

Teleconference Executive committee (27 Ex Comm. -- 28 January 2010)

(Draft) Minutes

Attended:	Not able to attend:	Secretariat
Rifat Atun (Chair) Mario Raviglione Jeremiah Chakaya Giorgio Roscigno Jean François de Lavison Peter Small Michael Kimerling	Ken Castro	Marcos Espinal Tom Moore Raegan Boler Alan Esser
Minutes of Discussion	Decision	Action
1. Global Drug Facility: Follow-up from decisions taken at the 17th Coordinating Board		
<p>The Chair introduced the topic and welcomed comments on the consultancy proposal and the timeline moving forward. The Secretariat indicated that, with three months until the next Board meeting at which members had requested a strategic session on GDF, it was important to begin work as soon as possible. The Secretariat also emphasized that the Board's call for a strategic session was timely given that GDF had initially been created with a 10 year mandate in 2001; the consultancy also coincides with an internal audit currently being conducted by WHO of the GDF. The consultancy is expected to provide the Board at its 18th Meeting in May 2010 with options of what GDF could look like in the future. The Executive Committee was also briefed on the proposed merger of GDF's three committees (the Business Advisory Committee, the Technical Review Committee and the Drug Management Sub-Committee) in order to streamline processes, reduce costs and facilitate improved communication.</p>		
<p>Executive Committee members strongly welcomed this initiative and noted that a key element to be included in the work should be alignment with the MDR scale up architecture.</p> <p>Members also recommended that the consultancy examine the impact GDF has had on market dynamics (e.g. changes in price) to gain a clearer understanding of how markets have responded to the GDF intervention as well as to provide lessons learned going forward.</p> <p>In addition to linkages with the GLC and GLI, and the market dynamics issue, other elements recommended as being relevant to the consultancy included: frequency and scope of stock outs and demands on staff time; the role of direct procurement vis-à-vis grant services and volumes over time; potential areas for expansion of the commodities offered by GDF; the future role and potential merging of GDF's current 3 committees.</p>	<p>The Executive Committee endorsed the consultancy and expressed full agreement in supporting the Secretariat to carry this work forward.</p> <p>It was agreed to use UNITAID's definition of market dynamics.</p>	<p>Secretariat to undertake all administrative arrangements necessary for work to begin under the consultancy.</p>
2. Report from Viet Nam on preparations for the 18th CB		

The Secretariat provided an overview of the recent mission to Hanoi (18-22) to begin preparations for the 18th Coordinating Board meeting. Strong commitment was noted by the Ministry of Health and the NTP to support the organization of the meeting, including substantive contributions from the Government.

The Executive Committee discussed the need for coordination and timing for a potential high level mission to China following on from the CB in early May.	No decisions requested.	Secretariat to continue follow-up from the mission, including sending of invitation letters to participants and continued coordination with Vietnamese counterparts.
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3. 18th CB Draft Agenda

The Chair introduced the draft agenda and welcomed comments from Executive Committee Members.

<p>The Chair recommended, in relation to item 2, including a session on how TB control has contributed to strengthened health systems in the region (e.g. Cambodia, Viet Nam).</p> <p>Based on past Board discussions and Partnership activities, members also requested a session on TB/HIV, particularly in light of new guidelines from the GFATM and the expanded role of the HIV community.</p> <p>Members also requested a special session on diagnostics, looking not only at research but also implementation; members suggested this could be done by shortening or postponing the session on vaccines.</p>	The Executive Committee requested adjustments be made to the draft agenda in line with feedback provided.	Secretariat to revise draft agenda and circulate in early February for Executive Committee review.
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4. Any Other Business

Following up on his announced departure at the 17th Coordinating Board, the Executive Secretary briefed that, due to health reasons, he will remain for a few more months in the post. In response, the Executive Committee offered their full support to the Executive Secretary.

As the final item, the Chair raised the issue of the upcoming MDG summit in New York this September, in particular the need to begin planning now to ensure that TB is featured on the agenda and that movement towards MDGs 4 and 5 does not eclipse TB but is leveraged in whatever manner possible in support of Partnership efforts. Members discussed and agreed to place this on the agenda of the next Executive Committee Teleconference (ExCom 28 confirmed for **4 March 2010 at 4PM CET**). In advance of that meeting, the Secretariat will prepare and circulate a discussion paper outlining a proposed strategy and approach, as well as draft messages/talking points to be used consistently by the Partnership in September. In the next week, the Special Envoy will meet with the Secretary General and already has in his topics for discussion points related to the MDG summit to ensure TB gets proper visibility via placing TB on the agenda of the summit and a side event to launch the revised version of the Global Plan to Stop TB 2006-2015. Also, in the coming weeks, the Secretariat will work, through Partners in major capitals, to collect intelligence on the series of events and messages being prepared in advance of September. This may impact the 18th CB draft agenda by requiring an expanded session around advocacy efforts in support of the Global Plan Update launch.