

**Executive Committee Call  
2 July 2025**

Attended (by constituency):	Apologies:	Secretariat:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Austin Obiefuna (EC Chair)</li> <li>• Sevim Ahmedov / Ya Diul Mukadi</li> <li>• Mayowa Joel</li> <li>• David Lewinsohn</li> <li>• Rhea Lobo/Tanaka Mukuhwa/Maxime Lunga</li> <li>• Obinna Onyekwena/Jenny Ottenhoff/Yogan Pillay</li> <li>• Vama Jele / Aman Shukla</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tereza Kasaeva</li> <li>• Carrie Lehmeier</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lucica Ditiu</li> <li>• Catie Rosado</li> <li>• Suvanand Sahu</li> <li>• Brenda Waning</li> <li>• Jackie Huh</li> <li>• Jacob Creswell</li> <li>• Mikkel Broholt</li> <li>• Andrew Kirkwood (UNOPS)</li> <li>• Hibret Amtataw (UNOPS)</li> </ul>
<b>Minutes of the Call</b>		

## 1. Update on the US-Funded Scope of Work (SoW)

The meeting was mainly called to present the developments related to the United States-funded Scope of Work (SoW), following the formal changes of the USAID as of **1 July 2025** and the transition to the **U.S. Department of State**.

Key highlights included:

- **Introduction of New U.S. Board Members:**  
Mr. Sevim Ahmedov and Mr. Mukadi Yadiul were formally introduced as U.S. representatives to the Stop TB Board. Both underscored the importance of ensuring strategic alignment with the current U.S. administration's humanitarian priorities, particularly in delivering life-saving assistance.
- **Strategic Transition and Alignment:**  
Dr. Lucica Ditiu emphasized the revised agreement's alignment with U.S. government priorities and its potential to drive impact under the new funding framework. She also acknowledged ongoing implementation challenges
- **Organization Developments:**  
Dr. Ditiu and colleagues from UNOPS provided an update on the status of the agreement with the U.S. Department of State, outlining recent organizational changes within the Stop TB Partnership. These changes, guided by the UNOPS Office in Geneva, HR and PCG in UNOPS headquarters. Dr. Ditiu requested that the information shared during this portion of the meeting be treated with strict confidentiality.
  - **Contractual Adjustments:**  
Stop TB has completed the termination of 30 contracts with other 5 vacant positions not being advanced to recruitments and grants, in line with funding reductions and the updated priorities of the U.S. Department of State.
  - **Operational Efficiencies:**  
Stop TB started exploring opportunities to increase efficiencies across UNOPS operations, including through collaboration with other hosted entities.

## 2. Preparations for the Upcoming Stop TB Board Meeting – Manila, 28–30 October 2025

Dr. Ditiu briefed the Board on ongoing preparations for the upcoming Board meeting, to be co-hosted by the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the **Department of Health of the Philippines**.

- A number of **Ministers of Health** have already confirmed their participation.

### Action Points

1. **Constituency Engagement:**  
Board members are encouraged to identify and explore opportunities for their constituencies to support Stop TB's efforts.
2. **Board Meeting Invitations:**  
Formal invitations for the October Board meeting will be issued by end **July 2025**.
3. **Board Input on Meeting Agenda:**  
Stop TB will circulate a draft agenda and seek input from Board members.
4. **Follow-up with Key Attendees:**  
Stop TB will engage with confirmed and potential high-level participants, including Ministers of Health and senior representatives from partner organizations.