

Teleconference Executive committee (32 Ex Comm. - 17 August 2011)
(Draft) Minutes

Attended:	Not able to attend:	Secretariat
<p>Rifat Atun (Chair) Jeremiah Chakaya Michael Kimerling Mario Raviglione Giorgio Roscigno</p> <p>Marja Esveld (Chair of Sub-Committee on Governance, Performance and Finance) <i>(partial)</i></p>	<p>Ken Castro Christy Hanson</p> <p>Observer: Blessi Kumar (Vice-Chair of Board)</p>	<p>Lucica Ditiu Anant Vijay Shirley Bennett Raegan Boler</p>
Minutes of Discussion	Decision	Action
<p>1. DPRK (<i>Discussion and decision made via email</i>)</p>		
<p>The Executive Committee discussed the request from the government of DPRK to extend the adult anti-TB drug grant support from GDF for Jagang Province for an additional year.</p>		
<p><u>Electronic Discussion:</u> The Executive Committee felt that treatment should not be denied to people in need, so therefore the grant should be extended. However concerns were raised about what will happen at the end of the one-year extension. The Executive Committee felt it important that international support (GDF and Global Fund) to the country be aligned as much as it can.</p> <p><u>Discussion during Ex. Comm. teleconference:</u> DPRK is intending to apply for Global Fund Round 11, and will receive technical assistance. There is no provision for continuity of services for TB at the Global Fund should their application for funding be unsuccessful. It was agreed that similar situations could arise in other countries, and that there would be benefit from wider discussions between the Global Fund and GDF.</p>	<p>The Executive Committee agreed to a one-year extension of the GDF grant for Jagang province.</p> <p>Discussions should take place between GDF and the Global Fund, including how to handle similar situations in the future.</p>	<p>Secretariat to undertake the necessary follow-up.</p> <p>Secretariat to invite Global Fund Country Programs to discuss the issue.</p>

2. Report from the Sub-Committee on Governance, Performance and Finance

The Chair of the Sub-Committee on Governance, Performance and Finance provided an update on progress in developing a Memorandum of Understanding between Stop TB Partnership and WHO clarifying hosting arrangements. The Sub-Committee intends to provide information to enable an informed discussion at the next Coordinating Board meeting on the hosting arrangements, including the advantages/disadvantages of being hosted at WHO.

The Executive Committee thanked Sub-Committee for their work.

A question was raised whether terms of reference have been developed for the Sub-Committee on Governance, Performance and Finance.

The Executive Committee recommended that Terms of Reference for the Sub-Committee on Governance, Performance and Finance be developed and presented at the next Coordinating Board meeting for discussion.

Secretariat to develop TORs for presentation at the 21st Coordinating Board meeting.

3. TB Observatory

At its 18th meeting (Hanoi, Viet Nam) the Coordinating Board requested “the Partnership to host the Lancet TB Observatory website and to launch it at the Union meeting in Berlin” (Decision Point: 1.10-12.0). Limited progress has been made and no funding has been allocated towards the establishment of the Lancet TB Observatory. At a side-meeting during STAG, between WHO, STBP and Pam Das (Lancet) it was agreed that this is a very important initiative and that we need to move forward. The Secretariat estimated the costs necessary to launch the TB Observatory would be approximately USD 60,000 (to cover website design, website maintenance (annual cost) and 20% of P3 (annual cost)).

The Executive Committee discussed the TB Observatory and agreed that it presented an opportunity. However the financial requirements necessary to start this initiative have not been budgeted for and this money would need to be found. The Executive Committee felt that given the current economic constraints this may be problematic. Therefore the TB Observatory should be discussed at the next Coordinating Board meeting to determine whether this is a priority.

The Executive Committee decided there should be a session on the TB Observatory at the next Coordinating Board meeting.

Secretariat to add a session on TB Observatory to the agenda for the upcoming Coordinating Board meeting.

4. Stop TB Partnership 21st Coordinating Board meeting

The Secretariat reported on the progress in planning the 21st Coordinating Board meeting. The Executive Committee discussed the proposed agenda for the 21st Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting to be held in Bangkok, 7-9 November 2011.

<p>The Executive Secretary explained that although the Board had requested TBTEAM report at the 21st meeting, TBTEAM have requested this be taken out of the agenda.</p> <p>The Executive Committee generally welcomed the draft agenda by made several amendments.</p> <p>The Secretariat reported there has been a suggestion to have a discussion on the patient charter at the Coordinating Board meeting.</p>	<p>The Executive Committee agreed that TBTEAM should not be on the agenda of the next Coordinating Board meeting.</p> <p>The Executive Committee suggested the session on <i>Stop TB Partnership: The Core</i> be moved to Monday afternoon while the sessions on <i>TB/HIV Co-Epidemic</i> and <i>Impact Assessment Taskforce</i> be moved to Tuesday morning.</p> <p>Sessions on <i>TB/HIV Co-Epidemic</i> and <i>Impact Assessment Taskforce</i> be shorted to 45 minutes each. Sessions under <i>Stop TB Partnership: The Core</i> should be extended to 1hr 15 minutes each to allow enough time for discussion.</p> <p>The proposed discussion on the patient charter should be broadened to be a discussion on TB and human rights. This should be scheduled for the 22nd Coordinating Board meeting (Spring 2012).</p>	<p>Secretariat to update the draft Coordinating Board meeting agenda and circulate to Board members.</p>
<p>5. Time-limited task force on Working Groups</p>		
<p>The Secretariat has developed materials ready for the first teleconference of the time-limited task force on Working Groups, which was established at the 20th Coordinating Board meeting. The teleconference will be scheduled in the coming weeks.</p>		
<p>The Executive Committee welcomed the news that this work was progressing and looked forward to the results of this work being presented at the 21st Coordinating Board meeting in Bangkok, Thailand.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>6. Coordinating Board member rotation</p>		
<p>The Secretariat updated the Executive Committee with the election for seats on the Coordinating Board.</p>		

<p>The Secretariat launched the nomination process for the seat of TB affected communities. However due to concerns about the depth of the eligible pool for the seat of TB affected communities, elections were suspended. The Secretariat explained that TB affected communities have 2 seats on the Coordinating Board drawn from a pool of 75, whereas NGOs have 1 rotational seat on the Board drawn from a pool of approximately 1200. The review of the manual of procedures has highlighted the composition of constituencies as an issue. Given Board constituencies will be discussed at the next Board meeting, the Secretariat asked the Ex. Comm. for guidance about whether to re-launch the nomination process or whether to wait until after the 21st Coordinating Board meeting (Fall 2011).</p>	<p>The Executive Committee decided the term of one current representative from TB Affected Communities can be exceptionally extended to cover the next Coordinating Board meeting (21st meeting in Bangkok, Thailand) if there is a letter from the constituency requesting this.</p> <p>Elections for these Coordinating Board seats should be held after the 21st Coordinating Board meeting.</p>	<p>Secretariat to communicate to the relevant constituencies.</p>
<p>7. Any other business</p>		
<p>No other business was discussed.</p>		