

DECISIONS POINTS SIGNED Abuja, Nigeria, 24-25 April 2006

Approval of Agenda (1.06-1)

Decision point:

The agenda of the 10^{th} Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board (Doc 1.06-1.0) is approved.

Signed: 5th May 2006

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Executive Secretary

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Meeting Report/Action Points Assisi (1.06-1.1)

Decision point:

The Meeting Report (Doc 1.06-1.1 containing draft decisions and action points) of the 9th Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board (CB 02.05) and associated Action Plan (Doc 1.06-1.2) are approved.

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Responding to the TB Epidemic in Africa (1.06-2)

Decision point 1:

The Board welcomes progress made in implementing the Blueprint. The Board endorses the need for national authorities to take the initiative and develop strategic plans to respond to the declaration of TB as a regional emergency. The Board calls on partners to support country level planning prior to any Ministerial meeting.

Decision point 2:

The Board welcomes planning for the African Ministerial meeting. The Board requests that a significant number of national plans should be in place prior to the meeting. The Ministerial meeting should focus on all high burden and high rate African countries. The Board agrees that the focus of the meeting should be to communicate to Finance and Health Ministers the real economic cost of TB and benefits of investments in TB control. The World Bank report on economic implications of TB control in Africa should be a core text. A draft of this report should be available by the end of August 2006. The Ministerial meeting should be associated with an existing Regional event, preferably of Finance Ministers later in 2006. The Board therefore establishes a small planning group to coordinate support for the African Ministerial Meeting - Dr. Adeyi, Dr. Van Schooten. Mr. Sommerfeld and Dr. Kabore are to be included in the working group, with others invited at the discretion of the Executive Secretary.

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A Research Agenda for TB Elimination(1.06-3)

Decision point 1:

The Board endorses and calls for the establishment of a Stop TB Research Movement.

Decision point 2:

The Board requests that the Secretariat outline a plan to operationalize the concept of a "TB Research Movement" identifying the role of the Working Groups and secretariat and highlighting cost implications.

Decision point 3:

The Board requests that the Partnership takes on the task of resource tracking for TB, learning from the malaria task force.

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Overcoming Challenges to Implementing the Global Plan (1.06-4)

Decision point 1:

The Board welcomes presentations made by the Working Groups and recognizes several cross cutting issues that will have a material impact on the ability of the Partnership to implement the Global Plan - notably infrastructure (clinics, labs etc), human resources and funding. To address these challenges, the Board calls on Working Groups to take the planning process to the country level while resource mobilization and funding should be the number one objective of the ACSM working group.

Decision point 2:

The Board notes the observation of several Working Groups about the appropriateness of the existing structure in responding to the needs of the Global Plan. The Board requests the Secretariat to recruit a consultant to examine, with the Working Groups, the way forward in preparation for next years external evaluation of partnership. The Board requires the Terms of Reference of the consultant to be shared with all Board members prior to recruitment.

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Financing the Global Plan to Stop TB - (1.06-5)

Decision point 1:

The Board endorses the Resource Mobilization Strategy, with amendments notably strengthening the country level focus.

Decision Point 2:

The Board mandates the Secretariat/ACSM Working group to develop action plans to implement the Strategy.

Decision Point 3:

The Board did not endorse the establishment of a RM Task Force of Board Members at this stage and defers to the ACSM Working Group.

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Building Momentum for Retooling (1.06-6)

Decision point 1:

The Board welcomes the presentation and agrees Stop TB needs to better organize for retooling. The Board endorses the establishment of a Task Force on Retooling.

Decision Point 2:

The Board mandates the Task Force to develop a TOR and strategy to implement new tools in the field. The Board requests the Task Force strategy focus on timelines for the availability of tools emanating from the 3 existing Working Groups- The Board requests the Task Force undertake a lesson learning exercise from other programmes to see what has worked and what has not.

Decision Point 3:

The Board requests the Task Force report back to the Executive Committee and at the Board on next steps later in the year (2006).

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TB and Poverty (1.06-7)

Decision point 1:

The Board endorses the TB and Poverty Action Plan. The Board feels that the proposal is ambitious and requests the TB and Poverty sub-group to identify and focus on which aspects of the Action Plan are strictly the catalytic added value pieces for the partnership.

Decision Point 2:

The Board nominates Roberto Tapia, to build links with country level ACSM sub-group, and Giorgio Roscigno to be the focal points on TB and Poverty at Board level.

Decision Point 3:

The Board can not allocate additional resources at this stage but will work to identify pieces that could be allocated this biennium to the TB and Poverty Project and support resource mobilization. The Board calls on all "special projects" to respect the planning cycle and request funding in the framework of the approved work plan.

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Health Systems Strengthening (1.06-8)

Decision point 1:

The Board recognizes the critical importance of Health Systems Strengthening to TB Control. The Board confirms that there is not sufficient capacity for the Stop TB Partnership to be engaged in all aspects of Health Systems Strengthening. The Board therefore requests that, after technical input from STAG, a clear statement of which aspects are require the engagement of the Stop TB Board/Partnership to add value.

Decision Point 2:

The Board proposes to establish mechanisms to generate messages and identify opportunities for the STB CB, at global, regional and country level, to advocate for HSS to reach the MDGs for priority programs.

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Strengthening Laboratory Capacity (1.06-9)

Decision point 1:

The Board endorses the operational plan to strengthen the global laboratory network.

Decision Point 2:

The Board postpones the question of upgrading the Laboratory Capacity Strengthening Sub Group (of DOTS Expansion) to full Working Group status until receipt of the recommendations of the external evaluation. Consequently the Board also postpones until that time a decision on whether the Chair of this Group would become a member of the Stop TB Coordinating Board. The Board is concerned that membership of the Board is seen as critical to exerting influence and encourages constituencies and working groups to address this issue more fully.

Decision Point 3

The Board agrees that Laboratory Strengthening is critical and requests the ACSM Working Group and Secretariat work with the Laboratory Sub-Group to develop a resource mobilization strategy and "sellable package" for laboratory strengthening. The Board encourages the sub-group to prepare guidelines to countries to support the inclusion of laboratory strengthening in their donor and GFATM applications.

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Advocacy and Communication (1.06-10)

Decision point 1:

The Board endorses increased technical assistance for countries in ACSM. The Board requests that the ACSM Sub-group work with DOTS Expansion and others to ensure ASCM technical assistance is fully embedded in the Technical Assistance mechanism agreed at Assisi and under development.

Decision Point 2:

The Board approves the development of phase two of the (Panos) TB media networks project.

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Patient and Community Activism (1.06-11)

Decision point 1:

The Board endorses the training plan for Patient and Community empowerment and calls for a particular focus to train people at country level to support engagement with the NTPs.

Decision Point 2:

The Board endorses the development of a guide/tools to support the engagement of empowered patients with national TB programmes.

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Global Drug Facility Strategic Plan (1.06-12)

Decision point 1:

The Board endorses the establishment of a GDF Business Advisory Committee.

Decision Point 2:

The Board endorses proposals for the GDF technical assistance service line.

Decision Point 3:

The Board endorses the provisional GDF QA process including the incentive scheme. The Board confirms that the interim process on pre-qualified drugs must be time limited and that the Secretariat should produce an open, transparent and consultative timeline for the process and the end of the incentive system. The Board reaffirms its commitment to working with WHO on the prequalification of TB drugs (PSM).

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Additional item: GLC (no doc ref)

Decision point:

The Board endorses and supports a draft statement prepared on GLC issues. The Board mandates and requests the Executive Secretary and those participating in the GFATM Board to take the clearest statement of support for GFATM GLC financing to the GFATM Board. The Board empowers its representatives to ask the GFATM to pay its share of GLC costs. The basis for the request will be a fee for service for assessment of grants.

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Partners' Forum (1.06-13)

Decision point 1:

The Board agrees to postpone the proposed Partners' Forum and recommends that upcoming meetings in Europe, Africa and Asia are developed to fully engage constituencies.

Decision Point 2:

The Board will take up the issue of when to hold a Partners' Forum and the form it would take at future meetings. The Board commits to ensure a decision to mandate the Secretariat to commence planning will be made at least 18 months in advance.

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Ministerial Conference for Europe (1.06-14)

Decision point 1:

The Board endorses the holding of a High Level Ministerial Forum for Europe and commends planning to date. The Board argues the focus of the meeting should be 1) bringing about political economic change in decision making about TB in Eastern Europe 2) the need for increased funding from Western Europe. The Board requests the organizing committee liaise with Dr. Adeyi and Dr.Atun on the finalization of the agenda. The Board requests Board members try to mobilize additional resources to support the meeting.

Decision Point 2:

The Board endorses a high level delegation of the Coordinating Board should participate in the Forum. By the end of May 2006, the Board requests that the Secretariat has finalised the delegation to participate. The Board requests time for an address by the Chair and Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership to the meeting.

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Annual Report (1.06-15)

Decision point 1:

The Board endorses the Annual Report and agrees to its publication.

Decision Point 2:

The Board notes the increase in PSC from 6 to 7% as applied to the Partnership Trust Fund at WHO. The Board welcomes the agreement of WHO to maintain drug procurement at 3% PSC. The Board mandates the Secretariat to maintain ongoing negotiations with WHO to sustain the rate of 3% beyond the end of 2006.

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Future Board Meetings (1.06-16)

Decision point 1:

The Board welcomes the offer of the Government of Indonesia to host the 11th Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting, in the week of 13-17th November 2006 and mandates the Secretariat to commence planning.

Decision Point 2:

The Board welcomes the offer of the Government of Germany to host the 12th Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting in April 2007 and mandates the Secretariat to commence planning.

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Stop TB Partnership Kochon Prize (no ref.)

Decision point 1:

The Board welcomes the decision of the Kochon Prize Selection Committee to award the first Stop TB Partnership Kochon Prize to L S Chauhan (NTP Manager India) and Winstone Zulu (Activist, Zambia). The Board consequently mandates the Secretariat to secure official approval of the awards from the WHO Director General.

Decision Point 2:

The Board endorses the proposal of the Selection Committee to make the first award at the IUTALD conference in Paris at the end of October 2006.

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