



Stop TB Partnership

13th Coordinating Board Meeting
Berlin, Germany
Decision Points

Adoption of Agenda (2.07-1.0)

- The agenda of the 13th Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting was adopted.

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Decision/ Action points from Geneva

- The draft decisions and action points (Doc: 2.07-1.2) of the 12th Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board (CB 01.07) were accepted.

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Inaugural Session (2.07-2.0)

The Board:

- Welcomed increased German commitment to international development assistance.
- Encouraged the German government to ensure TB and TB/ HIV are prioritized in the context of increasing resources.
- Requested the Government of Germany takes leadership in ensuring TB is included in EU policies.
- Recognized the potential comparative advantage of Germany in TB research.

Includes United Nations Secretary-General Special Envoy's intervention:

- Endorsed the proposal of a TB / HIV summit, in the context of the next UNGASS, to underline the relevance of TB to health Millennium Development Goals.
- Requested the TB-HIV Working Group and country representatives support the proposed TB / HIV summit.

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Beyond the “All Against TB: the WHO European Ministerial Forum” (2.07-3.0)

The Board:

- Committed to working with the Stop TB Partnership for Europe to ensure the Berlin Declaration is implemented.
- Urged the Secretariat continue support of NGOs, national partnerships and civil society particularly in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.
- Established a sub-group to prepare a Stop TB Partnership position on eligibility criteria for the Global Fund.
- Decided to send a letter to the Global Fund Board concerning Global Fund eligibility proposals.
- Instructed the Secretariat to commence planning of High Level Missions to critical European countries.

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How Stop TB can work together with global health initiatives to strengthen health systems? (2.07-4.0)

The Board:

- Reconfirmed its strong commitment that the Stop TB Partnership be engaged with other health partnerships and initiatives to strengthen health systems.
- Decided to develop Memorandum of Understanding with the Global Health Workforce Alliance (GHWA) and the Health Metrics Network (HMN).
- Mandated an analysis be conducted regarding strategic collaboration with Sector Wide Approaches (SWAs) and the International Health Partnership (IHP).
- Instructed the Secretariat and TBTEAM address and provide technical assistance on cross-cutting Health System Strengthening issues for countries submitting applications to Round 8 of The Global Fund.

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Lessons from the GAVI Advance Market Commitment (AMC) experience (2.07-5.0)

The Board:

- Mandated the R&D Working Groups to investigate the different AMC options (drugs, vaccines, etc.) for TB.
- Decided to pursue advocacy in favour of an AMC for TB.

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Subgroup on Laboratory Capacity Strengthening (SLCS): Global Laboratory Initiative – Strategies and Needs (2.07-6.0)

The Board:

- Acknowledged the need to address lab strengthening for the wider health system and specifically encouraged the SLCS to engage and work together with other health groups (notably HIV, malaria).
- Endorsed the strategic direction outlined by the laboratory strengthening subgroup and offered assistance with resource mobilization.
- Requested McKinsey, as part of the external evaluation, examine the organigram of the DOTS expansion Working Group to ensure it serves SLCS requirements.

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TB Drug Supply – overcoming procurement bottlenecks (2.07-7.0)

The Board:

- Recognized that the supply of 2nd line drugs is a critical and complex issue, especially in light of MDR-TB and XDR-TB.
- Requested that GDF and the MDR-TB Working Group further analyse on this issue and return to the Coordinating Board with concrete next steps.
- Decided that a letter should be sent to the WHO-Director General calling for 2nd line TB drugs to be prioritized for prequalification.
- Called for better regulation of drugs to be on the agenda of the World Health Assembly and recommended the MDR-TB Working Group provide clear language for country delegations.
- Requested GDF conduct a mapping exercise to provide data on expected 2nd line drug short-falls.
- Proposed that the GDF and implementation Working Groups explore whether differing donor standards on drug procurement is a significant problem, and if required return to the Coordinating Board with proposals for action.

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Work Plan 2008/ 2009 (Part I) (2.07-8.0)

Work Plan 2008/ 2009 (Part II) (2.07-9.0)

The Board:

- Approved the work plans as presented.
- Noted the need to secure additional funding, particularly for Working Groups, as soon as possible.
- Requested work plans be revisited following completion of the external evaluation, and the mobilization of additional resources.

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External Evaluation – Interim Report (2.07-10.0)

The Board:

- Recommended the final external evaluation report be completed and submitted by early January 2008.
- Requested the final external evaluation report focus on clear practical steps for reorientation and restructuring of the Stop TB Partnership as required.
- Requested consideration be given to holding a meeting of Coordinating Board members (at least Steering Committee, Executive Committee and interested Board Members) in early 2008 to exclusively discuss the final report of the external evaluation in preparation of the Spring Board meeting.

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Who are the partners of Stop TB? (2.07-11.0)

The Board:

- Noted that the report (Doc: 2.07-11.1) raised issues concerning the engagement of partners for the external evaluators to consider.
- Mandated the Secretariat to produce a strategy that addresses the key question of partner engagement targeting under-utilized partners and sectors/regions which are under-represented.

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TB Research (2.07-12.0)

The Board:

- Noted the submission of the report by STAG Chair.
- Postponed discussion, at the discretion of the Executive Committee to a later date.

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Closing Session (2.07-13.0)

The Board:

- Requested a letter on behalf of the Stop TB Partnership be sent to the Japanese government urging health be given a priority in the 2008 G8 summit agenda.
- Endorsed the World TB Day theme 2008, "I am stopping TB".
- Endorsed the location for the Spring 2008 Coordinating Board meeting (Cairo, Egypt, April - final date to be confirmed), and instructed the Secretariat to commence planning.

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