Rationale:
The year 2010 will mark a turning point in taking stock of the collective efforts to eradicate poverty in the context of sustainable development and to ensure that by 2015 all the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) will be achieved worldwide. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has called on world leaders and all stakeholders to attend the UN MDG summit on 20-22 September 2010 to boost progress towards achieving such important milestones.

Summary:
Following the Executive Committee teleconference in March 2010, during which Committee members suggested the Partnership explore the possibility of placing a high level panel focusing on MDG 6 on the agenda of the summit itself, the Executive Secretary traveled to UNHQ. It became clear during meetings held in New York that a specific panel on MDGs 4, 5 and 6 would be the primary focus for health at the summit.

As a result, the Partnership has devised a number of key actions the Board may wish to consider to keep TB on the agenda of the summit, including:

- Facilitate the strategic engagement of a Head of State and/or the UN Special Envoy to Stop TB on the panel covering MDGs 4, 5 and 6 to ensure TB is profiled
- Hold a satellite event to launch the revised Global Plan
- Strategically target 10 to 15 Heads of State to ensure those countries showcase progress made with respect to TB during the summit.
- Strategic and targeted use of the UNSG Special Envoy and Craig David, the new Stop TB Partnership Goodwill Ambassador, to ensure TB is showcased during the MDG summit.

Decisions Requested (From Stop TB Coordinating Board):
- To determine activities and roles for Board Members leading to and during the MDG summit
- To discuss and endorse the plan for launching the Global Plan update as a side event in September during the MDG summit

Implications (Political / Financial / Staffing, etc):
- To be determined

Next Steps

Action Required: To be determined

Focal Point: H. Hernandez

Timeframe: Now until September