

# **Executive Committee Call 16 September 2021**

Attended:	McKinsey:	Secretariat:
Joanne Carter (Vice-Chair)	Michael Conway	Lucica Ditiu
Selamawit Bekele	Ben Corson	Jenniffer Dietrich
Timur Abdullaev	Naina Dhingra	Joseph Chiu
Erika Arthun	Amuche Okeke-Agba	Ruwan De Mel
Pierre Blais / Kylie Luu	Carla The	Catie Rosado
Tereza Kasaeva	Marguerite Welman	Suvanand Sahu
David Lewinsohn		Anant Vijay
Austin Obiefuna / Aaron Oxley		Sulo Weerasinghe
Cheri Vincent / Amy Bloom		

## **Update on Hosting**

 The Chair of the Executive Committee gave an update on the status of the extension of the hosting agreement with UNOPS, including extensions of long-term contracts with stakeholders that work with the Global Drug Facility and agreements with donors.

#### 2. Action item:

 The Secretariat to map out actions needed to comply with outstanding points of the UNOPS hosting policy.

#### **Executive Committee Membership**

- The Head of Governance and Board Relations outlined the membership status of Executive Committee's fixed seat for Technical Agencies representation as well as the two flexible seats, seeking advice from the Committee for the way forward.
- 4. Executive Committee members raised the concern that if the end result is only one communities/civil society representative on the Executive Committee that would pose a challenge. Nevertheless, it was agreed that a communication be sent to the Board requesting the expression of interest to serve on the Executive Committee from rotating constituencies that have not yet represented on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will discuss the flexible seat membership during its next call based on the expressions of interest received by the deadline.



- 5. The Developed Country NGO constituency representative updated the Executive Committee about the election result and announced the new Board Member for its constituency.
- 6. The former Board Member of the Affected Communities constituency informed that he would continue serving the constituency as Constituency Focal Point and participate on the Executive Committee until it is decided which of the two Board Members will take over the representation on the Executive Committee. It was also suggested to have the former TB Affected Communities representative overlap in one or two calls with the new Affected Communities representative.
- 7. A question was posed if the Research and Implementation Working Groups should share a seat on the Executive Committee. Other proposals regarding Executive Committee governance were mentioned, which will feed into the governance review work that McKinsey is conducting. It was recommended that handover to new EC members materializes when the working sessions with the Executive Committee in October and November are finalized.

### 8. Action items:

- The Secretariat to send the communication to the Board requesting the expression of interest from eligible rotating constituencies to serve on the Executive Committee for three years (2022-2024).
- The Secretariat to reach out to the Technical Agencies requesting for their new representative on the Executive Committee.

## **Board Agenda including Mini-Retreat**

- 9. The Executive Director made a brief intervention noting major changes in the agenda of the 34th Board Meeting, which accommodates external presenters' availability. The last day of the meeting was also adjusted to accommodate McKinsey's work on the strategic vision for the Partnership, the Secretariat, and Board governance.
- 10. McKinsey's Lead Consultant updated the Executive Committee about the conception and content for the Mini-Retreat session at the upcoming Board Meeting. Focusing on what are the things that need to be debated: impact of Covid-19 pandemic on TB pandemic, the position of the Partnership in the future, Secretariat's capacity and role, accelerating innovations, geographical focus...etc. Executive Committee members gave exhaustive feedback to McKinsey consultants.

#### 11. Action items:

- The Secretariat to refresh the Board Agenda available online as amendments happen.
- The Executive Committee to work with McKinsey on governance strengthening reform after the Board Meeting.

## **Board Decision Points**

12. The Executive Director highlighted that during the 34th Board Meeting, there will be discussions around maintaining the TB targets and a call for a UNHLM in 2023. The decision points are not robust yet; however, the Secretariat will work internally with teams and share the draft decision points with the Executive Committee for input on Monday, one week before the Board Meeting.



13. A pre-Board press briefing is being discussed together with WHO, building on the event with WHO Russia Office that precedes the Board Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

# 14. Action items:

• The Secretariat to share the draft decision points for Executive Committee feedback.

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15. Next call of the Executive Committee in November 2021.