

**Teleconference Executive Committee (ExCom. 17 - 06.12.07
Draft Minutes**

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat
Irene Koek (Chair) Mario Raviglione Giorgio Roscigno Ken Castro Jeremiah Chakaya Peter Small Farhad Riahi (McKinsey, invitee) (partial)	Roberto Tapia	Marcos Espinal Maria Enwerem-Bromson Shirley Henderson Anant Vijay (partial) Robert Matiru (partial)
Minutes on discussions	Decision	Action
1) External Evaluation		
The Executive Committee was given a verbal update on the external evaluation by McKinsey. Dates and location of a meeting to review the final external evaluation report were discussed.		
<p>The Ex. Comm welcomed the news that all outstanding issues from Berlin have been completed and the work of the evaluation is now complete.</p> <p>McKinsey proposed a 1.5 day meeting in London in early 2008 (suggested date 11/12 Feb) to discuss the impact of the report and to enable a detailed dialogue on the recommendations and way forward.</p> <p>Members of the committee clearly stated that before committing to participate in the early 2008 meeting they would like to see an agenda.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ex. Comm agreed that a meeting on the final external evaluation report should be held in 2008. The Evaluation Steering Committee, Ex. Comm and any interested member of the Coordinating Board should attend the meeting. An agenda should be circulated well in advance of the meeting. The final external evaluation report should be presented at the next CB meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> McKinsey to develop agenda for meeting. (McKinsey) McKinsey to propose two options for meeting dates in early 2008. (McKinsey)
2) GDF/Myanmar		
The Ex. Comm discussed the request from Myanmar to extend GDF support for one year beyond the final year of the second grant cycle.		
There was a discussion on the principle of extending GDF support beyond the second grant cycle. It was acknowledged that this could become a recurring issue. In addition to the request from Myanmar an extension request has been submitted by DPRK. GDF grants are to supply drugs to those in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved one year extension for GDF support as requested by Myanmar. Agreed that on a case by case basis extensions can be made beyond a second grant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat to draft letter, for review by Chair, informing Myanmar of the decision. (ME & RM)

<p>need, including emergency relief, a criteria which still can be met beyond the conclusion of a second grant cycle.</p>	<p>cycle. However this is contingent on: (i) strong commitments from government including long-term planning beyond GDF support, and (ii) report from Technical Review Committee to ensure continued good management of drugs.</p>	
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3) TB Research

Following the suggestion from the Coordinating Board, the TB Research movement was discussed.

<p>The goal of the research movement, to stimulate, support and expand research was presented. Activities undertaken to date and future proposed activities under the scope of the research movement were outlined.</p> <p>There was a discussion that the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat does not currently have the necessary scientific skills to support the Research Movement.</p> <p>The need to review current literature on TB and TB/HIV research agendas was highlighted.</p> <p>The need to also involve an Ambassador to advocate for research at political and development levels was suggested.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ex. Comm endorsed the relative roles of the Partnership and WHO. • The proposed plan of action, which is based on STAG's endorsement and calls for full ownership by all partners, was endorsed. • It was agreed the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat would recruit a research coordinator with strong scientific and advocacy skills to support the TB Research Movement. • It was decided that the next step should be a highly focused meeting in Bellagio. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOR's will be drafted for the position of Research Coordinator and circulated to Exec. Comm. (Secretariat) • MR and GR to further discuss the review of current literature on TB and to involve R. O'Brian. • Secretariat to collect names for potential Ambassador for Research. (Secretariat)
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4) Partners Forum 2009

The Ex. Comm reviewed and discussed the bids to hold the Partners Forum 2009.

<p>The Ex. Comm welcomed bids received for the Partners Forum 2009 from Tokyo, Japan and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Ex. Comm noted that both bids were very strong, and either city could successfully hold the Partners Forum 2009.</p> <p>It was noted that the bid from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil contained documents demonstrating strong government backing. There was a discussion about the expected benefits of holding the Partners Forum 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ex. Comm agreed the Partners Forum 2009 should be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat to commence planning for Partners Forum 2009. (NEB & SH)
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<p>in a donor vs. high burden country. It was felt that it is important to hold the Partners Forum 2009 in a high burden country.</p>		
<p>5) Economic Benefits of TB Control</p>		
<p>The dissemination plan for Stop TB Partnership/ World Bank study was discussed.</p>		
<p>The Executive Secretary reported that due to the World Bank changing the proposed launch of the report, (from a physical press event to a teleconference), high level dignitaries would no longer attend. Instead the report will be launched by a joint press release.</p>	<p>The Ex. Comm was disappointed by this news.</p>	<p>N/A.</p>
<p>END</p>		