

SUMMARY SHEET			
Agenda Nr. 1.06-6.0	Subject	Task Force on Retooling (TFR)	
For Information	For Discussion		For Decision

Introduction

The Global Plan to Stop TB 2006-2015 builds on previous efforts and strategies to control TB, and relies on the activities and technical contributions of the Partnership's seven working groups. The development of new tools will depend on the research and development working groups (New drugs, New vaccines and New diagnostics). The deployment of the "tools" from these working groups will ultimately depend on contribution from the implementation working groups to optimize TB control.

Successful TB Control requires the involvement of many partners. The STOP TB Partnership can foster collaboration between the private and public sectors including members of the R&D and implementation Working Groups, manufacturers, the National TB programme managers, Ministries of Health, academic and national research institutions, non governmental organizations, the donor community and WHO. This collaboration should ensure that appropriate new tools will be effectively implemented to reduce the burden of disease. The Task Force on Retooling (TFR) is being established in order to ensure effective and timely deployment of appropriate new tools in the field.

Summary

The aim of the task force is contribute to TB control through the development and appropriate deployment of effective and affordable new tools and strategies in the field without discouraging current efforts on improving quality of available technologies/services in the field.

The members will ask the Board members to support the work of the TFR through a contribution of advices and recommendations.

Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board

- To request the Board to endorse the establishment of the Task Force on Retooling (TFR).
- To mandate the Task Force to prepare a strategy for introduction of new tools into the field

Next steps and time frame

What: To develop a five year strategic framework and a workplan for the next 2 years

Who: The members of the TFR
Timeframe: end August 2006

Focal Point: Rachel Bauquerez