Executive Committee Call
25 January 2022

Attended:  
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Erika Arthun
Pierre Blais / Nasir Ebrahimkhail
Amy Bloom
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Cheri Vincent

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Minutes of the Call

McKinsey work on Stop TB Strategy and Governance

1. McKinsey presented the latest changes to the slide deck that the Executive Committee had already used in its discussion during the previous call (December 2021). These adjustments result from an extraordinary Executive Committee call that took place on 18th January 2022.

2. The Executive Committee did not have further comments during this call and approved moving forward with sharing the slide package presented today with the entire Board for feedback and discussion. The consultation period in February 2022 serves as a mid-point for feedback from Board Members through one-on-one conversations.

3. While the consultation about Stop TB Secretariat’s vision and governance strategy for the next ten years goes ahead and one-on-one conversations with Board members are held, McKinsey will redefine certain concepts that the Executive Committee requested, in parallel.

4. Action item:
   - Secretariat to send an email communication with both documents to Board Members, for their review: strategic vision and governance package.
   - McKinsey to conduct one-on-one conversations with Board Members.

Joint Hosting Agreement

5. The Executive Committee received one week in advance of the call the Joint Hosting Agreement from UNOPS for any preliminary feedback. UNOPS’ Portfolio Manager for Stop TB presented the document mentioning that the first part is generic for each Partnership hosted by UNOPS and that gives a background about the host. The first annex refers to a description of Stop TB, followed by the goals of the operational strategy, the structure and governance bodies of Stop TB and standard text about branding and IT services.
Only the clause (9.4) *use of funds* is tailored to Stop TB, indicating conditions for reduced service fees. The rest of the clauses after this are also standard language including the last annex which contains the terms of reference of the Executive Director.

6. The Executive Committee raised a few points for clarification, and then moved forward to approve the Joint Hosting Agreement for use by the Secretariat/UNOPS.

7. **Action item:**
   - The Secretariat and UNOPS to start replacing this new Joint Hosting Agreement with the old hosting terms going forward in all relevant documents.

**Governance - 35th Board Meeting**

8. The Executive Director summarized the thinking behind the Board Meeting’s date, modality (virtual/hybrid/in-person) and presented a warm-up on possible agenda items.

9. The Head of Governance and Board Relations briefly recalled the Executive Committee about discussions held around the two flexible seats on the Executive Committee in previous calls. Due to time constraints, the Executive Committee requested that the Secretariat contacts the Board Members that expressed interest to be part of the Executive Committee and explores if the candidates are potentially open to share a seat.

10. **Action item:**
    - The Secretariat to focus on the next Board Meeting to be held in a hybrid modality on the afternoons of 19th and 20th May 2022.
    - The Secretariat to send calendar invites to all Board Members to secure participation.
    - The Secretariat to propose options on how to fill the two flexible seats on the Executive Committee.

**Financing for TB in 2022**

11. The Executive Director described different pillars, such as 1) Global Fund Replenishment and Global Fund funding per se and using these resources effectively, 2) domestic resources, and 3) securing additional funding for the TB response. And the ED informed that discussions at the level of the Financing Taskforce are ongoing.

12. An official side-event for TB at the G20 has been confirmed by the Minister of Health of Indonesia for 30th March 2022 which will be in a hybrid modality. The proposed title for the event is “Financing for TB” which is very much welcomed, especially because the slogan for this year’s World TB Day is ’Investing to End TB’.

13. For the 35th Board Meeting in May, several instruments will already be available: 1) The Global Plan to End TB 2022-2026, 2) Global Fund Replenishment Investment Case for TB, and 3) Copenhagen Consensus on cost-efficiencies around the UN SDGs. Moreover, the Executive Committee should gather the asks from different research groups and, as a Partnership, support them in getting visibility.

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