

Teleconference Executive committee (50 Ex Comm. – 15 January 2014)
(Draft) Minutes

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat
Joanne Carter (Vice-Chair) Nathalie Garon Michael Kimerling Austin Obiefuna Aaron Oxley Thokozile Phiri Victor Ramathesele Mario Raviglione Paula Fujiwara	Cheri Vincent	Lucica Ditiu Shirley Bennett
Minutes of Discussion		Outcome
1. Introduction of Dr Victor Ramathesele		
<p>Dr Victor Ramathesele was introduced to the Executive Committee. Dr Ramathesele will be supporting the work of the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board Chair, Minister of Health South Africa. The Executive Committee welcomed Dr Ramathesele and looks forward to working with him.</p>		
2. GDF Grant Extensions: DPRK and Nepal		
<p><i>DPRK</i> The Executive Committee agreed (18 September 2013) to extend grant support for a 9th year and final year of GDF grant support subject to DPRK commitment to transition funding for anti-TB drugs from 1 January 2015. DPRK responded outlining their planned actions to transition support. The Executive Committee welcomed this, but felt it important to hold discussions with the Global Fund, Stop TB Partnership and DPRK to ensure clear understanding.</p> <p><i>Nepal</i> Nepal has requested a third term of pediatric anti-TB drug grant. The Technical Review Committee recommends conditional approval of the grant. The Executive Committee felt that, in line with previous decisions granting extensions for a 7th year of GDF support, the grant should be extended.</p>	<p><i>DPRK</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat to meet with DPRK representatives and Global Fund to discuss support beyond the one year extension. <p><i>Nepal</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee agreed to a one year extension for Nepal. 	

3. Coordinating Board meeting

The Secretariat provided an update on planning for the 24th Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting which will be held in Cape Town, South Africa, 31 January 2014. It was suggested that the Board hold a retreat followed by a one day Board meeting. The Executive Committee supported this suggested and felt it would be beneficial to also hold an Executive Committee meeting during the morning of 1 February 2014.

The Secretariat noted that senior representation from countries found it difficult to attend the Board meeting at the end of January, given its proximity to the dates of the WHO Executive Board meeting. However senior representation from the Global Fund is able to attend the Board meeting. The Executive Committee agreed it important to ensure sufficient time on the Board agenda to discuss the Global Fund.

The TB and Mining Summit has been postponed from 2 February 2014 to a date around World TB Day.

- The Coordinating Board will hold a retreat to discuss hosting on 30 January 2014.
- The Board will hold a one day Board meeting on 31 January 2014.
- Executive Committee to hold a meeting on 1 February 2014.