

# Teleconference Executive committee (Ex Comm. 35 - 13 March 2012) (Draft) Minutes

Attended:	Not able to attend:	Secretariat
Rifat Atun (Chair) Jeremiah Chakaya Mario Raviglione Michael Kimerling Amy Bloom / Cheri Vincent	Ken Castro	Lucica Ditiu Joel Spicer Shirley Bennett
Observer: Blessi Kumar (Vice-Chair)		
Minutes on discussions	Decision	Action

## 1. Update from Time Limited Task Force on GDF

The Time Limited Task Force on GDF held its first teleconference on 6 March 2012. The Executive Secretary provided an update on discussions.

During the first teleconference of the Time Limited Task Force on GDF, the Executive Secretary provided an update on current GDF activities. Although the Coordinating Board had called for the establishment of two Expert Advisory Committees (one to focus on market shaping and market dynamics and the second to focus on procurement and supply chain management), the Task Force agreed that additional groups created should add clear value, and that ideally there should only be one Expert Advisory Committee. Therefore the Task Force should be supplemented with technical experts, non-Coordinating Board members in order to fulfill this role. Finally the Executive Secretary should move ahead to recruit an interim GDF manager to cover while the GDF manager is on sick leave. The interim GDF manager should: (i) complete the analysis of options for GDF that was presented at the Bangkok Coordinating Board meeting, (ii) identify the HR skills and set-up necessary for GDF to implement the preferred option, and (iii) until the return of the GDF manager, support the Executive Secretary in managing the GDF.

The Executive Committee welcomed the progress of the Time Limited Task Force on GDF.

Time Limited Task Force on GDF to continue its work.

#### 2. Executive Committee replacement for Giorgio Roscigno

The term of Giorgio Roscigno on the Executive Committee has concluded and he has stepped down as Co-Chair of the New Diagnostics Working Group. The Secretariat asked for advice about how to proceed with filling the vacancy on the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee discussed whether to The Executive Committee decided to Executive Committee to continue





fill the vacancy now given the governance reform, linked to the costed-operational strategic plan, that we be proposed at the next Coordinating Board meeting. It was recognized that committee structure and membership of the committee will be included in the proposed governance reform.

The Executive Committee noted the by-laws provide no guidance on process for selecting Executive Committee members should there be more volunteers than vacant spots.

continue, in the interim, without filling the vacancy on the Executive Committee until governance reform is discussed at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Coordinating Board meeting.

for 2012 with the six current members.

# 3. Location for 22<sup>nd</sup> Coordinating Board meeting

The location for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Coordinating Board meeting was discussed.

The Republic of South Korea has expressed an interest in hosting the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting in November 2012, to link with other events that will happen there. However the Executive Committee recognized the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board has not held a meeting in Eastern Europe. Copenhagen was suggested as an alternative for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Coordinating Board meeting location.

The Executive Committee felt the Coordinating Board should meet in places that make strategic sense for the Stop TB Partnership.

Secretariat to develop suggested criteria for identifying where the Coordinating Board meeting should be held as well as suggested countries for Board meetings in 2013 and 2014 for discussion at the next Executive Committee teleconference.

Secretariat to start discussions with the Republic of South Korea about the 22<sup>nd</sup> Coordinating Board meeting being hosted there.

## 4. Situation of Chair of the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board

In light of the Stop TB partnership by-laws and recent decisions taken by the Coordinating Board, members of the Executive Committee questioned whether Professor Atun could remain as Chair of the Stop TB Partnership given he is no longer the Global Fund representative.

The Executive Committee also asked for an update on the process for identifying the Global Fund's new representative on the Coordinating Board.

The Secretariat informed the Executive Committee that the Global Fund representative to the Coordinating Board will be either Gabriel Jaramillo or Debrework Zewdie. A meeting is scheduled with the Global Fund for the end of March to clarify who their representative will be.

The Executive Committee discussed the by-laws of the Stop TB Partnership and the decisions taken at the 21<sup>st</sup> Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting in Bangkok. The Executive Committee reiterated the need for the bylaws to be updated to accurately reflect the governance processes of the Stop TB

No decision was reached as the teleconference line automatically disconnected all conference participants after the call overran.

Executive Committee to continue discussion on this issue at its next call, scheduled for 28 March 2012.





Partnership and noted that the bylaws will be updated as part of the broader governance reform for consideration at the next Coordinating Board meeting (late 2012)

The Executive Committee recognized that the by-laws were followed during the re-election of Professor Atun as Chair. Decisions taken at the 21<sup>st</sup> Coordinating Board meeting (1.12-7.0), including the position of Chair being a non-voting member of the Board, result in some clauses contained in the by-laws being obsolete. Some members of the Executive Committee felt there was confusion at the Coordinating Board meeting about this, and that the impact was not clearly understood.

Some of the Executive Committee felt uncomfortable with changing some of the bylaws one-by-one rather than as part of a comprehensive review of governance procedures, and felt strongly that the partnership needed clear guidelines to follow. The Executive Committee discussed shortening the current Chair's term by one year, so that a new chair can be elected as part of a "governance reset" from the governance reform or whether this could be disruptive.

The teleconference line automatically closed before a conclusion on this issue was reached.