

Executive Committee Meeting, 12 February 2015 Minutes

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat
Joanne Carter (Vice Chair) & Delia Clayton Amy Bloom Cheryl Boon & Gloria Wiseman Michael Kimerling & Erika Arthun Aaron Oxley Thokozile Phiri-Nkhoma Victor Ramathesele Mario Raviglione	Cheri Vincent Paula Fujiwara Austin Obiefuna	Lucica Ditiu Shirley Bennett
Minutes of Discussion		Outcome

1. Representation of Bill and Melinda Gates on the Board and Executive Committee

Michael Kimerling is moving from the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation to KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation at of 1 April 2015. Erika Arthun will represent the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation on the Board and Executive Committee.

 The Executive Committee thanked Michael Kimerling for his contribution over the years and wished him well in his new role.

2. Update on the transition

The Executive Secretary reported the transition went very smoothly with no interruptions or disruptions in email, phones, operations or grants. The new office is fully operational. All staff who transitioned have valid contracts, UNLPs, permits etc.

The Executive Secretary report at the Board meeting will include a report on the transition and a detailed description of the budget. Indications are that the transition will be implemented within budget, final figures are still being calculated.

The Stop TB Partnership Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) will be ready by the Board meeting.

The programmatic collaboration between WHO and the Stop TB Partnership needs to be moved forward. A letter was sent from the Chair and Vice-Chair to WHO/DG thanking her for the support of WHO during the transition and looking to restart the process to agree on the programmatic collaboration.

- The Executive Committee thanked the Secretariat for the report and congratulated on the smooth implementation of the transition.
- The Executive Committee agreed it important the programmatic collaboration between WHO and Stop TB Partnership is developed.



3. 26th Coordinating Board Meeting – Paris, France

Planning is on-track for the 26th Coordinating Board meeting in Paris, France. There has been unofficial confirmation the Ministère des Affaires sociales, de la Santé et des droits des femmes will host the meeting, and when official confirmation is received, expected in the next week, Board members will be informed.

The Board agenda has been developed and will include:

Monday 13 April 2015

- Consultation session on Global Plan 2016-2020
- Roundtable lunchtime session with the Medicines Patent Pool on Promoting Access and Innovation in TB Treatment Through Patent Pooling
- Pre-briefings on Work Plan 2015, Operational Strategy 2016-2020 and Key Performance Indicators – this will be about the process for development; and by the Working Groups

Tuesday 14 April and Wednesday 15 April 2015

Board agenda sessions on:

- Report of the Executive Secretary
- Stop TB Partnership GDF and TB REACH
- Programmatic Collaboration with WHO
- BRICS engagement on TB
- Strategic direction for Stop TB Partnership advocacy efforts and financial resources needed
- Global Plan 2016-2020
- Global Fund new Funding Model
- Governance: Board composition

There is a high level dinner planned for the evening of Monday 13 April 2015. It has been suggested that the high level dinner is a good opportunity to recognize partners engaged in the fight against TB, perhaps in the form of prizes. The Executive Committee agreed it was a good idea to recognize partners engaged in the fight against TB but this should not be as prizes. They also suggested that a TB survivor is included to talk about the challenges in TB and people that have done something in the communities.

There is exploration with Emma Thompson who has just been named TB Ambassador for London so ascertain her interest in engaging at the global level. If she has interest, the Executive Committee agreed she should be invited to the high level event. There will be an invitation issued for the event to the Mayor of London from the Mayor of Paris.

- The Executive Committee welcomed the draft agenda.
- The Executive Committee welcomed the idea of recognizing partners' contribution in the fight against TB.
- A TB survivor should be included to speak about the challenges in TB and people that have done something in the communities

4. Governance



The Netherlands have announced they are unable to continue funding the Stop TB Partnership. According to the governance manual "Donor seat board members are required to make a minimum financial contribution of USD one million to the Partnership Secretariat to maintain their seat. Should a donor not contribute this amount, there will be a one year grace period allowed before they will be asked to step down from the Partnership board."

The Executive Committee recognized the need to cultivate new donors. Additionally it was felt governance implications should be dealt with flexibly to ensure there is scope includes governments with an ongoing interest in the Partnership, or that may bring money in down the line. However the Executive Committee requested potential options on the way forward be developed for their consideration

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