### Rationale

The Secretariat finds it useful to receive Board guidance on preferred locations for future Coordinating Board meetings and high level missions in order to assist with planning and logistics. This will also allow for early engagement of important invitees.

### Summary

Initial discussions have been held with a number of governments to ascertain their interest and willingness to host a Coordinating Board meeting. The basic approach is to balance meetings between high burden countries and donor partner countries. Both meetings in 2007 were held in low burden countries (Geneva, Switzerland and Berlin, Germany).

It was proposed that Russia host the Fall 2008 after the Russian Presidential Elections (March 2008). Tanzania and Viet Nam have also offered to host the Fall 2008 Coordinating Board meeting.

It is proposed that the Spring 2009 Coordinating Board meeting should coincide with the Partners Forum. The next Partners Forum will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 23 - 25 March 2009.

The following calendar of Coordinating Board Meetings for 2008/9 is proposed:

- **2008 Autumn** - Tanzania - 22 - 23 October 2008 or 10 - 11 November;
- **2009 Spring** - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - 26 - 27 March 2009;
- **2009 Autumn** - Moscow, Russia - Date to be decided.

### Decisions requested (from the Stop TB Coordinating Board)

- To endorse the date and location for the Fall 2008 Coordinating Board meeting.
- To mandate the Secretariat to commence planning for Fall 2008 CB meeting.
- To endorse the date and location for the Spring 2009 Coordinating Board meeting, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

### Implications (political/financial/staffing etc):

- Staff time to follow-up.

### Next Steps

**Action Required:**

- Negotiation with Government of the United Republic of Tanzania.

**Focal Point:** Marcos Espinal / Governance Officer

**Timeframe:** By November 2008