Executive Committee Call
16 November 2021

Attended: Joanne Carter (Vice-Chair)
Selamawit Bekele
Timur Abdullaev
Erika Arthun
Pierre Blais
Anand Date
David Lewinsohn
Carol Nyirenda / Peter Ngola
Aaron Oxley / Austin Obiefuna
Cheri Vincent / Amy Bloom

Apologies: Kylie Luu
Tereza Kasaeva
Secretariat: Lucica Ditiu
Jenniffer Dietrich
Suvanand Sahu
Catie Rosado
McKinsey team:
Montana Cherney
Michael Conway
Naina Dhingra
Carla The
Xavier Azcue
Anoothi Anoothi
Ikepo Abiru

Minutes of the Call

Governance

1. Executive Committee Membership.
   The Head of Governance and Board Relations recalled the discussions from the previous Executive Committee call on EC membership and the decision taken at the meeting on 16 September 2021. Following the Secretariat’s call to the Board for expressions of interest from rotating constituencies (Developed Country NGO, Developing Country NGO, Private Sector, and both Working Groups); four expressions of interest were received.

2. The Chair of the Executive Committee moderated the discussion, asking if new committee members should be added at this point or rather after the governance review is finalized; and if it would be suitable for the four constituencies that expressed interest to join the Committee to share two seats (two constituencies per seat) given their diverse representation. After the discussions, the Chair concluded that although more inclusive representation is desirable, Committee members preferred to wait for the outcomes of the governance review first and have amendments to the Executive Committee membership aligned with any governance reform.

3. The Head of Governance and Board Relations announced that both Board Members representing TB Affected Communities are from now on sharing the fixed seat for that constituency on the Executive Committee. Mr Timur Abdullaev, preceding Executive Committee member for TB Affected Communities, will overlap with the new members during the month of December and will remain further involved in the governance review work of the Executive Committee.
4. **35th Board Meeting.**
The Head of Governance and Board Relations presented a document with a calendar that integrated the Board and Committee dates of global partners: Gavi, Unitaid, Global Fund, WHO, UNAIDS and others, such as G20. Based on this, the Secretariat proposed the following possible dates for the next Board Meeting:
- 28-29-30 June
- 13-14-15 July

The Executive Committee requested the secretariat to explore a date in May, as it might be strategic to meet before the G20 Ministers of Health Meeting in Indonesia. The Chair concluded the session by saying that the date for the next Board Meeting might not be determined at his point and that the call in December would bring more conclusive views, especially if a date in May is also considered.

5. **Action item:**
   - The Secretariat to monitor the progress on governance review and to contemplate at what point the Secretariat needs to re-introduce the membership of flexible seats of the Executive Committee (possibly early 2022).
   - The Secretariat to contact the Executive Committee in writing if decision on the next Board Meeting date is needed before its call in December.

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**McKinsey**

6. The team of consultants from McKinsey conducted a 60-min session to discuss Stop TB’s future vision for the Secretariat and probed different scenarios on how to reform or otherwise restructure the Stop TB Board.

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**Global Fund Board Meeting**

7. The Executive Director provided an update for the Executive Committee on Global Fund’s Board decision about the disease split. Executive Committee members commented to strengthen the Secretariat to be stronger in pushing crucial issues forward, and that key affected populations and vulnerable groups to TB need stronger representation at the Global Fund Board.

8. It was communicated that the Developing Country NGO and Communities Delegation will be responding publicly to the decision on disease split. And it was requested to have a good discussion at the Executive Committee about the disease split, its consequences and further action.

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9. Next call of the Executive Committee is scheduled for 14 December 2021.