

Chair: Paul Sommerfeld

**Secretariat: Nicole S. Schiegg,
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**Core Group: Global Advocacy for Resource Mobilization
Teleconference Notes from 28 January 2008**

Attendance

Paul Sommerfeld - Chair
Beatrijs Stickers
Melanie Vant
Anne Fanning
Sheila Davie
Paul Thorn

Mayowa Joel
Shaloo Puri
Susan Bacheller
Homero Hernandez
Nicole Schiegg
Colleen Daniels
Louise Baker

1) Update on elections or Chair and Vice-Chair:

Paul Sommerfeld gave an update of the elections and the face to face meeting of the Chair and Vice-Chair to take place in Geneva on May 2 at 9h30. Some of the discussions will encompass the future elections of the core groups as well as the 6-month update on the Cape Town action points.

Action Point 1: The Secretariat will send out a draft agenda for Paul and Netty to send their comments and their agreement.

2) UNAIDS PCB Meeting (TB-HIV Thematic Session) on April 23

Nicole gave an update on who is attending this meeting (Jorge Sampaio, Mario Raviglione, Mark Dybul – new Chair of PCB) and also gave highlights of the agenda for the meeting. Nicole would be attending as the Stop TB Partnership representative.

Action Point 2: Nicole already sent the links to the meeting agenda and participant's list for everyone's information. See below for the same links:

http://data.unaids.org/pub/InformationNote/2008/20080401_draft_agenda_thematic_segme nt_en.pdf

http://data.unaids.org/pub/InformationNote/2008/20080411_list_of_participants_22nd_pcb_en.pdf

3) Update on HIV-TB Global Leaders' Forum June 9 UN/NY

Louise talked in details about the meeting and who we are trying to get to attend as well as messaging and objectives of the meeting. She also sent two documents (the information document on what the meeting is about and the draft call to action that will be the outcome

of the meeting) as information for the core group to have and use in preparation for their advocacy efforts. The documents can be forwarded again and information about the Forum will be posted on our website in the coming days.

Action point 3: Homero can send the documents again if any of the core group members wish to receive them.

4) Update on IAS Conference in Mexico - August

Colleen Daniels (TB/HIV Advocacy/Communications Officer in Stop TB) gave an update on how the event is shaping up. She highlighted some of the satellite sessions and what the topics will be in the technical sessions as well as how other meetings like the “Three I’s” feed into the discussions of the Conference.

Nicole informed that due to a re-structuring of financial systems at WHO, the Partnership will be restricted in many ways in the coming two months and will be looking for a lot of support from the ACSM WG in terms of the strategy and messaging for the IAS Conference.

It is suggested that an intern will be able to consolidate the different inputs the secretariat gets from all members of the WG and will be able to share it with the rest of the WG.

It was encouraged and agreed by all that both the Global and the Country-Level group should put together thoughts for messaging to be taken to the Conference.

The secretariat will do its best to have Marcos be at the Conference and would welcome suggestions on how to use him best at the Conference as well as what kind of messages on TB-HIV we should be putting out there.

Beatrijs offered to share a part of the KNCV booth as the Partnership secretariat explained that we were not able to get space or pay for a space due to our WHO financial re-structuring exercise.

Shaloo informed that the World Economic Forum was supporting Business Coalitions on HIV/AIDS for their sessions and could help promote key messages to and through these coalitions.

Action point 4: The Secretariat will send out an invitation for members to submit their inputs on the messaging and strategy of the Partnership's role in the IAS conference.

5) Winstone Zulu in NY 9 June HIV-TB Forum and advocating in Washington DC

Nicole informed on how Winstone Zulu is under contract with the Partnership to do advocacy tours and take part in specific events to voice the Partnership and its members' point of view in the fight against TB. He will be present at the 9 June HIV-TB Global Leaders' Forum and he will also be in Washington DC advocating during the US budget

process. It was also informed that he will be available for other events in countries depending on what requests we get for him. Partners are encouraged to send us their requests for his appearance in specific events or meetings where he can strategically be of added value in the TB agenda.

Action point 5: The Secretariat will keep the core group up to date with any new events on Winstone Zulu's calendar and we hope to get feedback on possible events for him to take part in.

6) Patients representatives meeting in Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia

Unfortunately the connection in Nigeria was lost and Mayowa Joel was not able to report to the core group on the meeting of the patient representatives.

The groups' efforts were commended and it was agreed that it is important that the points in their report and somehow translated into actual tools and concrete next steps in order to be able to take further actions. It was also noted that Mrs. Young-Ae CHU should be included in the preparation of the next steps as the focal person at the Secretariat.

Action point 6: The Secretariat will include this discussion point on the agenda of the Chair and Vice-Chair meeting in Geneva on May 2nd.

7) Recent forming of the Drug Resistance Mobilization Sub-Group

Nicole gave an update on the XDR-TB group meeting explained that the Partnership was not involved in the development of the Terms of Reference (TOR). Most core group members agreed there is an element of duplication that should be avoided and that the TOR's pose an element of a challenge in terms of coordination with the ACSM WG.

Action point 7: The secretariat will include the topic as part of the Chair and Vice-Chair meeting in Geneva on June 2nd.

Next Conference Calls:

To be determined during the Chair and Vice-Chair meeting in Geneva on May 2nd.