

**Executive Committee Call, 19 December 2017  
Minutes**

<b>Attended:</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>Secretariat</b>
Joanne Carter (Vice-Chair) Timur Abdullaev Erika Arthun Amy Bloom Megan Cain Paula Fujiwara Nalini Lachance Austin Obiefuna Aaron Oxley Victor Ramathesele Cheri Vincent	Apologies from: WHO	Lucica Ditiu Jenniffer Dietrich Catie Rosado
<b>Minutes of Discussion</b>		<b>Outcome(s)</b>
<b>1. 30<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting in New Delhi</b>		
<p>The Executive Director outlined the contents of the agenda for the Board meeting in March. Length will be one day and a half. It was communicated that the government of India is organizing a huge event about tuberculosis the day before the Board meeting starts.</p> <p>There are plans to have a joint meeting with the WHO Regional Office for Southeast Asia during the afternoon of the day before the Board meeting and the morning before the Board meeting starts. Partners are interested in having BRICS representatives meeting at the sideline of the events happening before the Board meeting.</p> <p>WHO's leadership in Geneva is very supportive and highly interested in participating in Stop TB's Board meeting.</p> <p>The Chair of the Board met with the Executive Director of the Global Fund at the side-lines of a meeting in Washington DC. Mr Sands offered to support the Board meeting in New Delhi with the participation of private sector representatives.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stop TB Board meeting dates: 14-15 March 2018.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Governance: Replacement of Board members representing countries affected by TB</b>		
<p>The Stop TB Secretariat alerted the Executive Committee that there are 4 vacant seats on the Board to represent countries affected by TB. This vacuum is due to the absence of current Board members that have not regularly attended the Board meetings. The Governance Manual of the Stop TB Partnership states in paragraph 17.2 (attendance) <i>"All board members are required to attend board meetings. A board member is deemed to have resigned if he or she misses two consecutive meetings, with or without communication, unless there are extenuating circumstances"</i>.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Executive Committee advised to invite country representatives that could be considered as Board members in the future to the</li> </ul>

<p>A long-list of possible countries was shared in advance with the Executive Committee for its consideration, as well as a short-list of countries to aid in identifying good candidates. The Executive Committee agreed to the proposition of the Secretariat in inviting some country representatives initially as observers to the Board meeting in March. And if country representatives do attend the Board meeting as observers, it would be good to include them into the agenda of the meeting.</p> <p>The Executive Committee advised to make one more attempt to keep the BRICS countries engaged in the Board, and invite the Russian Federation again given their renewed interest in TB shown at the WHO Ministerial Conference.</p> <p>Executive Committee members raised the fact that a few of them had been approached by other UN agencies with the interest to join the Stop TB Board. This point was noted for a discussion during another call.</p>	<p>Board meeting in March.</p>
<p><b>3. AOB</b></p>	
<p>a. Lancet Committee Article: WHO asked for last-minute feedback of an article that will be published the next morning. The article is based on the initial list of WHO that did not include TB in it. WHO TB colleagues were able to improve some of the text. The proposed action is coordinate the response, and also write a letter to the Lancet specifically.</p> <p>b. Next Executive Committee Conference Call in January 2018.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Executive Committee will continue the discussion over email.</li> <li>• Stop TB Secretariat to send out calendar invite.</li> </ul>