



Stop TB Partnership

SUMMARY SHEET

Agenda Nr. 1.08- 11.0	Subject	PARTNERS' FORUM 2009 - THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS	
For Information <input type="checkbox"/>	For Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<p>Rationale</p> <p>The Partners' Forum is mandated in the Partnership structure and procedures as the body to which all other elements of the Partnership are answerable. Rio de Janeiro was selected by the Coordinating Board to host the third Stop TB Partners' Forum 23-25 March 2009. The Board is asked for input on the Agenda of the Forum including proposed themes, satellite events, field visits, background documents and participants.</p>			
<p>Summary</p> <p>The purpose of the 2009 Partners' Forum will be to ensure the capacity of the Partnership to deliver the outcomes set out in the Global Plan to Stop TB (2006-2015). In particular to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leverage political commitment and boost funding for the implementation of TB programmes at national level to meet the 2015 MDG and Targets; 2. Strengthen constituency engagement and mobilize new ones to fully implement the Global Plan; 3. Report on trends in implementing the Global Plan and discuss innovative ideas to address barriers and bottlenecks on the road to 2015. <p><u>Proposed Themes:</u> 1) From Plan to Action; 2) Innovation, Inspiration, Action; 3) Together we are stopping TB</p> <p><u>Proposed Structure of the Agenda*</u></p> <p><u>Day 1:</u> Opening Ceremony (<i>Inspire</i>), Ministerial Forum and Constituency Meetings (e.g., Business Sector, Affected Community, NGOs, Donors/Foundations, Faith-based Organizations, Indigenous people).</p> <p><u>Day 2:</u> Plenary (<i>Innovate</i>) and Thematic Tracks: (e.g., Financial Sustainability, Advocacy for TB, Rolling Out New Tools, Engaging all Providers, TB/HIV) and Constituency Led Workshops.</p> <p><u>Day 3:</u> Plenary (<i>Act</i>), Thematic Tracks: (e.g., M(X)DR-TB, Strengthening TB Research, TB and Health Systems, Increasing access) and Closing Ceremony.</p> <p>Media events are expected daily including activities related to World TB Day, which will coincide with day two of the Partners' Forum. Products to be released include a Global Plan progress report and the WHO Global TB Control Report. The Forum will also include a marketplace, exhibitions, and site visits to TB control areas.</p> <p>* Please refer to background document for details</p>			



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Decisions requested (from the Stop TB Coordinating Board)

- To discuss and feedback on the theme, preliminary agenda, structure and objectives of the Forum.

Implications (political/financial/staffing etc):

The 2008-2009 biennium workplan estimates a tentative budget at US\$480,850 for the Partners Forum. Brazilian Government will also support the Forum.

NEXT STEPS

Action Required: Organization of the Partners' Forum

Focal Point: Nelly Enwerem-Bromson, Partnership Officer

Timeframe: Immediate action