

**Executive Committee Call, 15 August 2018
Minutes**

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat
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Minutes of Discussion		Outcome(s)
1. Global Fund Strategy Committee		
<p>Stop TB Partnership is a full member of the Global Fund Strategy Committee representing the Partners Constituency. Previously, the Partnership served for two years on the Strategy, Innovation and Impact Committee from 2014-16. The Committee Leadership is composed of Kieran Daly (Chair), Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and Abdalla Sid Ahmed Osman (Vice-Chair) from Global Fund Board’s Eastern Mediterranean Region.</p> <p>The Partners Constituency (which includes RBM, Stop TB, UNITAID, Partnership for Maternal and Child Health) helps by lending voice to issues of common concern to UNAIDS, as it does not have a representation in the Strategic Committee.</p> <p>The Executive Director briefed the Executive Committee on the last Strategy Committee meeting that was held in Geneva on 10-12 July 2018:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allocation: The Strategy Committee will be focusing on country allocations and allocation methodologies in the next meetings. The partnership has provided feedback on resources that are needed to end the TB epidemic. 2. Disease Split: While there was a broad acknowledgment of the need to do more on TB, it has been noted that there was little appetite to change the Global Fund disease split to increase TB’s share. However, there were discussions on getting additional resources for TB using other financing streams. Previously, historical data had been used by the Global Fund to allocate the current 18% of TB’s share in the Global Disease Split. However, an evaluation in 2012 puts TB in a 20-25% range. Compared to eight years ago, there is a significant change in the relative scale of disease, new tools, and ambition to end the epidemic. In addition, if the disease split formula further factored in MDR-TB and new information on key population, this might likely point to an increased need for TB funding. The Strategy Committee recommended that other avenues of financing could be used within the Global Fund to channel more funds for TB, with Australia, Germany, and France supporting this. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee acknowledged relevant discussions held at the Global Fund’s Strategy Committee.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An action point for the TB community is to find out if adding a factor to the “TB formula” that the Global Fund developed, will change the calculations of funding for each country. Such an element could be one that takes into account vulnerable populations. However, it needs to be weighed if putting efforts into getting the data will have a significant outcome to justify the efforts put in. <p>3. Transition: Sustainability and Transition is an ongoing discussion in the Strategy Committee. The discussions focused on key issues arising, such as domestic procurement.</p> <p>4. Replenishment: The Investment Case 2020-22 will be the core for the Global Fund Replenishment. As in the past, there will be consultations with partners in the process of writing the report. So far, a quantitative meeting has been held. The modeling work and costing targets are the same as the ones calculated for the UNHLM. Global Fund is calculating how much of the funding will be met domestically to estimate the additional funding needed. In September there will be a meeting to bring together all the figures on the three diseases.</p> <p>Different from UNHLM estimates, the modelers are asking for any new interventions and new guidelines that could impact costs from 2021 onwards. Additionally, the Joint Strategic initiative with the Global Fund and partners will have a web-platform publishing up-to-date data that will track progress. The platform launched online on 22 August.</p> <p>One Executive Committee member inquired why long-term investments in tools have not been part of the investment case. To which the answer was that the Global Fund invests only in implementation. However, the upcoming update of the Global Plan should factor in this longer-term request.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive Committee deems it valuable to identify what was the effect of Global Fund’s TB work in Asia and what can be applied from the catalytic funding (what was learned, what are the technical priorities to achieve the goals): Need to start identifying the key interventions that must be supported and the technical priorities for the 40 million initiative.
<p>2. UN High-Level Meeting on TB</p>	
<p>1. Side Events The Executive Director explained that the partnership developed a list of side events that are being updated as things are progressing. The Chair of the Stop TB Partnership Board has many engagements scheduled in New York from 23 to 27 September.</p> <p>2. Political Declaration The co-facilitators are discussing with the South Africa and United States missions in order to agree on the wording of the declaration. In case that no consensus is reached on time, there is a potential thread that there might not be a declaration.</p> <p>3. UNHLM attendance The attendance to the UNHLM mirrors the political situation of TB. Except for USA and Japan, so far no donor country has committed to attend the UNHLM at the Head of States level.</p> <p>4. SDG UN Report in 2018 Every year, the UN publishes a report about the progress in attaining the Sustainable Development Goals. It is concerning that TB has been mentioned only in one sentence.</p> <p>The discussion of the Executive Committee focused around:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive Committee will continue supporting the efforts around the UNHLM: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notification of countries A list of countries that have already committed for their Heads of State attending the UNHLM should be shared. Eminent person Knowledge of who was approached would aid in

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Period of Silence: It was unclear at the time of the call on how long it will take for the member states to agree on proposed language and then again enter the period of silence. 2. WHO asked the support of all the partners for confirmations of Heads of States. And requested nominations of panelists for the second multi-stakeholder panel, preferably someone that is a TB survivor from Asia and female. 3. It was noted that there is a deadline for countries to notify that they will speak at the UNHLM, but that this is somewhat flexible. 	<p>supporting the invitation to speak.</p> <p>3. Contact UNSG office to share concerns and feedbacks on the coverage given to TB in the 2018 UN Report</p>
<p>3. AOB</p>	
<p>Next Executive Committee Conference Call will be in September 2018.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop TB Secretariat will send a doodle poll for the next 5 calls, until the Board meeting at the end of January.