

Executive Committee Call, 13 February 2017
Minutes

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat
<p>Joanne Carter (Vice-Chair) & Delia Clayton Amy Bloom Paula Fujiwara Celeste Kinsey Nalini Lachance Thokozile Phiri-Nkhoma Victor Ramathesele Mario Raviglione Cheri Vincent</p> <p><u>Special Guests:</u> Tereza Kasaeva Eduard Salakhov</p>	<p>Austin Obiefuna –<i>due to technical difficulties</i></p> <p>Erika Arthun Aaron Oxley</p>	<p>Lucica Ditiu Jenniffer Dietrich Catie Rosado Suvanand Sahu</p>
Minutes of Discussion		Outcome(s)
<p>1. Executive Committee dialogue on Ministerial Meeting in Russia (50 minutes)</p>		
<p>Per their request, Dr. Terreza Kasaeva and Mr. Eduard Salakhov joined the call to brief the Executive Committee about the Global Ministerial Meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Kasaeva explained that both Russian participants on the call are in charge of the organization of the Global Ministerial Meeting. She stated that the Stop TB Partnership is one of the key partners, and that they are seeking the Stop TB Partnership’s involvement.</p> <p>The main points shared:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Only in a joint effort between WHO, Ministry of Russia, Stop TB and other key partners will this meeting be successful. 2. The preparatory meeting on 23rd January in Geneva co-chaired by Russia’s MoH and ADG Ren Minghui was attended by Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Pakistan and observers from USA and Japan. Dr Pillay took part on behalf of the MoH South Africa and the Stop TB Partnership. 3. Outcomes of the Global Ministerial Meeting will focus on 8 areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Multisectorial action b) Sustainable financing for UHC, social protection and development c) Respect for equity, ethics and human rights d) Scientific research and innovation e) Monitoring and evaluation on progress f) AMR agenda and MDR-TB g) TB/HIV response 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoH Russia asked the Stop TB Partnership to join the Advisory Committee of the Moscow Meeting. • Executive Committee will respond in a written communication to MoH Russia. • Organize a first call/ videoconference between Russia Ministry of Health, WHO and Stop TB. • Then, bi-weekly calls Russia MoH, Stop TB & WHO.

- h) Synergies across the responses to TB and non-communicable diseases.

Mr. Salakhov, also from Ministry of Health in Russia, shared the following:

1. MoH Russia is eager to have a strong outcome of the meeting so that it can be used at the UNGA.
2. TB is not only at the ministerial level but interlinked with issues at the UNGA level, like AMR and non-communicable diseases.
3. Groups from all sectors need to be involved in the lead up to the meeting. With the Partnership in the front row.
4. Stop TB is asked to join the Advisory Committee.

Questions from EC members:

1. Where/how can the Partnership per se help?

A: The Ministry of Russia is aware of the leadership of the Partnership, its international bodies and the capacity and experience in finding solutions and its drive implementing TB interventions. The Partnership is an important partner and the specifics of engagement are open to be discussed.

Dr. Kasaeva stressed that the MoH is open for all propositions from the EC and Stop TB.

2. The Minister of South Africa and Chair of Stop TB is waiting for the response from MoH Russia to his communication regarding the role of the Partnership and participation.

A: The colleagues from Russia propose a “Partnership Group” meeting in May during WHA – and the Partnership to enter the advisory committee. Also a bi-lateral meeting/call might be considered between the MoH and Stop TB.

3. The Executive Committee asked for a meeting between now and the “Partnership Group Meeting” in May.

A: Ministry of Russia suggests a separate meeting or videoconference between MoH Russia-WHO-Stop TB. Additional events to the roadmap can be added.

WHO clarified further the preparations undertaken and the development of 8 different papers for each major outcome of the Moscow Declaration. It was stated that STAG will review all the papers. The 40 NTP managers that meet at the margins of STAG in June will discuss the ministerial meeting.

4. How will the Research Working Groups of the Partnership be included?

WHO responded that individual groups have already been involved.

<p>The Vice-Chair conveyed the Committee’s appreciation and thanked the colleagues from Russia. It was stressed that Stop TB could help in organizing and implementing but for that it needs to be involved early on and be part of the main committees and drafting of outcomes. The Partnership brings more than the sum of partners, especially through its high level engagement and convening power.</p> <p>Dr. Kasaeva summed up that this seems to be the first call and that a follow up call would be desirable. The Vice-Chair seconded this and asked to schedule a follow-on call very soon that includes Minister Motsoaledi. Also, it was agreed to have regular bi-weekly strategic calls with MoH Russia & WHO.</p> <p>The Vice-Chair asked for a set of points to bring back to the Executive Committee by email.</p>	
<p>2. Board Meeting 2017: venue, dates, draft agenda</p>	
<p>The date for the Coordinating Board meeting will be 17-18 May in Berlin (pre-briefings on 16 May).</p> <p>Agenda topics in the next call.</p> <p>The Partnership Secretariat will be coordinating with partners in Berlin about possible venues, as well as high-level events.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about the agenda postponed for the next call.
<p>3. Governance Matters: WRITTEN UPDATE (<i>due to lack of time this agenda items was not discussed during the call</i>)</p>	
<p>I. Renewal of Board Members of Rotating Seats: Representatives from the TB-affected Communities, Developing country NGO and Developed country NGO constituencies received communications informing them that their terms had ended and the possibility of renewal or new representative selection.</p> <p>For the Private Sector constituency, the call for applications¹ was launched on 8th February which closes on 8th March 2017.</p> <p>II. Finance Committee: call for nominations² for a new member was announced on 8th February and is closing on 8th March.</p>	
<p>4. Closing Remarks</p>	
<p>The next EC teleconference call will be on Monday 27th March. A doodle will be sent to confirm dates for April and May 2017.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop TB Secretariat to circulate calendar invite, and link for next calls.

¹ <http://stoptb.org/about/cb/comms.asp>

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