

MEETING REPORT

10th Stop TB Coordinating Board Meeting

24-25 April 2006, Abuja, Nigeria

Decisions/ Actions (CB 01-06)

Objectives

- To discuss next steps to respond to the TB epidemic in Africa
- To outline a future Research Agenda for TB Elimination
- To identify opportunities to overcome challenges to in implementing the Global Plan
- To agree a strategy for Financing the Global Plan (2006-2015)
- To establish an Partnership mechanism to prepare for retooling
- To discuss the TB and Poverty action plan
- To discuss the role of Stop TB and TB Control in Health System Strengthening
- To discuss an operational plan to Strengthen Laboratory Capacity
- To decide on mechanisms for the delivery of Advocacy and Communications technical assistance
- To discuss how to develop patient and community capacity and skill set.
- To agree operational elements of the Global Drug Facility Strategic Plan
- To agree next steps in planning for the Partners' Forum.
- To update the Board on planning for the Ministerial Conference for Europe
- To discuss partnership progress in 2005
- To agree the location of future CB meetings

Outcomes

- Partnership approach to African Health and Finance Ministerial meeting agreed.
- A call for greater engagement and momentum for TB research and the development of a TB research movement issued.
- Working Group structural in delivering the Global Plan agreed.
- Resource Mobilization Strategy for the Global Plan endorsed.
- Task Force on Retooling endorsed.
- Action Paper on TB & Poverty endorsed.
- Next steps in defining Stop TB collaboration in addressing health system strengthening agreed.
- Operational plan to strengthen the global and national level laboratory network adopted.
- Plan for the provision of Technical Assistance for ACSM at country level the partnership/sub-group agreed.
- Plans for development of TB Global Media Networks (Panos Institute project) approved.
- Training plan for Patient & Community Empowerment adopted.
- Business advisory group for GDF established.
- Key operational elements of the GDF technical assistance service line endorsed.
- GDF/Partnership approach to enhancing quality assurance approved.
- European Ministerial Conference (Copenhagen Oct 2006) plan outlined.
- Annual Report approved for publication.
- Location and dates for future Board meetings approved.

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| Session - presentations | Decisions | Actions | Key Docs |
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| 1) Opening Session | | | |
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| Welcome words from Koek. Key Note Address: E. Lambo (Nigerian Federal Minister of Health) on TB in Nigeria | | | |
| Agenda/Action-points last CB meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The agenda was adopted. ○ The report from the 9th Stop TB Coordinating Board meeting, November 2005, in Assisi, Italy was adopted | | 1.06-1.0 1.06-1.1 1.06-1.2 |
| 2) Responding to the TB Epidemic in Africa | | | |
| Progress on the Africa Blueprint; political commitment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Board endorsed the need for national authorities to develop strategic plans to respond to the declaration of TB as a regional emergency. ● The Board endorsed planning for the African Ministerial meeting. The Ministerial meeting should be associated with an existing Regional event, preferably of Finance Ministers later in 2006, with the World Bank Economic Impact report as a core text. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support country level planning, technical meeting. [WHO and other technical partners] ● Establish planning group to coordinate support for the African Ministerial Meeting - Dr. Adeyi, Dr. Van Schooten. Mr. Sommerfeld and Dr. Kabore are to be included in the working group, with others invited at the discretion of the Executive Secretary. [ME&LB] | 1.06-2.0 1.06-2.1 1.06-2.2 1.06-2.3 1.06-2.4 |
| 3) A Research Agenda for TB Elimination | | | |
| Establishing a TB research movement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Board endorsed a call for the establishment of a Stop TB Research Movement. ● The Board decided that the Partnership should track | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consult and explore potential modalities for the development of a "TB Research Movement" [ME&DM] ● Track, analyze and report on | 1.06-3.0 |

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| | resources available for TB research globally | available resources for TB research. [ME&AV] | |
| 4) Overcoming Challenges to Implementing the Global Plan | | | |
| Identifying bottlenecks and solutions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board agreed several cross cutting issues will have a material impact on the ability of the Working Groups to implement the Global Plan - notably infrastructure (clinics, labs etc), human resources (at country level) and funding (globally). The Board instructed the Secretariat to recruit a consultant to examine, with the Working Groups, possible structural reform prior to the external evaluation of the Partnership. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take the planning process to the country level [All WGs] Implement key aspects of RM strategy for key functions [All] Terms of Reference of the consultant on WG reform to be shared with all Board members prior to recruitment.[ME] | 1.06-4.0 |
| 5) Financing the Global Plan | | | |
| Resource Mobilization Strategy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board endorsed the Resource Mobilization Strategy, with amendments. The Board postponed the establishment of a Board RM Task Force | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop action plans to implement the Strategy. [ACSM WG & Sec] Provide clarity on Board engagement in Resource Mobilization implementation [ACSM WG] | 1.06-5.0 1.06-5.1 1.06-5.2 |
| 6) Task Force on Retooling | | | |
| Establishment of a Retooling Task Force | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board endorsed the establishment of a Task Force on Retooling. The Board mandated the Task Force to develop a detailed TOR and strategy to implement new tools into the field. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide TOR & Strategy with next steps - to include timeline for the availability of new tools from the 3 existing WGs and lessons learnt from other programmes - for consideration by Executive Committee and at the Board | 1.06-6.0 1.06-6.1 |

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| | | later in 2006. [Task Force] | |
| 7) TB and Poverty | | | |
| Action Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board endorsed the TB and Poverty Action Plan, with the caveat that the TB and Poverty sub-group focus on the catalytic added value activities for the partnership. The Board nominated Roberto Tapia, to build links with the country level ACSM sub-group, and Giorgio Roscigno to be the focal points on TB and Poverty at Board level. The Board decided not to allocate additional resources, beyond existing commitments in the biennium work plan, but committed to support TB and Poverty resource mobilization activities. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritize critical TB and Poverty activities [Sub group] Support the development of a TB and Poverty Resource Mobilization strategy. [Sec] | 1.06-7.0 1.06-7.1 |
| 8) Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) | | | |
| Role of the Stop TB Partnership & Board | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board decided there is insufficient capacity in the Partnership for full engagement in all aspects of Health Systems Strengthening. The Board agreed to establish mechanisms to generate messages and identify opportunities for the STB CB, at global, regional and country level, to advocate for HSS to reach the MDGs for priority programs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare a programme of work to allow the Stop TB Board/Partnership to add most value in HSS [Taskforce & Sec] Consider modalities for HSS message generation [Sec & ACSM WG] | 1.06-8.0 1.06-8.1 |
| 9) Laboratory Capacity Strengthening | | | |
| Operational Plan; representation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board endorsed the operational plan to strengthen the global laboratory network. The Board postponed the question of upgrading - including Board representation - the Laboratory Capacity Strengthening Sub Group (of DOTS Expansion) to full Working Group status until receipt of the recommendations of the external evaluation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Resource Mobilization Strategy [Sub-group & Secretariat] Prepare guidelines to countries to support the inclusion of laboratory strengthening in their donor and GFATM applications. [Sub-group] | 1.06-9.0 1.06-9.1 |

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| 10) Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization | | | |
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| Technical Assistance & Media Networks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board endorsed increased technical assistance for countries in ACSM. The Board approved the development of phase two of the (Panos) TB media networks project. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure TA for ASCM (and other TA requirements) fully embedded in the Technical Assistance mechanism agreed at Assisi [ACSM Sub-group DOTS Expansion WG] Implement phase 2 of Panos Media Networks project [Panos/Secretariat] | 1.06-10.0 1.06-10.1 1.06-10.2 1.06-10.3 1.06-10.4 |
| 11) Patient and Community | | | |
| Training Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board endorsed the training plan for Patient and Community empowerment and called for a particular focus to train people at country level to support engagement with the NTPs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop of a guideline/tool to support the engagement of empowered patients with national TB programmes. | 1.06-11.0 1.06-11.1 |
| 12) Global Drug Facility | | | |
| Strategic Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board endorsed the establishment of a GDF Business Advisory Committee (BAC). The Board endorsed proposals for the establishment of the GDF technical assistance service line. The Board endorsed the provisional GDF QA process including the incentive scheme. The Board reaffirmed its commitment to working with WHO on the prequalification of TB drugs (PSM). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold first meeting of BAC by end 2006. [ME&GDF] Mainstream TA service line into GDF catalogue. [ME&GDF] Produce a time-limited, open, transparent and consultative timeline for the interim process on pre-qualified drugs, including the end of the incentive system. [ME&GDF] | 1.06-12.0 1.06-12.1 1.06-12.2 1.06-12.3 1.06-12.4 |
| 13) Partners' Forum | | | |

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| Planning 2007 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board decided to postpone the proposed Partners' Forum and recommended that upcoming meetings in Europe, Africa and Asia are developed to fully engage constituencies. The Board expressed no preference in timing or location for the next Partners' Forum. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandate the Secretariat to commence planning at least 18 months in advance [Board]. | 1.06-13.0 1.06-13.1 |
| 14) European Ministerial Forum | | | |
| Copenhagen October 2006 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board endorsed planning for a High Level Ministerial Forum for Europe. The Board requested time for an address by the Chair and Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership to the Ministerial Forum. The Board endorsed the participation of a high level delegation of the Coordinating Board in the Forum. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with Dr. Adeyi and Dr. Atun on the finalization of the agenda [Organizing Committee]. Mobilize, where possible, additional resources to support the meeting [Board members]. By the end of May 2006, finalise the delegation to participate [ME]. | 1.06-14.0 1.06-14.1 1.06-14.2 |
| 15) Annual Report of the Partnership | | | |
| Annual Report 2005 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board endorsed the Annual Report The Board noted the increase in PSC from 6 to 7% as applied to the Partnership Trust Fund at WHO. The Board welcomed the agreement of WHO to maintain drug procurement at 3% PSC. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish the Annual Report 2005 [ME&AV]. Negotiate with WHO to sustain the rate of 3% beyond the end of 2006. [ME&AV]. | 1.06-15.0 1.06-15.1 |
| Additional Item: Stop TB Partnership Kochon Prize | | | |
| Selection | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board welcomed the decision of the Kochon Prize Selection Committee to award the first Stop TB Partnership Kochon Prize to L S Chauhan (NTP Manager India) and Winstone Zulu (Activist, Zambia). The Board endorsed the proposal of the Selection | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure official approval of the awards from the WHO Director General [ME] Facilitate award ceremony and medal production [ME] | NONE |

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| | Committee to make the first award at the IUTALD conference in Paris at the end of October 2006. | | |
| Additional Item: Green Light Committee | | | |
| GFATM Board meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board endorsed a draft statement prepared on GLC issues. The Board decided to empower its representatives to ask the GFATM to pay its share of GLC costs on the basis for the request will be a fee for service for assessment of grants. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for GLC financing from the GFATM Board. [ME and Board members] | NONE |
| 16) Next Coordinating Board Meetings 2006 (16) | | | |
| Indonesia Germany | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board decided to accept the offer of the Government of Indonesia to host the 11th Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting, in the week of 13-17th November 2006 The Board welcomed the offer of the Government of Germany (KFW) to host the 12th Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting in April 2007 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commence planning with Indonesia and German authorities. | 1.06-16.0 |
| END | | | |