

Executive Committee Teleconference, 29 May 2015 Minutes

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat
Joanne Carter (Vice Chair) & Delia Clayton Erika Arthun Amy Bloom Cheryl Boon Austin Obiefuna Aaron Oxley Victor Ramathesele Mario Raviglione	Cheri Vincent Paula Fujiwara Thokozile Phiri-Nkhoma	Lucica Ditiu Shirley Bennett Jon Liden (partial) Anant Vijay (partial) Jackie Huh (partial)
Minutes of Discussion		Outcome

1. Kochon Prize

The 2015 Kochon Prize launched on 27 May 2015 and will close on 24 June 2015. The Prize will be announced and awarded at the 46th Union World Conference on Lung Health in Cape Town, South Africa in December 2015. The theme for the 2015 Kochon Prize – Unsung Heroes Working in TB Control – was voted on and chosen by Stop TB's partners. Over 300 individuals participated in the web-based voting process.

A member of the five panel Selection Committee resigned in March 2015 resulting in a vacancy on the Committee. In accordance with the Project Agreement between the Kochon Foundation and the United Nations Office for Project Services and in consultation with the current Selection Committee, the Secretariat identified a candidate to serve as the next member of the Selection Committee.

To solidify the diverse respective expertise and unique perspective of the Selection Committee, the Secretariat has nominated Timur Abdullaev who represents the Communities Affected by TB on the Stop TB Partnership's Coordinating Board.

The Executive Committee welcomed the nomination of Timur Abdullaev to the Selection Committee. The Executive Committee requested that the process for identifying selection panel members be formalized.

- The Executive Committee approved Timur Abdullaev's nomination to the Kochon Prize selection panel.
- The Executive Committee requested that the selection process to identify panel members be formalized.



2. CEPA Value for Money External Evaluation

To comply with some donor agreements, the Stop TB Partnership is required to have independent external evaluations conducted at regular intervals. The latest external evaluation of the Stop TB Partnership conducted by Cambridge Economic Policy Associates Ltd (CEPA) focused on value for money and covered the period 2007-2013. The final report will be submitted to DfID. The Stop TB Partnership will also submit a response to the final report.

The Executive Committee welcomed the report and noted the positive findings. The Executive Committee did note the gap between the end of the review period and the development and release of the report and suggested that in future it would be preferable to see less of a gap so that a report would be able to capture the most current developments.

 The Secretariat asked the Executive Committee to review the CEPA Report and to submit comments by noon, Tuesday 3 June 2015.

3. Update on (i) Finance Committee; (ii) Stop TB Partnership 27th Coordinating Board meeting; (iii) upcoming Executive Committee calls

Finance Committee

Following the Stop TB Partnership 26th Coordinating Board meeting in April, the Finance Committee has held one call to discuss the Stop TB Partnership reserves. A face to face meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled to take place in Washington DC, USA at the end of June. At this meeting the Finance Committee will examine in detail:

- how the Stop TB Partnership reserves could and should be used;
- the implementation of the 2015 work plan; and
- the dependency of the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat on certain key donors and the impact if these donors pull back.

The Executive Committee welcomed the update on the work of the Finance Committee.

Stop TB Partnership 27th Coordinating Board

Planning is underway for the Stop TB Partnership 27th Coordinating Board meeting scheduled for 29 November 2015 in Cape Town, South Africa. Invitations have been issued to Board members as well as to the Minister of Health China and the Minister of Health Russia following discussions on the side-lines of the World Health Assembly.

The Executive Committee discussed holding pre-briefings on key topics on 28 November 2015 and agreed that it would be useful.

Stop TB Partnership 27th Coordinating Board

 Draft agendas for the Stop TB Partnership 27th Coordinating Board and pre-briefings will be prepared and circulated to the Executive Committee for its next



Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is scheduled to hold its next call on 22 June 2015. In recognition that it is often difficult to schedule Executive Committee calls over the summer, it is proposed that a call be scheduled for July and the next Executive Committee call be held in early September. The Executive Committee agreed with this proposal.

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 The Executive Committee call in July to be scheduled.

4. Launch Strategy of the Global Plan to Stop TB 2016-2020

The first consultation on the draft Global Plan to Stop TB 2016-2020 was held in Ethiopia on 8 May 2015. A number of other consultations are planned over the coming months.

The Executive Committee discussed possible indications that the TB numbers may be higher than thought and the possible impact this may have on the modelling for the Global Plan. It was therefore recommended that this matter be guided by how WHO responds to this issue.

The Executive Committee identified the need to discuss the overarching advocacy narrative given major upcoming events including the launch of the Global Plan to Stop TB 2016-2020, the Global Fund replenishment, the International AIDS Society Conference in 2016. The Executive Committee suggested that Secretariat convene a meeting with key advocacy people to take this forward and report back to the Executive Committee.

 Secretariat to convene a call with key advocacy groups to discuss overarching advocacy narrative of upcoming major events.