

Executive Committee Call 16 May 2025

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

1. 39th Stop TB Partnership Board Meeting

- The Executive Director reported that the location for the upcoming Board Meeting has been secured. The Secretary of Health of The Philippines is inviting the Board to meet in Manila on 29-30 October 2025. This Board Meeting will be co-hosted with the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- The draft topics for the agenda of the next Board Meeting were proposed. During the subsequent discussion, members of the Executive Committee provided feedback, emphasizing the importance of maximizing time for substantive discussions, suggesting the addition of more detail to the headers of agenda items, and highlighting the uniqueness of health ministers discussing tuberculosis financing.
- Action point:**
 - The Secretariat to start working closely with the Government of The Philippines and ADB for the 39th Board Meeting.
 - The Executive Committee to give feedback on the topics of the agenda until Monday, 26th May. Secretariat to expand topics and develop the draft agenda to be discussed in the next call.

2. Updates on Advocacy

- The Vice-Chair of the Board and the Executive Director updated Executive Committee members on recent advocacy events, including the Global Fund Board where the main discussions were on reprioritization of TB/HIV country grants.
- The Vice-Chair briefed on how the USA legislators are open to discuss TB during the advocacy days at the Hill. Civil society at the Hill also asked support for the Global Fund Replenishment and educated legislators about the impact of tuberculosis in affected countries.

6. During the World Bank Spring Meetings there was much admiration for how the Stop TB Secretariat works, its support on the ground, and its convening power. It is possible that more co-hosted events take place with development banks.
7. During the World Health Assembly, Board members and African Union together co-organized an event open for all with the Secretariat. Furthermore, together with the India Health Fund another event will showcase the many innovations in TB (swabs, xrays, etc). And a workshop with Japan and StopTB's Global Drug Facility, Unitaaid and South Korea is planned. Influencer John Green will appear in some of these events in Geneva to raise the profile of TB with decision-makers in global health and ministers that are attending the WHA, and one talk includes global health stakeholders and all colleagues in the Global Health Campus.

3. Update on impact of US funding on the Secretariat

8. The Executive Director gave a very short, due to time constraints, update to the Executive Committee.