

Executive Committee Call
18 October 2017
Minutes

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat
Joanne Carter (Vice-Chair) Erika Arthun Pierre Blais Amy Bloom Megan Cain Paula Fujiwara Nalini Lachance Austin Obiefuna Aaron Oxley Victor Ramathesele Mario Raviglione Cheri Vincent	Apologies from: Thokozile Phiri-Nkhoma – <i>phone out of reach</i>	Lucia Ditiu Jenniffer Dietrich Jackie Huh Greg Paton Catie Rosado Ravini Senanayake
Minutes of Discussion		Outcome(s)
1. 30th Board Meeting in New Delhi		
The Executive Director highlighted that holding the Board meeting in India gives the opportunity for Board members to visit the work of partners in the country. Hence, site visits will be offered on Monday 12 th March. In addition, national and local partners will be given the opportunity to present on Tuesday the 13 th . Board meeting days will be Wednesday and Thursday – 14-15 March. The Lancet Commission might hold their meeting on Friday-Saturday. It will be ideal if Board members can plan a longer stay for this Board meeting. The first version of the proposed Board agenda was developed based on past experience, lessons learned and requests from constituencies. The Executive Director went through each item of this first version of the agenda and the Executive Committee provided feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the session on ‘TB in Cities’, would it be possible to have a new city join or to have a sort of pledge or commitment in order to report on progress in the next Board meeting. Cities are able to work across various services which are the examples needed in TB. • Discuss the accountability framework of the UN HLM at the Board level to make sure that it is a strong framework as it will set the bar high in TB for the coming years. • Focus the agenda on items that require a decision, rather than those that are just for information or update. We will continue to spend more time on feedback and fine-tuning the agenda in the following calls.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair of the Executive Committee requested that the Secretariat takes the comments from the Committee and reverts with an updated version of the agenda to discuss during the next call. 	

2. Governance: Finance Committee

The Secretariat presented the revised language for the Finance Committee text in the Governance Manual. Specific feedback was requested for the sections 11.3 on Composition and 11.4 on Appointment and Terms of Office.

Comments of the Executive Committee:

1. To modify the text from “major donors” to “donors”.
2. To remove the last part of the sentence in the paragraph about donors having “decision-making authority” as it unnecessarily limits candidates.

Both modifications were accepted by the Executive Committee and the Secretariat. The language will be inserted into the revised Governance Manual which will be presented to the Board for approval together with all the changes to the Manual.

- The Executive Committee members approved the revised language for the Finance Committee section 11 of the Governance Manual.

3. Update on the WHO Global Ministerial Conference

The Director of the Global TB Department at WHO briefed the Executive Committee members about the conference preparation progress. President Putin will be opening the conference at another time than previously envisioned, hence, there will be changes to the flow of the agenda. The Chair of the Stop TB Partnership is scheduled to follow after the speeches of the Russian Minister of Health and WHO DG Tedros at the opening of the conference. The last session’s topic is planned for low-incidence elimination countries. There will be four outcome areas: coverage, sustainable finance, research strategy, accountability framework. There is no full consensus yet on the final declaration on several points, and member states are waiting for the Mission of Russia to send the final version. The accountability framework is still being worked on.

Executive Committee members noted that:

- The accountability framework should be developed before UN HLM and agreed upon in September 2018.
- After the UNHLM endorses the accountability framework, monitoring would not remain with UNGA.
- The Working Group is looking at the accountability framework and could develop this. The plea is to keep the language in the declaration as unbinding as possible.

- The Executive Committee members agreed that the language of the declaration needs to mention UN HLM on TB.
- The Executive Committee requested the list of participants to the WHO Global Ministerial Conference which organizers agreed to share.

The Chair of the Executive Committee closed the call by reminding everyone of the opportunities that can arise from keeping the UN HLM on TB as broad and at the highest level possible; and to have clear open language in the Moscow Ministerial Declaration to avoid different interpretations from the ones initially envisioned.

4. AOB

Next Executive Committee Conference Call will be on 29th November 2017.

- Stop TB Secretariat sent a calendar invite.