

Executive Committee Teleconference, 7 March 2016
Minutes

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat
Joanne Carter (Vice-Chair) & Delia Clayton Austin Obiefuna Aaron Oxley Paula Fujiwara Thokozile Phiri-Nkhoma Victor Ramathesele Mario Raviglione Gloria Wiseman	Erika Arthun Cheri Vincent & Amy Bloom	Lucica Ditiu Shirley Bennett
Minutes of Discussion		Outcome
1. Stop TB Partnership 28th Coordinating Board Meeting		
<p>There have been discussions between the Secretariat and representatives from the German Ministry of Health about hosting the Coordinating Board meeting in Berlin, Germany. The German Ministry of Health is expected to confirm dates of the Coordinating Board meeting by mid-March 2016.</p> <p>A preliminary draft of the agenda was shared with the Executive Committee which proposed a two-day Board meeting because this is the only Coordinating Board meeting scheduled for 2016. The day before the Board meeting there will be pre-briefings on key topics as well as a half day meeting of constituency representatives and their members.</p> <p>The agenda included items on: the Global Fund and Tuberculosis; TB REACH; research and development in TB; Stop TB Partnership Key Performance Indicators; the report of the Executive Committee; as well as, a high level panel on the Global Fund replenishment. The Executive Committee endorsed the agenda items and suggested additional agenda items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global TB Caucus – highlighting for the Board and strategizing on the opportunity that exists with the Global TB Caucus and Stop TB Partnership’s role in hosting; • Global Plan to End TB –progress to-date and unpacking it further; • Resource Mobilization; and • TB 2016 –outcomes from the International AIDS Society Conference as well as TB 2016 and key follow-up.. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee welcomed the update on planning for the Stop TB Partnership 28th Coordinating Board meeting. • The Executive Committee welcomed the proposal of a constituency meeting before the Coordinating Board Meeting. • The Executive Committee requested that Secretariat update the agenda for the Coordinating Board meeting and circulate to the EC members for further comment.

2. Executive Committee Monthly Teleconferences	
<p>The Secretariat is in the process of confirming the April Executive Committee call and has circulated date options. From the responses received so far 20th April 2016 appears to be the preferred option. During this call there will be an update on planning for the 28th Coordinating Board meeting which includes logistics and agenda, and an update on the process of developing the Key Performance Indicators for the Operational Strategy 2016-2020, as well as, an update on the Stop TB Partnership Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).</p> <p>It was suggested the Executive Committee schedule calls for early June and early July.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee agreed with the proposed schedule of calls and asked the Secretariat to confirm these dates as soon as possible.
2. Global Fund	
<p>The Global Fund SIIC will be meeting 8-10 March 2016 and important topics are scheduled for discussion and decision, including the Global Fund strategy, key performance indicators, allocation and MDR-TB.</p> <p>On the issue of transition, it was stressed that countries need to be assessed before they transition from Global Fund support, and sustainability plans need to be in place to ensure uninterrupted services. Certain elements are unclear as to how the transition would work to strengthen the system. There is discussion about a transition readiness assessment before countries transition.</p> <p>Regarding the allocation, various scenarios will be considered, including: how much funding is set aside outside the formula and how that funding is used, what if any adjustment factors are used for country allocations, and whether Band 4 will continue. . Certain countries will likely receive less funding than in the prior allocation period, especially if Band 4 and minimum required levels are eliminated. s. It has also been proposed that incentive funding be eliminated. There is a risk by giving up incentive funding that TB programs would lose the opportunity to compete for this additional funding (a number of countries were able to get additional funding for TB through the incentive stream.) . There remains work to be done to ensure there is no dramatic cut in Band 4 countries and driving scale-up and ambition is not lost.</p> <p>The SIIC will also be presented with the option of having a separate pot of resources that would include approximately 10% of the replenishment. There is a need to ensure a transparent process is in place for how these funds will be used (gap-filling, impact, etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee looks forward to receiving updates from the SIIC deliberations.

The Global Fund Secretariat developed the MDR-TB paper with input from partners. However, the purpose of the paper is unclear. A clearly defined purpose would strengthen the paper and position it strategically.

The Executive Committee welcomed the summary about the major decisions the SIIC will be deliberating on. The Executive Committee supports a full expression of need from countries and the importance that plans are country owned.