

**Executive Committee Call
11 July 2023**

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat:
Austin Obiefuna (Vice-Chair) Amy Bloom (for Cheri Vincent) Monica Dias (for Teresa Kasaeva) Nasir Ebrahimkhail Deliana Garcia / David Lewinsohn Subrat Mohanty Obinna Onyekwena / John Fawcett Peter Owiti	Carol Nawina Nyirenda	Lucica Ditiu Jenniffer Dietrich Catie Rosado Suvanand Sahu Kerrie Tyas
Minutes of the Call		

Secretariat’s New Operational Strategy

1. The meeting started with the Chair of the Executive Committee summarizing the development of the new Operational Strategy 2023-2028 for the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat. After the presentation of the Operational Strategy at the last call, the Executive Committee received by email the most updated version on 20 June for a last chance for comments until 10 July. Since then, only one more comment was received, hence, the Chair took it as a signal that everyone was comfortable with the Operational Strategy presented and its contents.
2. Next steps:
 - i. The final version, with EC’s latest comments included, will be shared with the entire Board in the first week of August 2023.
 - ii. A call will be scheduled for all Board Members on 10 August.
3. **Action items:**
 - After the call, the Secretariat will send the Operational Strategy with a Decision Point for electronic approval by the Board, based on the 5-day silent objection period, as per usual practice.
 - Hence, as per the timeline, the new Operational Strategy should be approved by the Board by 15 August 2023.

Governance – continuation of Board Strategy Review implementation

4. The Chair of the Executive Committee gave a brief update on the new constituency, TB Key and Vulnerable Populations. The newsalert went out last week announcing the possibility for organizations and individuals to sign-up for this new constituency. Deadline for receiving expressions of interest to join the constituency is 15 August 2023. Once all constituency members are known, they will have a few calls together and, hopefully soon, start working on terms of reference to select the new Board Members.

5. David Lewinsohn, Executive Committee member, provided an update on the workshop held (19-20 June 2023) to establish the terms of reference for the new constituency: Innovations. It transpired that this group is not a natural group of people but a confluence of backgrounds and expertise. People in the core group should be there for their expertise and not because they represent other constituencies, and that they should be able to speak on behalf of other experts, and be arranged around key focus areas of the Partnership. The goal agreed at the workshop is to identify a Board Member and Alternate for the Board Meeting in February 2024.
6. On the vacant Multilateral Board seat, the Head of Governance, presented three possible options on how to approach defining and filling this seat. This is not a natural constituency, because any big institution (World Bank, African Bank, African Union, ASEAN, European Union) will not consult with others before a Board Meeting. The presentation was only to begin considering how to approach this seat that was still not defined in past discussions.
7. **Discussion:**
 - The discussion was around the Multilateral Board seat, and managing expectations no matter which institution will end up holding this seat first. Another view is to build a constituency with the individuals that come to a Board Meeting from different institutions and start the constituency in that manner. Another suggestion was to have a council of institutions (or development banks) that feeds into the Board Member, that way the position is wider than that of just one institution.
8. **Action items:**
 - Following the discussion and feedback from the Executive Committee, the Secretariat to get back with one option proposal to vote on.
 - The Vice-Chair recalled the necessity to have a constituency focal person in the Secretariat that supports not only the council of a Multilateral constituency but also, and especially, the countries affected by TB to come better prepared to Board Meetings.

Update on UNHLM

9. The Executive Director updated on the political declaration negotiations, country-level mobilization, and UNHLM week. Though the political declaration draft progresses, the contents are disappointing for the fact that it is the year 2023. Mid-July is the last chance for a country advocacy push. The week with three UN high-level meetings is challenging and all partners efforts are needed to give visibility to the UNHLM on TB.

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10. Due to time constraints, the Head of Governance and Board Relations only briefly mentioned that the coordination calls and discussions with the Ministry of Health of Brazil are very productive. The focus is to secure the venue for the Board Meeting and also have the invitation letter co-signed by the Minister and approved by the end of the month. Furthermore, it was recommended that Board participants request a visa, in the cases necessary, before the month of October 2023, because the policy for certain countries might change after that. The Ministry is also brainstorming on its own high-level event planned for 8 February 2024.
11. **Action items:**
 - The Secretariat will have more time for updates at the next Executive Committee call on 11 September 2023.