

Executive Committee Call, 11 October 2016

Minutes

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat
Joanne Carter (Vice-Chair) & Delia Clayton Erika Arthun Paula Fujiwara Austin Obiefuna Aaron Oxley Thokozile Phiri-Nkhoma Victor Ramathesele Cheri Vincent Karin Weber (<i>for Mario Raviglione</i>)	Celeste Kinsey Cheryl Boon Amy Bloom	Lucica Ditiu Gregory Paton Darivianca Laloo
Minutes of Discussion		Outcome
1. Next Board meetings		
<p>The Secretariat presented options for the next two Coordinating Board meetings.</p> <p>Possible Dates & Locations for the 29th and 30th Coordinating Board Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was proposed that the 29th Coordinating Board meeting be linked with the World Health Assembly 2017 (May –June) in Geneva, Switzerland. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WHA 2017 will attract attention due to the selection of the new DG. ○ WHA will be ideal to leverage Health Ministers engagement if the Coordinating Board meeting is held before the Assembly meets on either Friday (19th May) and Saturday (20th May) or Saturday (20th May) and Sunday (21st May). • The 30th Coordinating Board meeting is proposed for March 2018 (linked to World TB Day in a high burden country) i.e. India/China <p>Agenda Points for the 29th Coordinating Board meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Plan progress report • UN High Level Meeting on TB • TB-HIV burden as suggested by UNAIDS • Global Fund <p>The Executive Committee agreed that scheduling the 29th Coordinating Board meeting around WHA is opportune and would also offer the benefit of</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee requested confirmation on the Chair’s availability for the dates proposed for the next Coordinating Board meeting. • The Executive Committee requested that the Secretariat begin looking for hotels for the 29th Coordinating Board meeting in Geneva, Switzerland and provide an email update on above points.

<p>engagement with the new DG. The Executive Committee also stressed that the main challenge to holding a Board meeting in concert with WHA is hotel bookings (WHA is the time when hotels are busy and the prices are high).</p> <p>The Executive Committee tabled the decision on whether to hold the 29th Coordinating Board meeting May 2017 in Geneva, Switzerland until more information can be provided regarding the Chair’s schedule and the availability of hotels.</p> <p>Another suggestion was to schedule the next Board meeting around the World Economic Forum meeting at Davos (17-20 January 2017).</p>	
<p>2. Governance : 2.1 : Extension of the Rotating Seats Term 2.2: EC New Members’ i.e. New Tools WGs interest</p>	
<p>2.1: The term of office for all rotating seats of the Board is three years which can be renewed once. There are no guidelines for the renewal of rotating seats. The Secretariat has checked with the Board members representing the rotating seats and all have expressed an interest for extension of their term. The Executive Committee suggested the following options for the renewal and/or election of rotating seats for the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process for the next election of rotating seats members begin before the new three years term ends to provide an overlap for the newly elected members to ensure smooth transition; and • Staggering terms of members to avoid losing experiences learned. <p>2.2: The Secretariat received a request from the New Tools WGs to join the Executive Committee. As discussed in a previous EC call, Board leadership will explore if other constituency representatives are interested in joining the Executive Committee.</p> <p>The Executive Committee would like to address the for the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the EC want to expand as there are no vacant seats on the EC? • Is there a gap in skills on the Executive Committee and if so, what are the criteria for fulfilling the gap? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee requested that the Secretariat develop a concept note on the renewal process for rotating seats and on the next election for rotating seats representatives.
<p>3. UN High Level Meeting on TB</p>	

<p>The Secretariat presented the advocacy strategy for the proposed UN HLM on TB which includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilizing Ministers by sending letters- Thanks to Victor for his help with the letters. • Possible briefing for member states in New York in November 2016. • Lessons learnt from previous campaigns on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the importance of flagging that TB is just not a health issue but cross cutting; b. the relevance of TB to all member states, and c. stressing that TB is a neglected issue. • Key benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ getting Heads of States to the table and not just the Health Ministers, ○ elevating the issue by Foreign Affairs, and ○ most importantly getting a declaration which civil society can use to push TB forward in the country agenda. • Process led by member states – often led by Foreign Affairs. • To be able to hold the meeting in September 2017 we need the resolution/votes in by November 2016. • Campaign plan involves two levels ; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ i. directly to Ministers for support, and ○ ii.civil society campaigns in countries – Both in process • Key countries to convince: Thailand as they Chair the G77 and Fiji as they hold the Presidency of the UN General Assembly. Others who are key Donors to the UN. • No competition so far on high level for health issue. • Need to collaborate and be aligned to make a big noise for TB. • We can request Parliamentarians (Global TB Caucus) to push the needle. • The launch of the Global TB Report will be good to advocate for the need for the High Level Meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat will provide background documents to the Executive Committee as soon as possible.
<p>4. Calendar of 2016 Calls</p>	
<p>For November: Executive Committee teleconference is scheduled for Tuesday, 8th November 2016.</p> <p>For December : A doodle poll will be shared for preferred dates for the call (12th – 17th Dec)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call in December is important as the EC will receive the TB REACH grantees list before they are announced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat will send reminder for November call. • The Secretariat will also send a doodle poll for preferred dates for December.