

Executive Committee Call 24 June 2021

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat:
Joanne Carter (Vice-Chair)	David Lewinsohn	Lucica Ditiu
Selamawit Bekele		Jenniffer Dietrich
Timur Abdullaev		Joseph Chiu
Erika Arthun		Ruwan De Mel
Pierre Blais / Kylie Luu		Suvanand Sahu
Tereza Kasaeva		Catie Rosado
Austin Obiefuna / Aaron Oxley		Anant Vijay
Cheri Vincent / Amy Bloom		Sulo Weerasinghe
Minutes		

Update on Hosting

1. The Chair of the Executive Committee provided an update on the latest developments regarding hosting arrangements.

Action Plan of the Independent Review of Allegations of Racism and Misconduct at StopTB

- 2. The Executive Committee provided an update on the contract that will be signed in July with a consulting firm. The consultants will conduct a governance review. All recommendations from the review will be put forward to the Executive Committee, before they go to the Board.
- 3. The Secretariat informed the Executive Committee that the Action Plan is posted in a <u>dedicated page</u> on the Stop TB website that displays in a "traffic-light system" (green-orange-red) to show progresses made in implementing of action points.
- 4. The Secretariat informed implementing the 360-degree performance appraisals for staff is advancing well and will start in August 2021. The Secretariat is also advancing on action point #4 referring to the staff representative, to which the Executive Committee advised that it shall be integrated into the overall governance review.

5. Action item:

• The Secretariat and the Executive Committee will continue with their respective implementation plans of the Action Plan.



Governance

6. Next Board Meeting, 28-30 September 2021.

Stop TB Executive Director shared topics identified for the next Board Agenda, and gave the context and flow behind the sequence of sessions. It was also noted the upcoming Board meeting should be taken as an opportunity to call and rally for the next UNHLM (2023) with a pre-Board high-level event of a proposed length of two hours. This meeting shall take place before the Board, and focus on G20 and how to position TB on the G20, as well as rallying for agreement to call for a UNHLM on TB in 2023.

- 7. A new report from Global Fund was shared. The report notes that TB kills 52% of the target population of the Global Fund, and 61% when HIV-related TB deaths are added. However, TB only receives 18% share of the Global Fund's funding. The discussion of the disease split will be discussed at the Global Fund Board in November, which places the Stop TB Board very timely for this issue.
- 8. The Executive Committee requested to add into one of the sessions at the Board meeting updates on the experience and challenges with the multi-sectoral accountability reporting (UNHLM). The Executive Committee also noted a solid, regular funding for the Partnership Secretariat is essential in the TB response, its programmes cannot run out of funding, and the possibility of a resource mobilization side-event for TB REACH should be explored.

New Board Members.

The Secretariat updated the Executive Committee re new Board representatives from the World Bank, and The Union and the renewal of the Board member from the Private Sector constituency.

- 10. The Board representative of TB-affected Communities and Developing Country NGO updated the Executive Committee on their constituency's timeline to elect new Board members by July 2021.
- 11. The Board representative of Developed Country NGO reported that his constituency has a similar timeline for elections, however, the process would start later, and the new Board member would be known in August 2021.
- 12. The discussion on Board representatives from 'Countries affected by TB' was a continuation of the EC discussion from 29 April 2021. Besides the letters sent to Indonesia and DRC to join the Board, there is a potential seat opening up if Brazil's term is not extraordinarily extended.

13. Action items:

- The Secretariat to include the proposals from the Executive Committee call into the new version of the Board agenda and collect any further written feedback from Committee members.
- The Executive Committee advised to continue with South Africa and wants more time to consider an extraordinary extension of Brazil's term of office on the Board by one year.

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14. Next call of the Executive Committee is scheduled for 27 July 2021.