

Opening Session

Decision Point 38-1

Celebrating H.E. Senator Oluremi Tinubu, First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, for her political leadership and tireless efforts as a TB Champion; the Board welcomes the Secretariat to explore avenues to heighten her further engagement in 2025

Thanking the First Lady of Nigeria for hosting the High-Level Event “*WE HAVE THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP TO END TUBERCULOSIS*” in advance of the 38th Stop TB Partnership Board Meeting

Applauding the Government of Nigeria for their leadership, together with the National Stop TB Partnership Nigeria, and other national civil society groups and for organizing the National TB Conference for the elimination of TB in Nigeria

Noting the progress and appreciating the efforts of the Secretariat to address the decision points from the 37th Stop TB Partnership Board meeting

Thanking UNOPS for hosting the Stop TB Partnership and the support it provides to ensure optimal operations

Acknowledging the Executive Director’s Report and commending the Secretariat’s outstanding impact on the lives of people affected by TB

1. The Board adopts the proposed agenda for the 38th Stop TB Partnership Board meeting.
2. The Board endorses the following new Board members:
 - a) H.E. Dr Teodoro J. Herbosa, Department of Health, The Philippines (Countries Affected by TB)
 - b) Mr Maxime Lungu, Club des Amis Damien, Democratic Republic of Congo (Community of People Affected by TB)
 - c) Dr Tanaka Mukuhwa, Zvandiri, Zimbabwe (Community of People Affected by TB)

- d) Mrs Ariane McCabe, GSK, Switzerland (Private Sector Constituency)
- e) Mr Junichi Takahashi, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan (Donors)



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End TB Stigma

Decision Point 38-2

Noting the soaring levels of self-stigma, stigma in communities, and stigma in health care settings that were documented across all countries that undertook stigma assessments (11 completed, 10 underway) and recognizing the need to ensure further efforts to develop and implement interventions that can fight stigma impacting people with TB

Commending the innovative approaches to reduce TB stigma, which were generated through three Stop TB Partnership-led stigma hackathons at global and national levels (India and South Africa)

Appreciating the leadership and insight from partners engaged in the Board session: Dopasi Foundation (Pakistan); Lawyers Alert (Nigeria); and Rekat Peduli (Indonesia)

Applauding the 31 submissions and congratulating the six winners of the 2024 Community Awards on Ending Stigma through ART, supported by the Stop TB Partnership and Humana People to People Foundation

The Board:

1. Highlights the existence and importance of achieving the UNHLM on TB target to end TB stigma by the end of December 2027 and asks the Secretariat, working closely with partners, to further define the target and develop a package of interventions and processes that will contribute towards ending TB stigma, starting with health care settings.
2. Requests the Secretariat to support national and community partners to advocate for and implement approaches to ending TB stigma, including through the Challenge Facility for Civil Society (CFCS) Round 13.

3. Strongly urges the Secretariat to work in close collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) to explore modalities for collecting and integrating data on TB stigma into the annual Global TB Reports.



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Financing the Response to End TB by 2030

Decision Point 38-3

Noting with concern that:

- The funding available for TB care, prevention and research remains woefully insufficient and significantly below the commitments made during the September 2023 UN High Level Meeting on TB
- The WHO reported a decline in funding for TB care and prevention in 2023 while also underscoring that: TB remains the biggest infectious disease killer, stagnation in progress on access to rapid molecular diagnosis and lack of scale-up for drug resistant TB diagnosis and treatment
- Several high TB burden countries are on the verge of running out of funds for essential TB drugs and diagnostics in 2025 and 2026, as highlighted in the Secretariat's July 2024 letter to the Global Fund Strategy Committee, and again in this session with updated data shared by the Global Fund

Recognizing the efforts of the Governments of India, Indonesia, Nigeria, The Philippines, South Africa, and Tajikistan to increase funding for the TB response from various sources, such as: domestic budgets, private sector financing, development banks, Global Fund country level reallocation of resources demonstrating their strong vision, leadership and commitment to tackling the epidemic

Appreciating the work of the Stop TB Partnership and partners advocating to increase Global Fund allocations to TB, including the Civil Society Constituency-led social media and petition campaign

Noting with concern the decision made by the Global Fund Board on funding allocations for TB, HIV and Malaria, to increase the TB allocation at very high levels of Global Fund replenishment.

Highlighting that despite the potential increase in allocation for TB, the disease will remain by far the least funded out of the three diseases while having the largest impact on global mortality

Commending the collaboration of the Asian Development Bank with the Stop TB Partnership, including the progress on signing a formal Memorandum of Understanding

The Board calls upon all high burden countries, donor countries, and financial institutions to work towards the 2023 UNHLM commitments on TB financing, and asks the Secretariat, working with partners, to take the following actions:

1. Undertake a deep dive analysis of selected high burden countries to understand the funding gaps, possible diversity of funding sources, and options for filling the gaps to inform future advocacy efforts.
2. Support countries to diversify funding sources for TB beyond domestic budgets, traditional donors, and Global Fund grants and to seek new funding from Development Banks, blended loan and grants financing, debt swaps, private sector financing, crowd funding, etc.
3. Work with Ministers of Health and Finance, Members of Parliament, National Stop TB Platforms, TB-affected communities, and advocates to substantially increase the awareness of the TB burden and funding needs, including domestic budgets for TB.
4. Support countries to incorporate TB within applications to various global funding sources, such as the Pandemic Fund and Green Climate Fund.
5. Work with countries to incorporate TB interventions into packages of essential health services covered under prepaid national financing schemes, such as health insurance and primary health care.
6. Engage with Regional Development Banks, especially the Asian Development Bank, towards including TB within their various funding envelopes.
7. Establish a sub-committee of the Board focusing on mobilization of resources for TB and work with the Secretariat on alternative financing sources. The sub-committee will report as necessary and at the Board meeting in 2025.

Regarding Global Fund financing for TB, the Board requests the Secretariat:

8. To work with TB Situation Room partners, Global Fund country teams, country programmes and partners to do a deep dive analysis of funding gaps in several

countries and identify practical solutions needed to close the 2025-2026 financial gaps in these countries.

9. To advocate for increased Global Fund allocations for TB at national level using the existing flexibilities for CCM and governments to decide the appropriate split of country funding envelopes.
10. To work with the Global Fund Secretariat on filling the funding gaps in the current funding cycle using different mechanisms available through Global Fund, such as financial and programmatic efficiencies, portfolio optimization, reprogramming, etc.



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Preventing TB: Nutrition

Decision Point 38-4

Commending the Secretariat and the speakers in this session for highlighting the important issue of nutrition as a prevention tool for TB

Acknowledging with appreciation the powerful new evidence from clinical trials in India on the role of nutrition in the prevention of TB, and the modelling work done by the Secretariat showing the impact of provision of nutrition in preventing TB

Appreciates the efforts made by the Government of India to provide nutrition support to people with TB and their families through initiatives involving various stakeholders such as the Prime Minister Office, private sector, and society at large

Calling on the development banks and other financial institutions to support countries to strengthen health systems within a primary health care approach to ensure that nutrition and TB prevention and care are funded and included under basic care packages.

Acknowledging the significant impact that nutrition also has on improving TB treatment outcomes for undernourished people

1. The Board requests all constituencies, especially those also working on nutrition and SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), to engage in raising awareness about the role nutrition plays in preventing and treating TB.

The Board asks the Secretariat to undertake the following:

2. Work towards ensuring that high TB burden countries, partners and nutrition-related stakeholders are aware of the important role that nutrition plays in preventing TB.
3. Use Stop TB Partnership's advocacy, communication, coordination and convening capacity to ensure that provision of nutrition is included as a priority in national TB responses, National Strategic Plans, and Global Fund funding requests, particularly in

high TB burden countries with high prevalence of undernutrition; accordingly, TB should also be included in nutrition initiatives.

4. Develop strategic collaborations and concrete actions with UN agencies (such as the World Food Programme, SUN Movement), and other International Organisations (such as Nutrition International), with an objective of increasing awareness of large-scale nutrition initiatives on populations who are undernourished and susceptible to TB.
5. Engage with the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Paris Summit which will be held in March 2025 as a key moment to galvanise financial and policy commitments to end malnutrition, and to support integrated approaches, including making nutrition interventions an integral part of TB responses.



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Preventing TB: Vaccines

Decision Point 38-5

Appreciating all speakers and presenters and acknowledging their action-oriented and forward-looking remarks and updates since the Stop TB Partnership's 37th Board Meeting

Commending the continued progress made in advancing TB vaccine developments, particularly related to the various candidates undergoing Phase 3 clinical trials

Reiterating the need for the global TB community to advocate for and work with key country and global policy- and decision-makers to mobilize the necessary financing to bridge the USD 1.2 billion per annum gap, to fast-track the development of TB vaccines, and plan for the concrete and practical delivery of successful Phase 3 TB vaccine candidates

Congratulating the co-hosts of the 7th Global Forum on TB Vaccines, including the Ministry of Health of Brazil, IAVI, Brazilian Tuberculosis Research Network (REDE-TB), and the Stop TB Partnership's Working Group on New TB Vaccines, for organizing a successful event

Acknowledging the plans of the WHO's TB Vaccine Accelerator and encouraging the resource mobilization efforts and further engagement of stakeholders and partners, particularly civil society and communities and TB vaccine developers in these efforts

The Board asks, contingent upon funding availability, the Secretariat to:

1. Convene and engage diverse stakeholders and partners, particularly including civil society and communities, in coordination with other initiatives, including the WHO's TB Vaccine Accelerator, to advocate for and support an enabling environment for the concrete and practical development and delivery of TB vaccines including creating opportunities to increase its financing.
2. Develop a TB vaccine focused knowledge sharing platform by aggregating different sources of information from various platforms, technical partners, private sector and researchers.

3. Engage with civil society and communities, including through the Challenge Facility for Civil Society, to advocate, generate demand, and strengthen vaccine literacy.
4. Ensure key stakeholders and partners are kept informed about the progress in TB vaccine development and delivery.



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Innovations from Africa

Decision Point 38-6

Applauding the Stop TB Partnership's vital role in supporting and facilitating the innovative work done by governments, civil society, and private sector partners to accelerate impactful investments, ensure the delivery of high-quality TB services and enhance social protection

Commending the support from Global Affairs Canada and renewed and additional contributions from the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office of the United Kingdom to Stop TB Partnership's TB REACH, which has supported some of the key partners, including those from the Board Innovation sessions in Varanasi and Brasilia

Recognizing the wide variety of innovations emerging from Africa and the importance of advancing new approaches and tools in the fight against tuberculosis

Expressing deep gratitude to the presenters for their visionary contributions, their invaluable work, and their dedication to driving positive change in the global effort to end TB

The Board underscores the continued need to extend this crucial support to innovators in Africa and across the globe, to foster continued advancements in tackling TB and achieving broader health equity

The Board asks the Secretariat to:

1. Encourage the Global Fund Secretariat to work together urgently with national TB programs, local partners and technical organizations to implement and scale-up impactful innovations and report back on progress at the next Board Meeting.
2. Continue to engage developers and innovators while using the TB REACH platform for rapid implementation and evaluation of technologies and approaches.
3. Actively engage with current and potential new donors to appeal for new funding for future TB REACH waves.

4. Use its convening power and global voice to work with implementing partners and other technical partners, including Global Fund, to broadly disseminate impactful innovations for scale-up supported through TB REACH, Introducing New Tools Project (iNTP), Re imagining TB Care and other Stop TB initiatives.



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Advocacy Priorities for 2025

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Thanking the Secretariat for their achievements in increasing political advocacy of high-level stakeholders such as Heads of States and Governments, First Ladies, and Ministers of Health of high TB burden countries

Recognizing the regional high-level events in Asia, Europe and Africa organized by the Secretariat to build awareness and support countries to achieve the commitments made at the UN High Level Meeting on TB

Applauding the work done to ensure high visibility of the TB community and its priorities during the multistakeholder hearing for UNHLM on AMR and the UNGA week, which ultimately led to the inclusion of TB in the AMR Political Declaration

Appreciating the intense work and efforts made to influence the Global Fund Board decisions for an increased share for TB as part of the Global Disease Split

The Board asks the Secretariat to

1. Further strengthen and expand the coordination and alignment of advocacy efforts and messages of various partners at national, regional, and global levels through regular engagement and communications.
2. Work with partners, including the private sector, supporting all efforts made for a successful Global Fund Replenishment.
3. Ensure inclusion and increased visibility of the TB agenda during 2025 high-level events, forums and discussions at national, regional and global levels, such as World Economic Forum, World Bank meetings, World Health Assembly, UNGA, G20, engagement with regional political groups (such as African Union and ASEAN) and national events.

4. Work with national stakeholders and partners and especially civil society, to focus their specific advocacy efforts in a selected group of high TB burden countries towards increasing awareness of TB situation, funding, and gaps to address challenges and make progress towards ending TB.

The Board recognizes the importance of up-to-date policies for effective TB responses, aligned with emerging science and evidence and appreciates the STBP Secretariat development of the Step up for TB 2024 (SUFT)

5. The Board asks the Secretariat to use this as a tool in STBP advocacy efforts and continuing to monitor progress in TB policies in high TB burden countries.

The Board recognizes the 2024 TB Research Funding report of Treatment Action Group (TAG) with support from Stop TB Partnership, appreciates the increase in funding for R&D in 2023, and notes with concern that this represents less than 25% of the total need

6. The Board recommends the Secretariat and partners to use this report to advocate for increase financing for TB R&D and work towards developing the 2025 Report.

The Board applauds the launch of Round 13 of the Challenge Facility for Civil Society for a historical high level of funding (up to USD 19 million) and appreciates the contributions from USAID and L'Initiative France.

7. The Board calls upon civil society and community organizations and networks of people affected by TB to take this opportunity and submit quality applications for the funding.

8. The Board asks the Secretariat to ensure smooth implementation of the Round 13 and early engagement with donors to ensure a Round 14 of CFCS in 2025.



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Secretariat and Finance Committee Report

Decision Point 38-8

Thanking the Secretariat for its hard work and driving forward the strategic priorities set by the Board, and acknowledging the new record setting delivery figures as a testament to these efforts, and the impact the work is having on the ground

Expressing its appreciation to the Finance Committee, the Secretariat's finance and operations team for their work

Thanking the Secretariat for the robust analysis of options for effective cross-cutting allocations, and the Finance and Executive Committee for reviewing and approving them

Commending UNOPS for its corporate investment strategy and the Secretariat work that led to increased interest earned in 2024

Remaining committed to fulfilling and prioritizing its aspirations related to diversity, equity, and inclusion and commending the work done to date by the Secretariat

1. Based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board endorses the Stop TB Partnership 2023 Annual Financial Management Report.
2. The Board asks the Finance Committee to continue to monitor expenditures, encumbrances, and financial risks, and to alert the Executive Committee of any concerns.

The Board requests the Secretariat:

3. To prepare the Stop TB Partnership 2024 Annual Financial Management Report and submit to the Board for endorsement.
4. To continue to work to implement ways to further increase the interest earned.

5. To continue its efforts to strengthen diversity and equity in staffing, people management, as well as providing a safe and inclusive working environment.



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Next Board Meeting and Closing

Decision Point 38-9

Thanking the Government of Nigeria for hosting and ensuring that the Board Meeting and related high-level events were a resounding success. Appreciating the Nigerian civil society, especially the Stop TB Partnership Nigeria, for their generous and productive collaboration

Expressing high appreciation for the outgoing Chair, the Honourable Minister of Health of India, for his vision, leadership and service to the Stop TB Partnership Board

Expressing gratitude and acknowledging the engagement of the two outgoing Board Members from the civil society constituencies: Mrs Carol Nawina and Mr Peter Ngola Owiti from the Community of People Affected by TB constituency

Grateful for the leadership, contribution and engagement by the honourable Ministers of Health of Indonesia, Nigeria, South Africa, and The Philippines as well as Deputy Ministers of Malawi and Tajikistan

1. The Board warmly welcomes Dr Teodoro J. Herbosa, Secretary of Health of The Philippines, as the new Chair of the Stop TB Partnership Board, serving from January 2025 to the end of December 2027.
2. The Board requests the Secretariat, with the guidance of the Executive Committee, to define and finalize arrangements for the 39th Board Meeting to be held in September 2025 in, Washington D.C., United States of America.



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