

**Executive Committee Call, 13 December 2016
Minutes**

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat
Joanne Carter (Vice-Chair) & Delia Clayton Erika Arthun Pierre Blais Austin Obiefuna Aaron Oxley Victor Ramathesele Mario Raviglione Cheri Vincent	Amy Bloom Paula Fujiwara Thokozile Phiri-Nkhoma – <i>due to technical difficulties</i>	Lucica Ditiu Jacob Creswell Jenniffer Dietrich Jacqueline Huh Darivianca Laloo Greg Paton Catie Rosado Suvanand Sahu
Minutes of Discussion		Outcome
1. TB REACH Grants Wave 5: Selected grantees and funding for no-objection from EC		
<p>The Executive Director began the presentation by thanking Canada and Gates for supporting the Wave 5 funding and making this grant cycle possible. She then called on Jacob Creswell, Team Leader for Innovations and Grants, to report on the process for selecting the grantees which included:</p> <p>Stage 1, over 500 proposals were screened by 2 reviewers which left 160 proposals. These were invited to submit a full proposal.</p> <p>Stage 2, 154 proposals were received from those invited. The Proposal Review Committee (PCR) met (29 Nov-9 Dec) and all proposals were reviewed by 2 reviewers. At the end of 9 days more proposals passed than the funding available. A prioritization was done to reduce the amount of initially passing proposals to 38. In case the modifications and clarifications requested by the PRC are not accepted by the grantee and a grant is not awarded that funding will be used to award a grant from the waiting list.</p> <p>January and February will be the time for TB REACH to get back to each of the applicants with the positive or negative results of their application. Stop TB also noted that before grants are awarded, the endorsement of the Executive Committee of the PRC process on a no-objection¹ basis is required by UNOPS, as per the STBP Standard Operating Procedures Manual (Sep.2016, page 35).</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee approved the PRC for funding. • The Executive Committee requested that TB Reach provide a projected impact report of the Wave 5 funding.

¹ excerpt from the STBP Standard Operating Procedures Manual (rev. Sep.2016), page 35, under Grants – Competitive Method: **Step 4 – Stop TB Partnership approval of selection recommendation(s):**

For proposals up to USD 250,000, the Report shall be submitted to the Executive Director for his/her approval prior to the UNOPS awarding process. Proposals above USD 250,000 shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval on no-objection basis with a five-day turnaround time. In the event that there are objections, the Stop TB Partnership ED will address the concerns or, if required, re-initiate the selection of an appropriate grantee according to the objections made by the Executive Committee.

<p>The Executive Committee welcomed the presentation and approved the PRC funding request through a no objection vote. The Executive Committee also asked TB REACH to provide a report on the projected impact of Wave 5 and to provide PRC feedback of suggestions for improvements and updates.</p>	
<p>2. 29th Coordinating Board Meeting 2017: Venue and Dates - Update</p>	
<p>The Stop TB Partnership Secretariat presented 3 options for the venue and dates for the 29th Coordinating Board Meeting, with the caveat that the 3rd option at the beginning of May is not possible for the Chair of the Board.</p> <p>The 2nd option of holding the board meeting in Germany was presented as the best option due to Germany’s interest in hosting the GF Board or another board meeting around the G20. The Secretariat reported that they had initiated a letter from Minister Motsoaledi to MoH Germany and it was sent on 8th December 2016. The Executive Committee asked the Secretariat to follow up with Germany as soon as possible.</p> <p>It was also reported that WHO and the Focal Point from Russia requested time during the next call in January or February to brief the Executive Committee about a Global Ministerial Meeting on the fight against TB to be held in 2017 to understand what support is needed from all.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee requested that STBP Secretariat follow up with the MoH in Germany. • WHO requested time to brief the EC on the Russian Ministerial Meeting.
<p>3. Update on HLM-TB</p>	
<p>The Executive Director provided an update on the status of the UN High Level Meeting on TB which highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resolution prepared by one of the subgroups of the UN (foreign policy and global health) includes the proposal to hold a High-level Meeting on TB in 2018. • The resolution should be approved on 15th December 2016; although, there is some opposition due to other paragraphs in the resolution. • South Africa, India and Thailand together with US, Canada, RESULTS, WHO, StopTB and others have been pushing for TB to be included. • Once it is approved there needs to be a second decision about a month later on the modalities and timing of the HLM (outcome and deliverables). The benefit could be a very concrete outcome, similar to when GDF was created in 2001, it could be used to create a very big thing. • UNAIDS HLM model could be followed for this, if it materializes, where attendance goes beyond global health actors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee requested a follow up discussion once the resolution is approved.
<p>The ministerial meeting in Russia in November 2017 would build up towards</p>	

<p>the UN HLM. The other suggestion is to place TB at the center of the SDG that would then focus on the other SDGs poverty reduction, housing, equity, etc. related to TB elimination. SDGs might attract more Heads of State than TB alone.</p>	
<p>4. Stop TB Partnership Working Groups</p>	
<p>The Stop TB Partnership Secretariat provided to the Executive Committee for review the 2017 Work Plans for all the Working Group. Per the Stop TB Partnership Governance Manual, the Executive Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving all Work Plans for the Working Groups. The 2017 Work Plans included similar activities proposed in the past and the functioning activities for their Secretariats.</p> <p>The Executive Committee approved the 2017 Work Plans for the Working Group through a no objection vote and requested that the Secretariat provides additional information on how the Working Groups contribute to the Global Plan.</p> <p>The Secretariat also presented the request of three WG Subgroups to become full status Working Groups. Due to time constraints, this matter was tabled until the next scheduled Executive Committee meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee approved the 2017 Work Plans for the Working Groups. • The Executive Committee requested that the Secretariat provide additional information on how WGs contribute to the Global Plan.
<p>5. Closing Remarks</p>	
<p>The Vice Chair requested that the Secretariat poll the EC members to confirm dates for Executive Committee meetings in January, February and March 2017.</p>	