

Teleconference Executive Committee (ExCom. No 8.- 06.09.05)
DRAFT Minutes

Attended:	Not able to attend:	Secretariat
Ernest Loevinsohn Mario Raviglione Irene Koek Karam Shah Giorgio Roscigno Ken Castro (partially)		Marcos Espinal Louise Baker
Minutes on discussions	Decision	Action
01.1 The Assisi Draft Agenda		
<p>The discussion focused on amending the draft agenda circulated by the Secretariat.</p>		
<p>The Executive Committee congratulated the Secretariat on the first draft of the Agenda.</p> <p>The Committee discussed:</p> <p>Options for expanding the time made available for the discussion on Africa, with a country by country and community care focus.</p> <p>Restructuring the session on Eastern Europe.</p> <p>Karam Shah reminded the Executive Committee that much work remains to be done in Asia.</p> <p>Specific comments by Ex. Comm members were also presented.</p>	<p>To increase the time available for discussion on Africa - to include follow up to Maputo, sustaining momentum.</p> <p>To restructure the session on Eastern Europe - moving the donor section to the background paper.</p> <p>To focus the section on GFATM towards implementation and resolving outstanding issues.</p> <p>Ex Comm also agreed that some sessions in the draft agenda may need to be cut to accommodate sufficient discussion of critical issues outlined.</p> <p>To mandate the Secretariat and WHO to approach officials in the Italian Government and in the Vatican for a High Level Mission in the 1/2 days prior to the Assisi Coordinating Board meeting.</p>	<p>Chair to discuss more in detail the amendments of the agenda with Executive Secretary [Chair]</p> <p>Circulate updated version of the Draft Agenda to all Board Members. [ME]</p> <p>Approach high level Italian and Vatican officials for the HLM [MR]</p>
2. High Level Missions		
<p>The Executive Committee discussed the recent High Level Mission to Maputo, Mozambique and upcoming High</p>		

Level Missions to Botswana, Italy and Brazil.

Irene Koek updated the Board on the recent High Level Mission to Maputo, Mozambique for the WHO Regional Committee for Africa, including side meetings with individual delegations.

At the Regional Committee, health ministers declared TB to be a Regional Emergency in the African Region. Background information about the declaration can be found at:

http://www.stoptb.org/stop_tb_initiative/tb_emergency_in_Africa.asp

**African Union, Gabarone, Botswana.
10-14 October 2005**

TB is not yet on the agenda, currently "access to drugs" is the most directly related agenda topic.

Chair suggested the Mission could also emphasize bilateral meetings with Ministers, if the Mission to the AU meeting takes place

WHO-EMRO has written to member countries requesting that they raise the issue during the meeting.

Giorgio Roscigno proposed adding a side visit to NEPAD, in South Africa, if possible.

**Rome, Italy
8-9 November 2005**

High level mission to the Vatican and to the Italian Ministry of Health and Foreign Affairs, Cooperation Section.

**Brasilia, Brazil
5-9 December 2005**

Is dependent on the availability of the Minister of Health and President Lula.

**Abuja, Nigeria
April 2006**

During the bilateral discussions with the Nigerian Minister of Health, the Nigerians confirmed their

It was agreed that the momentum established by this high level mission should be sustained.

It was agreed that a high level delegation be sent to this AU meeting.

It was agreed that a high level delegation be sent to Rome prior to the Assisi Coordinating Board meeting.

It was agreed that a high level delegation be sent to Brazil.

It was agreed that this would be an excellent opportunity

A high level mission be sent to the African Union meeting of Health Ministers in October 2005, Gabarone, Botswana.
[Board]

Investigate opportunities to secure TB a place on the Agenda of the AU Meeting prior to the mission visit
[ME]

Send a request to identify Board members able to participate in the mission
[ME]

Investigate the possibility of a NEPAD side meeting in South Africa
[ME]

Approach high level Italian and Vatican officials re. the HLM [MR]

Send request to identify Board members able to participate in the mission
[ME]

Secretariat to pursue the idea of a Coordinating

<p>willingness to host the Stop TB Coordinating Board in 2006. In April, the Nigerian President also proposes to hold a summit of African Heads of State on TB, HIV and Malaria.</p> <p>Chair suggested to think strategically about the possibility of the Prime Minister of Ethiopia and President of Nigeria co-sponsoring the Finance Ministers Meeting at the same time.</p>	<p>to combine a Board meeting with the Summit and build momentum for TB control in Africa.</p>	<p>Board meeting, in conjunction with the African Finance Ministers to coincide with the Heads of State Summit in Abuja in late April 2006. [Secretariat]</p>
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3 Any Other Business

The Executive Committee discussed the appointment of Board Officers and the establishment of an Advisory or Leadership Council.

<p>Mario Raviglione briefed Ex. Comm members on the recent discussions of the Nominating Committee for Board Officers (Chair and Vice Chair).</p> <p>The Nominating Committee will propose the Board follow the by-laws for Appointment of the Chair. In view of the vacancy for the Vice-Chair position, the Nominating Committee had proposed that a process be run in parallel for the Appointment of the Vice Chair.</p> <p>The Executive Committee was informed that The Nominating Committee also agreed to propose to the Board the appointment of a Leadership Council that will raise the profile of TB and influence key policy makers on the basis of individual members high profile and access.</p> <p>Without undermining the mandate of the Chair of the Board, the 'President' of the Council would support the executive function of the Chair of the Board.</p>	<p>It was agreed that a full discussion of this proposal with the entire Board should be undertaken prior to the Assisi Board meeting.</p>	<p>Secretariat to circulate a call for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair to the Board. [ME]</p> <p>Secretariat to call a full teleconference of the Board for the week of 19-23 September 2005 to discuss the establishment of a Leadership Council. [ME]</p>
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