariat
Christy Hanson Nils Billo Marja Esveld Nichola Cadge Mel Spigelman Blessi Kumar	Rifat Atun Jeremiah Chakaya	Lucica Ditiu Joel Spicer (partial) Shirley Bennett Raegan Boler
Minutes on discussions	Decision	Action
1. Operating Procedures of Sub-Committee		
<p>The governance of the Sub-Committee was discussed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electing a Chair person to report back to the Executive Committee; • The regularity with which Sub-Committee calls should take place; and • Communication with WHO. 		
<p>The Executive Committee requested a representative of the Sub-Committee on Governance, Performance and Finance report back to them on work progress at the next Executive Committee call (expected end June 2011). Members of the Sub-Committee were asked to volunteer for the role of Chair.</p> <p>The Sub-Committee considered whether to invite WHO to join the calls of the Sub-Committee. All members of the Sub-Committee volunteered during the previous Coordinating Board meeting and WHO did not volunteer to participate. However it was felt that good relations and communication with WHO would be beneficial in moving this work forward.</p>	<p>Marja Esveld elected as Chair of Sub-Committee on Governance, Performance and Finance.</p> <p>Calls of the Sub-Committee to take place every 2-3 weeks.</p> <p>WHO/STB to be asked to appoint a focal person to participate in Sub-Committee meetings as needed.</p>	<p>Secretariat to invite Marja Esveld to next Executive Committee teleconference.</p> <p>Secretariat to arrange calls as requested.</p> <p>Marja Esveld to contact WHO/STB Director requesting a focal person be nominated who can join Sub-Committee calls as needed.</p>
2. Discussions		
<p>The Executive Secretary updated the Sub-Committee on actions since the Coordinating Board meeting. Currently other partnerships of similar sizes and structures have Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with WHO, the Stop TB Partnership is the only one without.</p> <p>Several discussions on the Hosting Arrangements have taken place between the Executive Secretary and WHO. At the first discussion between ADG, WHO/STB Director and Executive Secretary, the ADG expressed preference for maintaining the status quo of current reporting lines. This was later revisited by the ADG who agreed to discuss the issue further. During a meeting with the DG and ADG, the DG expressed her support for the development of the Hosting Arrangement and clear reporting lines.</p>		

The Partnerships unit of WHO has been tasked with developing standardized Hosting Arrangement documents for all partnerships. Copies of these documents have been requested but have not yet been received by the Stop TB Partnership. Discussion on the Partnerships has been pending on the ADG's meeting agenda for several weeks but has been pushed back due to other urgent issues.

The Secretariat has reviewed the MoUs from 3 other partnerships (Roll Back Malaria (RBM), UNITAID and Maternal and Child Health (MCH)). These MoUs will remain in place until the standardized Hosting Arrangements is adopted.

One of the problems with the current administrative arrangements with WHO are the impact of WHO/HR procedures on the Stop TB Partnership. Within the Secretariat the positions of Advocacy Officer and Civil Society Officer are vacant. Other positions are filled by short-term staff. The Stop TB Partnership is obliged to take WHO fixed-term staff as a priority to these positions, and it is extremely difficult to recruit external people even for portfolios which are non-traditional for WHO (such as advocacy, civil society, communications).

The Sub-Committee expressed concern that the standardized Hosting Arrangements have not yet been shared with the Stop TB Partnership.

The Sub-Committee questioned whether WHO wanted to continue to host the Partnership. It was felt that the current situation is a win-win, not only in financial terms (Programme Support Costs (PSC) payment to WHO) but in what can be gained by working together and the Stop TB Partnership's ability to bring partners to the table. It was agreed that the MoU should include the benefits of the arrangement as at times these can be overlooked.

A question was raised about whether the Stop TB Department is being adequately remunerated for its staff time in supporting Partnership initiatives, such as providing secretariat of Working Groups. However other partners also give their time and do not receive remuneration for this. In addition WHO receives different types of financial remuneration (including through PSC which the Stop TB Partnerships pays on received donor money).

The Sub-Committee discussed alternative hosting options for the Stop TB Partnership and felt that further exploration of hosting alternatives would help move this work forward.

Members of the Sub-Committee to assist in expediting the sharing of the standardized Hosting Arrangements.

Secretariat to analyze experiences of former partnership/organizations which have separated from their initial hosting arrangements to become independent legal entities (such as GAVI from UNICEF and The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria from WHO).

Although the standardized Hosting Arrangements may/will supersede any MoU, in the absence of any timeline on when the standardized Hosting Arrangements will be finalized, work should continue towards developing a MoU with WHO.

Christy Hanson to contact Alex Ross (WHO/PUN) to request the Hosting Arrangements be shared with the Stop TB Partnership.

Secretariat to circulate to the Sub-Committee the 3 other partnership MoUs (RBM, UNITAID and MCH).

Secretariat to draft MoU based on the Stop TB Partnerships' own specific needs and requirements.

Secretariat to share the Hosting Arrangement documents with the Sub-Committee as soon as possible.

Secretariat to undertake analysis of how to improve functioning arrangements within WHO rules and regulations. Different hosting options will be explored. These could be presented at 21st Coordinating Board meeting.