

Teleconference Executive Committee (ExCom. No 10 - 17.03.06)  
DRAFT Minutes

Attended:	Not able to attend:	Secretariat
Mario Raviglione Irene Koek Giorgio Roscigno Peter Small Jeremiah Chakaya	Ken Castro Roberto Tapia	Marcos Espinal Louise Baker
Minutes on discussions	Decision	Action
<b>1) Abuja Coordinating Board</b>		
The 10 <sup>th</sup> Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting is scheduled for 24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> April 2006 in Abuja Nigeria. The draft agenda was circulated for discussion, comments and suggestions by the Ex. Comm.		
<p>The Ex. Comm discussed the Agenda for the upcoming Abuja Coordinating Board meeting. It was agreed that the agenda was heavy and priority should be given to those agenda items with clear decisions required of the Board and with a focus on progress in Africa, and financing and operationalizing the Global Plan to Stop TB.</p> <p>The Ex. Comm felt it was important to find a time to have discussion with the WHO ADG beyond his initial introductory address.</p> <p>The Ex. Comm was particularly interested to have clarity on Health Systems Strengthening and ACSM sessions, and strengthen and refocus the Research session.</p> <p>On research the Ex. Comm discussed how a TB Research Movement could be established and how this might lead to greater involvement of academics and those sections of the TB research community not currently engaged.</p>	<p>To invite Bertie Squire – TB and Poverty</p> <p>To rearrange the agenda so that the Financing the Plan and Operationalising the plan are grouped together.</p> <p>To include a financing and pricing analysis in any discussion on the establishment of any GDF grant lines for diagnostics or TB-HIV prophylaxis.</p> <p>To work further on the research session - Peter Small should lead the development of this section now entitled “A research Agenda for TB Elimination.” To present a vision and strategy for building a TB research movement. To engage, in particular, with Rob Ridley, Ali Zumla and Mark Harrington.</p>	<p>Invite Bertie Squire to participate in the Abuja CB meeting [ME]</p> <p>Confirmation on agenda outcomes with the Health Systems Strengthening and ACSM Section presenters [ME]</p> <p>Email to those involved in the research group informing them of approach to this session [ME/PS].</p> <p>Invite Mark Harrington to participate at the Abuja CB [ME]</p> <p>Restructure the agenda, circulate to Ex. Comm and then Board.[ME]</p>
<b>2).Fall Coordinating Board meeting</b>		
The decision on where the Board is to meet in the Autumn was not finalized at Ex. Comm 9. Two proposals were put before the Ex. Comm – Indonesia and Germany.		
Ex. Comm discussed the pros and cons of both options. Ex. Comm noted that funding for the CB in	The most important consideration was	Contact the German authorities and agree

<p>Germany was secured. Germany will host the G8 and EU presidencies in 2007.</p> <p>It was also noted that there are security considerations involved in organizing a Coordinating Board meeting in Indonesia, however it was felt that these were not insurmountable.</p> <p>The option of Thailand in the South East Asia Region was also discussed. However, the Thai government has not offered to host the Board.</p>	<p>influencing the EU and G8 Presidency agendas.</p> <p>On balance, the Ex. Comm favoured Germany in Fall because there was concern that waiting until the spring would be too late to influence either the G8 or EU discussion. However, the Ex. Comm also recognized that this may pose difficulties as the Board has agreed to visit Indonesia.</p>	<p>best timing in view of the presidency agenda setting process. [ME] DONE</p>
<p><b>3). GDF Committee</b></p>		
<p>As agreed in Ex. Comm 9, the GDF presented an update on current status.</p>		
<p>No major issues requiring decision were presented to the Ex. Comm.</p> <p>Discussion focused on the update provided by GDF, notably prequalification of Svizzera. It was noted that this prequalification refers to the status of Svizzera GMP rather than the prequalification of individual products.</p>	<p>The Board should discuss the interim Quality Assurance process (pre-qualified vs. non pre-qualified through GDF) at Abuja.</p>	<p>NONE</p>
<p><b>4). World TB Day</b></p>		
<p>The Ex. Secretary and other Ex. Comm members provided an update on planning and events in the run up to World TB Day (24<sup>th</sup> March) 2006.</p>		
<p>The Executive Secretary informed the Ex. Comm that there will be several events to mark World TB Day: one at World Economic Forum before World TB Day, one with the Director General of WHO in Geneva at the Palais, a Global Plan Launch in Manila arranged by Board member Thelma Tupasi and events in the United States with the Congressmen and women involved in the presentation of the TB appropriations bill.</p> <p>The Executive Secretary also announced the launch of the Call to Stop TB (text circulated to the Board by email).</p> <p>There was also an update from Mario Raviglione on meeting with Jeff Sachs, Kofi Annan, the London</p>	<p>NONE</p>	<p>NONE</p>

Lancet event, the launch of the TB Control Report and events in Italy.

Giorgio updated the Ex. Comm on the Latent TB meeting in Geneva.

**5). Any other issues**

There were no other issues presented to the Ex. Comm.