

Teleconference Executive Committee (Ex.Com. No 15 - 04.06.07)
DRAFT Minutes

Attended:	Apologies	Secretariat
Irene Koek (Chair) Mario Raviglione Giorgio Roscigno Jeremiah Chakaya Peter Small	Roberto Tapia Ken Castro	Marcos Espinal Sarah England Louise Baker Robert Matiru Vittorio Cammarota
Minutes on discussions	Decision	Action
1) 12th Coordinating Board Meeting – Prioritization		
The Ex. Comm discussed the draft decision points of the 12 th Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board held in Geneva, 18-19 April 2007		
<p>The Ex. Comm reviewed the draft decision points and made several observations regarding prioritization of key activities for the Secretariat.</p> <p>Dr. Raviglione updated the Ex. Comm on the latest developments in the US XDR-TB case and implications for the International Health Regulations.</p> <p>Noting that these are not the only activities undertaken by the Secretariat, The Executive Committee reiterated the importance of continuing ongoing work in critical fields such as monitoring the Global Plan and the external evaluation.</p>	<p>Intensive/time sensitive issues were prioritized:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) HIV/UNAIDS advocacy collaboration and TB-HIV (including IPT provision) 2) Global Fund MOU 3) Roll out of the TB Financing tools etc 4) XDR-TB & connections to other priorities & to basic TB treatment and care 5) Research Movement 6) Berlin – Ministerial and Coordinating Board 7) GDF Resource Mobilization 8) Partners' Forum <p>Other topics discussed are important but maybe less time sensitive.</p>	<p>Secretariat to prepare a brief “summary” of the discussion reflecting on the feasibility of the Ex. Comm decisions. [ME&LB]</p>
2) UNITAID		
Proposal for the inclusion of first-line anti-TB drugs in the UNITAID funding niche for TB (which currently comprises paediatric and second-line anti-TB drugs).		
<p>The Ex. Com. members on the call agreed that it was crucial that the CB support this proposal via a letter.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Letter should be signed by the Ex. Com (on behalf of the CB). • As the letter needs to reach UNITAID by mid-June it was deemed that having the entire CB sign 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex. Com members to send any comments or proposed revisions to the letter by June 6 • Inform the entire CB • Dispatch letter to

	the letter was not feasible.	UNITAID. [ME &RM]
3) Working Groups - Work Planning		
Biennial Work Planning		
The Ex. Comm considered whether it was advisable for the Working Groups to develop biennium work plans in line with planning by the Secretariat.	The Ex. Comm decided a teleconference of Working Group chairs to develop and start the bi-ennial planning process should be undertaken.	Facilitate teleconference of Working Group chairs [ME & SE]
4) External Evaluation		
The Executive Secretary updated the Ex. Comm on the status of the External Evaluation planning process.		
The Ex. Secretary confirmed that a consultancy company has been selected; contract negotiations are being finalized.	None	Continue in line with agreed timeline [SEC]

Secretariat Observation on Prioritization

The Secretariat welcomes the Executive Committee observation on the importance of ongoing work in critical fields. The Secretariat considers that the prioritized activities are feasible and progress has already been made in several areas.

Though many partners are engaged in the delivery of each prioritized agenda item, in order to function effectively and deliver on the activities, the Secretariat should limit its involvement to areas of its comparative advantage such as facilitation and advocacy. The Secretariat would not expect to take an implementing role in activities such as XDR TB, TB-HIV or the Research Movement where other partners/Working Groups are more qualified to lead. The Secretariat would be involved in these activities to help facilitate and support advocacy and resource mobilization.

The Secretariat raises a concern about the time frame for the Partners Forum, noting the busy calendar of international public health events in 2008. The Secretariat therefore proposes that the Partners Forum be held in quarter 1, 2009.