

**Teleconference Executive committee (24 Ex Comm. -- 26 May 2009)
Minutes**

Attended:	Not able to attend:	Secretariat
Irene Koek (Chair) Jeremiah Chakaya Mario Raviglione Giorgio Roscigno Peter Small	Ken Castro Jean François de Lavison	Marcos Espinal Louise Baker Anant Vijay Alan Esser Ernesto Jaramillo (WHO Stop TB Department)
Minutes of Discussion	Decision	Action
1. Budget Ceiling: Request for Increase		
<p>Marcos briefed on the need for a formal increase of the budget ceiling above the approved biennium (2008/2009) Partnership budget of USD 27 million to USD 34 million by the Executive Committee of the Coordinating Board for the remainder of the current year (2009). This request comes as a result of successful resource mobilization efforts that have secured resources from CIDA, OGAC, and UNITAID.</p>		
<p>The Executive Committee congratulated the Secretariat of the Partnership in raising such substantial funds, but asked to know if these additional, external funds that had been raised might displace core funds received from within WHO.</p> <p>The increased funding for the Partnership is not displacing funding for WHO though WHO itself has been redistributing money from the CVC according to agreed programme budgets and some departments may receive reduced funding. The TB Department has seen reductions in its budget as a result of this exercise. This is an internal matter as WHO funds for the Partnership do not form a part of this exercise, neither from the donor perspective nor from WHO's perspective. This will become systemically clearer when in 2010 the Partnership will move out of the WHO programme budget.</p>	<p>The Executive Committee of the Coordinating Board formally agreed to an increase in the budget ceiling above the originally approved biennium budget (2008/2009) of USD 27 million to USD 34 million as a result of additional resources successfully mobilized.</p> <p>The Executive Committee also noted with concern that additional funding received by the Partnership should not displace any core funding received for TB, whether received by the Partnership or by the WHO Stop TB Department.</p>	<p>Secretariat to prepare necessary documents to request a formal increase in the budget ceiling from WHO.</p>
2. Joint Venture between the Stop TB Partnership and McKinsey & Co.		

Anant introduced the final draft proposal of the Joint Venture between the Stop TB Partnership and McKinsey & Co, including scope of work, deliverables, timing and resourcing and financial arrangements. As contained in the proposal, performance metrics would be developed in five key areas of the Partnership's work: the Challenge Facility for Civil Society, the new TB REACH facility, GLC Scale-up, the Partnership Secretariat, and the Working Groups. As a part of the cost-sharing of the joint venture, McKinsey & Co. indicated that it would contribute USD 500,000 - 600,000, with the Partnership expected to contribute up to USD 100,000.

The Executive Committee welcomed the proposal, indicating that the challenges outlined in the Independent External Evaluation of the Partnership, also conducted by McKinsey & Co. were nicely addressed in the draft proposal and that huge potential value rested in the project due to McKinsey's extensive knowledge of the Partnership and because the investment requested of the Partnership was less than or equal to only 20% of the joint venture's cost.

The Committee also asked if greater detail was known or would be forthcoming regarding the use of the USD 100,000 of the Partnership's funds as a means to clarify expectations for both partners of the Joint Venture moving forward.

The Secretariat clarified that a formal legal letter of agreement would be prepared through WHO which would clearly indicate the start and end of the project, as well as the financial limits, including budget.

The Executive Committee formally endorsed the Joint Venture to be undertaken by the Stop TB Partnership and McKinsey & Co.

The Executive Committee recognized that a budget would be prepared as a part of WHO internal processes.

Secretariat to request McKinsey to provide a detailed budget. Secretariat to prepare WHO letter of agreement (LOA) and formally start work under the Joint Venture after the LOA has been signed by both parties.

3. HIV/TB at the AFRO Regional Committee Meeting

In the context of the 2005 WHO/AFRO Maputo Declaration of TB as a regional emergency in Africa, and as follow-up to the TB/HIV Global Leaders Forum, Marcos briefed on the potential engagement of Ministers of Health of WHO's Africa Region prior to the commencement of the 59th session of the Regional Committee in Kigali, Rwanda (31 August - 4 September 2009). As described in the draft agenda provided to the Executive Committee, in lieu of the previously proposed half-day or full day session prior to the start of the Regional Committee, discussions between the Special Envoy and the Regional Director of AFRO had indicated that a breakfast, hosted by the Regional Director, immediately preceding the opening of the Committee would be the best opportunity to ensure the maximum level of engagement of Ministers and Ministerial delegations attending the RC. The Executive Committee was asked to make suggestions and endorse the agenda.

<p>The Executive Committee strongly welcomed the opportunity to engage with the high level delegations in attendance at the WHO AFRO Regional Committee on the urgent issue of TB/HIV co-infection and thanked the Regional Director for the offer to host a breakfast towards this end. The Executive Committee supported the agenda but did, however, note that the time allotted might not be sufficient to achieve the objectives or expected outcomes of the meeting, which were agreed to be of critical importance.</p>	<p>The Executive Committee endorsed the opportunity provided by the Regional Director of AFRO and the Regional Committee Meeting to engage Ministers of Health of high burden TB/HIV countries and, to ensure the opportunity is used to greatest effect and remains responsive to the needs of countries, requests the Special Envoy to explore the possibility of expanding the breakfast session by 30 minutes.</p>	<p>Secretariat and Special Envoy to liaise with Regional Director's Office through WHO channels and explore the possibility of expanding the session by 30 minutes.</p> <p>Secretariat to prepare message to the Coordinating Board seeking volunteers for a high level mission built around the Regional Committee meeting in Rwanda.</p>
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4. Post Forum: Next Steps following the 3rd Partners Forum (23-25 March 2009)

A briefing was provided on the technical report that would be prepared following the 3rd Partners Forum in Rio containing lessons learned for the Board to review as well as to inform future planning of similar events. In addition, a content report would be prepared by the Chief Rapporteur, Richard Smith, regarding the substance of Forum sessions; this will be reviewed and endorsed by the Forum Steering Committee before going to the Board. The final output document from the Forum related to the 85 recommendations provided by partners during Forum sessions, and which were interactively reviewed and commented on by partners for one month following the Forum. The decision requested of the Executive Committee was whether it wanted to examine and send for review all recommendations to the Board or whether it would request the Secretariat to synthesize the recommendations to eliminate overlap and provide clear guidance regarding next steps with an aim to prioritize decision making. It was also indicated that a Questionnaire would be sent out to Forum participants to get feedback as well as for planning of the next Forum.

<p>The Executive Committee welcomed the various reports outlined and indicated that if there were critical issues on any specific recommendation, the Secretariat could be emailed about them.</p>	<p>The Executive Committee endorsed the processes outlined, and in particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) That the Steering Committee would produce a technical report, including conference evaluation and lessons learned for consideration of the Board 2.) The Secretariat will receive the final draft content report of the Chief Rapporteur, Richard Smith, and submit for review and endorsement by the Steering Committee before submitting to the Board 3.) A questionnaire will be submitted to all participants of the forum to gain feedback and inform the planning of similar events in the future 4.) The Secretariat was also requested by the Executive Committee to synthesize the 85 Rio Recommendations into a consolidated report that would avoid overlap and give clear decisions requested by the Board and/or proposed next steps 	<p>Steering Committee to prepare technical report</p> <p>Secretariat to submit content report to Steering Committee for review and endorsement prior to submitting to Board</p> <p>Secretariat to circulate questionnaire to all Forum participants</p> <p>Secretariat to begin synthesis of the Rio Recommendations.</p>
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	for other Partnership bodies to carry recommendations forward	
<p>5. Post-Beijing: Next Steps following the M/XDR-TB Ministerial Meeting (1-3 April 2009)</p>		
<p>Mario briefed Executive Committee members on recent developments at the World Health Assembly related to a resolution on "Prevention and control of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis", which had previously been removed from the agenda but was included again at the insistence of and with strong support from Member States, especially from Africa. The resolution contains strong language related to laboratories, infection control and other issues that take it beyond the normal realm of TB to touch on larger policy issues, which are seen as central to change the trend of the MDR and XDR epidemic. Moreover, Ernesto highlighted another important element of the resolution was its endorsement of MDR targets as contained in the Global Plan to Stop TB.</p>		
<p>The Executive Committee congratulated everyone involved in moving the M/XDR TB discussion back onto the agenda and requested, in light of the upcoming Pacific Health Summit, what issues the Board should focus on moving forward.</p> <p>A number of potential follow-up events and actions were then discussed, including: the upcoming EDMA meeting in Annecy to explore collaboration on R&D and joint planning to address quality assurance; the Pacific Health Summit to engage CEOs of drug and diagnostic companies regarding investments in R&D and quality assurance; AFRO Regional Committee Meeting as a means of engaging Ministers of Health of high burden countries; the Executive Board and WHA in 2010 to report on achievement towards 2015 targets with specific reference to the new WHA resolution requesting a report on MDR component ; a number of policy actions in collaboration with WHO's essential drug team, plus harmonization with GLC, GLI, GDF, FIND and others on standards, TA, quality control.</p>	<p>No decisions were tied to this item, however the Executive Committee did note that there may be a need for a follow-up teleconference with a larger group than the Executive Committee to further discuss strategic next steps around this important issue.</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>6. Pacific Health Summit</p>		
<p>Executive Committee members were then briefed on the upcoming Pacific Health Summit, and in particular what the opportunities and major "asks" from the Partnership should be of private sector representatives in attendance, as well as</p>		

delegations from BRIC countries.

Discussion revolved around the need to convince the private sector to become more engaged in the Partnership; one of the ways to do this would be to more explicitly lay out the package of benefits of joining the partnership through, for instance, match making, TB in the work place and best practices

This item was for discussion only.

Secretariat to summarize 5-6 key priority messages for Partners in attendance at the PHS to ensure messages are aligned and a consolidated push is made.

7. Any Other Business

A brief overview was provided on high level missions to Azerbaijan, South Africa and Rwanda. Finally the issue of an Executive Committee Calendar was tabled to ensure the maximum degree of participation in its teleconferences.

The Executive Committee brainstormed around the HLM calendar and discussed potential volunteers and messages.

The Executive Committee requested the Secretariat to prepare a calendar of upcoming calls until the end of the year.

Secretariat to send out message to Board seeking volunteers for HLM to Rwanda around the RC meeting in late August.

Secretariat to prepare ExCom Calendar 2009.