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**BACKGROUND (INCLUDING PROBLEM STATEMENT):**

The Stop TB Partnership Working Groups are one of the four main components of the Stop TB Partnership together with the Partners' Forum; the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board; and the Secretariat.

During the session on Financing at the 19th Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa, members of the Coordinating Board requested the Secretariat "to prepare an analysis of the Stop TB Partnership Working Groups, including their financing and outputs, for the next Coordinating Board meeting in the Spring of 2011".

The analysis contributes to a better understanding of the current structure, resources and activities of the Stop TB Partnership Working Groups and subgroups. It should facilitate a discussion on the future (directions) of the working groups and subgroups and resource allocations in order to best serve country needs and to reach the targets of the Global Plan to Stop TB 2011-2015 and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

**SUMMARY/OUTLINE OF THE SESSION:**

For the analysis, the Secretariat undertook a desk review of the web pages of the Stop TB Partnership Working Groups (as of 28 January 2011) and subsequently contacted the various Chairs and Secretariats to clarify:

- Structure of the working group and subgroups;
- Date of establishment;
- Core group membership, affiliation and function within the core group as well as location of secretariat;
- Terms of Reference;
- Financial resources;
- Country focus (if any special focus);
- Priorities in 2010-2011;
- Main achievements since establishment;
- Main expected outputs in 2010-2011;
- Advocacy activities;
- Main challenges and opportunities; and,
- Suggestions for strengthening coordination and collaboration with other working groups and subgroups.

During the session, a summary of the analysis will be presented followed by a discussion and a request for guidance on future directions of the Stop TB Partnership Working Groups.
**DISCUSSION POINTS FOR THE COORDINATING BOARD:**
The Coordinating Board members will be invited to:

- Discuss whether the current structure, terms of reference, resources, activities and outputs of the working groups are adequate to serve the needs of the Countries and people affected by TB and to reach the targets of the Global Plan to Stop TB 2011-2015 and the Millennium Development Goals.
- Provide suggestions to strengthen the Stop TB Partnership Working Groups and subgroups.
- Suggest ways to improve the coordination and collaboration between the Working Groups and subgroups in particular with respect to cross-cutting issues and outcomes.
- Suggest ways to measure performance of the Working Groups and subgroups.

**DECISIONS REQUESTED FROM THE COORDINATING BOARD:**

- Endorse the creation of a Task Force to revise the structure of the Stop TB Partnership Working Groups and subgroups linked to proper funding and to a performance mechanism.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

- 2011: Workplans and activities to be implemented as scheduled
- 2012: 1.8 million USD.

**EXPECTED SOURCE(S) OF FUNDING:**

- 2011: Funding available
- 2012-2013: New resources to be raised.

**NEXT STEPS**

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

(i) To establish a Task Force  
(ii) To develop a new structure by the next Coordinating Board meeting

**RESPONSIBLE AGENCY/OFFICER:** The Stop TB Secretariat in collaboration with the Chairs and Secretariats of the Stop TB Partnership Working Groups and subgroups

**TIMEFRAME:** By the Coordinating Board meeting in the Fall of 2011