

Executive Committee Teleconference (45 Ex Comm. – 23 May 2013)
(Draft) Minutes

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat
<p>Amy Bloom (Interim Chair) Blessi Kumar (Vice-Chair of Board) Nathalie Garon Michael Kimerling Mario Raviglione Diana Weil (on behalf of Mario) Nevin Wilson</p> <p>For discussion on Hosting Arrangements: Tammy Boutel Anant Vijay Ruth Szabo</p>	<p>Cheri Vincent</p>	<p>Lucica Ditiu Young-Ae Chu</p>
Minutes of Discussion	Decision	Action
<p>1. Analysis of Stop TB Partnership Secretariat Hosting Arrangements</p>		
<p>The team leading the review of the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat’s hosting arrangements led a discussion on the latest draft of the review document, which was shared with the Executive Committee on Friday, 17 May. The team reiterated the purpose of the review was to create an information base to enable the Coordinating Board to have informed discussions on hosting alternatives for the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat at its meeting in Ottawa in July.</p> <p>The team gave a summary of the structure of the report, which includes generic background on hosting arrangements, summary of what the Secretariat’s needs are (in terms of hosting arrangements) to achieve the objectives set in the Stop TB Partnership Operational Strategy 2013-2015, as well as a review of current WHO hosting arrangements.</p> <p>The team requested the Executive Committee to review the document by 5 June 2013, and to give input on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the review asking and answering the right questions? • Is information in the report presented in a clear manner? • Is the level of detail adequate, or should it be more specific (keeping in mind the length of the report is already 18 pages, excluding the annexes). • Is there a need for other types of information currently not contained in the report? • What financial information (analysis/forecast) would EC members find useful to be included in the report? 		
<p>The Executive Committee noted the summary by the review team.</p> <p>Executive Committee members discussed the possibility of increased direct and indirect costs and what it would mean to the Partnership. They also deliberated on the need for</p>	<p>The Executive Committee agreed to review the document and send questions and comments to the review team by 5 June.</p> <p>The review team will collect input and revise draft by 14 June.</p>	<p>Secretariat to send possible dates for face-to-face meeting in Geneva.</p>

<p>WHO to recover costs and other possible factors driving WHO’s overall discussion on hosting partnerships.</p> <p>The review team noted the need for the Executive Committee to have discussions on how the Coordinating Board use and act on the information contained in the report, which will be presented at the meeting in Ottawa.</p>	<p>EC members agreed to discuss the report and possible Board actions/decisions at its next face-to-face meeting in Geneva.</p>	
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2. Strategic Engagement with the Global Fund

The Executive Secretary presented to the Executive Committee a draft paper and presentation focusing on current country TB pipelines of Global Fund grants and plans to rapidly provide information to facilitate commitment and use of these funds. The Executive Secretary outlined a two-step approach:

1. Creation of a TB situation room, which will serve to gather data from countries, including profile of grants, where the bottlenecks are, and what support is needed.
2. In-depth discussion on strengthening technical assistance with a focus on in-country based TA providers.

The Global Fund secretariat has expressed its support for the proposed approach and discussions with TBTEAM and WHO are planned to prioritize countries and accelerate TA.

<p>The Executive Committee noted the paper and plans to identify bottlenecks and accelerate TA.</p> <p>The Executive Committee noted that it would be useful to get the country pipelines for HIV/AIDS and Malaria as a comparison, and to see if the issue exists (and if it does, to what extent) in other disease lines, or is unique to TB. It was suggested that Executive Committee members could request the information from the Global Fund Secretariat.</p>	<p>The Executive Committee noted the report and agreed on the proposed actions set forth on the report.</p>	
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3. Board Election Process

The Executive Secretary and Governance Officer provided an update on the elections for both the Constituency-based seats and the Country-based seats on the Coordinating Board. The Executive Secretary noted discussions with various Ministers of Health, currently in Geneva attending the World Health Assembly, and interest from India, Myanmar, Tanzania and Lesotho in joining the Board, in addition to nominations already received from Brazil, Pakistan, The Bahamas, Nigeria, and Viet Nam. The Secretariat also updated the Executive Committee on the deliberations of the Independent Selection Committee for the selection of individuals to fill the five open constituency seats and noted the

<p>report of the Selection Committee on the selection would be sent to the Executive Committee by 29 May 2013 for EC endorsement and approval.</p>		
<p>The Executive Committee noted the update and discussed whether there were any potential candidates for country representative from the European Region.</p> <p>The Executive Committee also discussed the timeline for making a final decision on the new Board members, agreeing that the decision should be finalized by STAG to give new members enough time to prepare for the Board retreat and meeting in Ottawa.</p>	<p>The Executive Committee agreed to conduct personal outreach for the post of the country representatives, with a focus on the European Region, for another week.</p> <p>The Executive Committee requested that the Secretariat look into possible dates for a teleconference to discuss the approach to the four open country seats.</p>	<p>Secretariat to send Independent Selection Committee report on the Constituency-based seats to the Executive Committee by 29 May 2013.</p> <p>Secretariat to elicit guidance on country representative selection from the Independent Selection Committee and report back to the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Secretariat to plan teleconference to discuss the selection of the country Board seats.</p>
<p>4. Face to face meeting of the EC</p>		
<p>As many Executive Board members will be in Geneva for the WHO-STAG meeting, a face-to-face meeting of the Executive Committee was proposed.</p> <p>EC members not in Geneva will be invited to call in to ensure maximal Executive Board participation.</p>		<p>Secretariat to look into possible dates and times for the face-to-face meeting and send out schedule options to the EC.</p>