Executive Committee Call
6 September 2022

Attended: Austin Obiefuna (Vice-Chair), Timur Abdullaev, Pierre Blais / Nasir Ebrahimkhail, Amy Bloom, Anand Date, Teresa Kasaeva, David Lewinsohn, Subrat Mohanty, Peter Owiti, Purva Singh (Advisor to Board Chair)

Apologies: Alexandra Farnum (for Erika Arthun), Deliana Garcia, Carol Nawina Nyirenda, Cheri Vincent

Secretariat: Lucica Ditiu, Jenniffer Dietrich, Suwanand Sahu, Catie Rosado, McKinsey team: Naina Dhingra, Casey Enders

Minutes of the Call

Board Strategy Review – Implementation of Board composition

1. McKinsey consultants presented next steps for implementation of the Board Strategy Review that was introduced to and endorsed by the Board in May 2022. The Board decision includes a review of the Executive Committee’s role and composition and incorporate the changes into the Governance Manual, including clear guidance of the procedure to replace Board members in the event that ministers holding a seat on the Board no longer hold that position in their country.

2. The Executive Committee discussed and agreed on ways forward, especially on how to constitute the new Board composition, and who the leads are for the implementation of new seats and its representation on the Board. The Chair thanked the consultants for their presentation and said that the Committee looks forward to seeing the progress in the implementation of the new Board members as part of the reviewed Board composition.

3. Action items:
   • Board Strategy Review consultants to keep briefing the Executive Committee about progress in the implementation of the Board Strategy Review.

36th Stop TB Partnership Board Meeting

4. Board Feedback Survey
   The Head of Governance summarized the results of the 21 survey responses received after the last Board Meeting. Overall, the feedback showed that almost all Board members were either satisfied or extremely satisfied with the organization and outcome of the 35th Board Meeting. The fact that it was held in a hybrid mode was seen as an advantage, and something to replicate in the future.

5. Development of SOP for Board Meetings
The Secretariat is developing a Standard Operating Procedure for the organization and conduction of Board Meetings. The Executive Director described that it is an internal document, which we are calling “The Book of the Board”, in order to ensure successful Board meetings. Many colleagues in the Secretariat were involved and part of the discussions that have led to the creation of this document.

6. **Possible Board Meeting Dates**
   The Adviser to the Board Chair addressed the Executive Committee conveying information about the preferred dates for the Minister of Health of India when considering the date for the next Board Meeting to be held in New Delhi. The Adviser also mentioned to bear in mind the latest security policies when identifying a venue. A country visit of the Stop TB Partnership was requested in order to fix this matter.

7. Executive Committee members commented on the three potential timeframes to hold the next Board Meeting and shared thoughts regarding a clash with World TB Day events in countries and people’s availability to attend the Board Meeting, as well as April being a difficult month to schedule due to Easter holidays. The Executive Director replied to the comments raised and added that no efforts will be spared to materialize the high-level event organized by the Government of India. The Chair finalized the discussion saying that priority shall be given to commitments in India and the scheduling of high-level persons from the country.

8. **Action item:**
   - Board Strategy Review consultants to implement the recommendations from the 35th Board Meeting keeping the Secretariat involved and Executive Committee informed.
   - Secretariat to continue its efforts with the Ministry of Health to set the date for the next Board Meeting at a time that is convenient for the participation of high-ranking government officials in India.

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**Secretariat Update**

9. The Executive Director informed the Executive Committee that stakeholders from Indonesia reached out to the Secretariat to propose a new person to represent Indonesia on the Board. The person put forward is someone that will not rotate off as fast as a minister does. Since there is consensus with the partners in Indonesia for this candidate, the Secretariat will contact the person to formalize the Board representation.

10. The Executive Director updated on the advocacy events around the Global Fund Build-up and Replenishment. There is a private sector event where only one additional person from the Global Fund Board can be invited and where the Executive Director of Stop TB Partnership received an invitation. WHO has one event, and there is a DevEx event that includes ministers that support the Stop TB Partnership. Most events are still highly restricted due to Covid-19, and visas are difficult to receive.

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11. Next call of the Executive Committee is scheduled for 4 October 2022.