

**Executive Committee Call
19 March 2025**

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat:
Austin Obiefuna (EC Chair) Tereza Kasaeva Carrie Lehmeier / Natalie Paruzel David Lewinsohn Rhea Lobo/Tanaka Mukuhwa/Maxime Lunga Obinna Onyekwena Vama Jele / Aman Shukla	Mayowa Joel Cheri Vincent	Lucica Ditiu Jenniffer Dietrich Catie Rosado Suvanand Sahu
Minutes of the Call		

1. Update on impact of USAID freeze on Stop TB Secretariat

1. The Executive Director provided an update to the Executive Committee about the situation at the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat. Also, it was shared with partners that some countries were able to re-start work on TB with Usaid funds, in Ethiopia, Viet Nam, Uganda, Ukraine. For some countries, it is unclear if they have started Usaid work: Kenya, Kirgizstan, Malawi and Tajikistan. Especially partners at country level are most affected. And civil society is raising flags on the impact of funding cuts on national partnerships, NTPs and Challenge Facility grants.
2. The two donors on the Executive Committee, Gates Foundation and Global Affairs Canada, expressed their support and available flexibilities. Concerns were articulated by members of the Executive Committee regarding the risk of losing the substantial gains made over fifteen years by establishing networks of country support and collaboration between all sectors and stakeholders in affected countries.
3. **Action points:**
 - Vice-Chair requested for donors to hold a specific non-US donor group call
 - Vice-Chair is holding a call with the four civil society Delegations of the Board to discuss their resource mobilization around the “keep the lights on” campaign to approach companies and foundations in their countries

2. Dates and Venue of next Stop TB Partnership Board Meeting

4. The Head of Governance and Board Relations presented options for the next 39th Stop TB Partnership Board Meeting venue and dates. A comparative table was included, and the Executive Committee discussed the situation. Also considering new visa restrictions for participants from Pakistan, Malawi, Zimbabwe and possibly more countries. Focus shall be on finding solutions now, like applying for visa in the coming month.

5. Most Executive Committee members were inclined to move the venue of the next Board Meeting to New York, despite all challenges, given that the Global Fund Replenishment will possibly take place there as well as the UNHLM on NCDs.
6. **Action points:**
 - Executive Committee members to consider the proposal and inform the Secretariat with more inputs until April 1st, when a decision shall be made

3. World TB Day

7. The Executive Director informed the Executive Committee that so far, since the start of WTBD 2025 campaign, 36 million impressions have been achieved, and much more is expected around the actual day.
8. Almost ten key countries are embarking into TB screening campaigns throughout the month of March 2025.
9. Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Health of Viet Nam together with the donor from South Korea are having a big WTBD event with Stop TB Partnership in Hanoi in which the Executive Director is participating.