

**Executive Committee Call
23 April 2019
Minutes**

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat
Joanne Carter (Vice-Chair) & Selamawit Bekele Timur Abdullaev Pierre Blais & Kylie Luu Amy Bloom David Lewinsohn Victor Ramathesele Diana Weil (for Tereza Kasaeva)	Megan Cain Paula Fujiwara Christy Hanson Austin Obiefuna Aaron Oxley Cheri Vincent	Lucica Ditiu Jenniffer Dietrich
Minutes of Discussion		Outcome(s)
<p>1. Governance: Board Membership Board Leadership Transition</p>		
<p>The Governance and Board Relations Officer informed the Executive Committee on the following topics</p> <p>A. Board Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The election of Dr Farhana Amanullah, Chair of the Child and Adolescent TB (CA TB) Working Group, as the new Board member representing the Implementation Working Groups. Dr. Farhana Amanullah, Chair of the Child and Adolescent TB (CA TB) Working Group, is elected as the new Board member representing the Implementation Working Groups. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board sent out official invitation letters to representatives of France and Japan to join the Board. An official response is expected in the coming weeks. Once the Secretariat receives acceptance letter from the government representatives, an email for approval will go to the entire Board, and after the 5-day period of no-objection, a news alert will be sent to all Stop TB partners announcing the three new Board members. <p>B. Board Leadership Transition</p> <p>The Secretariat will organize a call for the Board Leadership Nominating Sub-committee before mid-May to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Update the Sub-committee on where nominations stand Explore suggestions for nominees from the Sub-committee and receive guidance on how to approach potential candidates Discuss possibility of extending the deadline of the period for nominations 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive Committee is in agreement with the election of the WG representative and the next steps presented to announce three new Board members. The Board Leadership Nominating Sub-committee will have its first meeting in May.

<p>In addition, it was advised that the World Health Assembly should be considered as an avenue to approach individuals and explore interests and availability for the Board Chair role.</p>	
<p>2. 32nd Board Meeting: meeting dates</p>	
<p>The Governance and Board Relations Officer shared proposed dates for the next Board meeting. The following dates are selected by the Secretariat in consideration of other organization’s board meetings, global events, and holiday seasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Option 1: 3 – 6 December ○ Option 2: 9 – 12 December ○ Option 3: 10 – 13 December <p>Executive Committee members agreed that the second week of December is most suitable. The Adviser to the Chair of the Board confirmed that those dates are viable for the Chair. The dates will be confirmed with partners in Indonesia before a Save-the-Date email reaches all Board members.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Executive Committee determined the dates for the next Board meeting: 10-13 December 2019.
<p>3. Global Fund Strategy Committee Meeting</p>	
<p>The Executive Director explained that the most important discussions during the meeting of the Strategy Committee in March were around the catalytic funding and resilient and sustainable systems for Health (RSSH) roadmaps and implications for future applications. The Global Disease split was discussed as it became clear how important the special funding streams and funding optimizations are for TB since the Global Fund is the only multi-lateral external funder, and it was decided by the Strategic Committee that the 18% disease split will be revised, with studies and full analysis, for the following funding cycle (2023-25). The former explains the huge support from the TB community towards efforts for a well-funded Replenishment.</p> <p>The proposal from the TB world for the catalytic funding is a continuation at a larger scale of finding the people missing with TB, including MDR-TB, and preventive therapy.</p> <p>Other debates were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) From the HIV community about the inclusion of specific interventions in the catalytic funding, and 2) RSSH interventions falling into catalytic funding and how they complement or not the efforts done by the three diseases, and how it will be implemented with different partners. These discussions lead to the Global Fund holding more consultations with various partners in the weeks after the Strategy Committee meeting was held. 3) New ‘opt-out’ approach to integrate some components across the diseases. This is a change to the previous application format (a proposition from the TRP and TERG) however, it was not clear how this would work, and further consultations are taking place with various stakeholders to proof-test the concept. <p>The Secretariat is analyzing all the changes and new modalities for funding. If these are going to derail the attention of programs in the country, or hold up other interventions, then it might not be well received. And to understand to what degree the new approaches are going to support the targets of the UNHLM on TB.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Secretariat proposed to have a call with the Executive Committee and the Disease Advisors at the Global Fund around the topics that will come up at the next Global Fund Board meeting.

<p>The Secretariat proposed to have a call with those interested to discuss these issues in more detail, as well as sharing suggested positions related to the agenda items of the Global Fund Board.</p> <p>The Global Fund Board might see a discussion about the re-activation of funding to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.</p> <p>How the overall allocation is accounted directly after the Replenishment (funds coming in later or similar) will determine the funding available for catalytic funding.</p>	
<p>4. World Health Assembly</p>	
<p>Two important meetings are happening before the World Health Assembly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 29 April: As part of the preparations leading to UN HLM on universal health coverage, the President of the General Assembly requested to convene, with support from WHO and the International Health Partnership for UHC 2030 (UHC2030), an interactive multi-stakeholder hearing. Both Thoko and Austin will represent StopTB at the hearing and multiple side events. - 13 May: Following the realization that the Patient Charter was outdated, global consultations have been held and its inputs incorporated into the final declaration which will be launched in the Global Health Campus together with high-level representatives from Global Fund, StopTB, UNAIDS and others. <p>For the World Health Assembly, the Secretariat is planning an event on the Sunday before the WHA together with the World Economic Forum. StopTB is also co-participating with UNAIDS and other partners in a marketplace and round table about innovations.</p> <p>Additionally, meetings with some of the Ministers from high-burden countries are being organized, and the Secretariat invites Executive Committee members that will be in Geneva to join those meetings of interest to them.</p> <p>On the agenda of the World Health Assembly, is an item about the UNHLM on TB which includes WHO’s follow-ups to the meeting, the Joint Initiative with the Global Fund and StopTB and the Strategic Initiative.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The link to the WHA document Follow-up to the high-level meetings of the United Nations General Assembly on health-related issues is herewith available to Executive Committee members.
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<p>Next Executive Committee Conference Call will be on 29 May 2019.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop TB Secretariat to send out the calendar invite.