

Teleconference Executive committee (Ex Comm. 36 - 28 March 2012)  
(Draft) Minutes

Attended:	Not able to attend:	Secretariat
<p>Blessi Kumar (Vice-Chair) Jeremiah Chakaya Ken Castro Mario Raviglione Cheri Vincent (partial)</p> <p><b>Observer:</b> Rifat Atun (Chair)</p>	<p>Michael Kimerling</p>	<p>Lucica Ditiu Joel Spicer Shirley Bennett</p>
Minutes on discussions	Decision	Action
<p><b>1. Situation of Chair of the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board</b></p>		
<p>This was discussed at the previous Executive Committee teleconference (its 35<sup>th</sup> held on 13 March 2012). However no decision was reached before the teleconference line automatically disconnected all conference participants after the call overran.</p> <p>In light of the Stop TB partnership by-laws and recent decisions taken by the Coordinating Board, members of the Executive Committee were uncertain whether Professor Atun could remain as Chair of the Stop TB Partnership given he is no longer the Global Fund representative.</p>		
<p>The Executive Committee noted that the by-laws will be re-visited as part of the governance review. A solution was sought to ensure minimum disruption to the Stop TB Partnership.</p> <p>The Executive Committee discussed three options for selecting the Chair: (i) the Chair must be a Board member, or (ii) the Chair must be a member of a constituency represented on the Board but not necessarily a Board member, or (iii) the Chair can be external (i.e. not a constituency member nor a Board member). It was felt that an analysis of these options would be beneficial to inform a Board decision.</p>	<p>Recent decision points in Bangkok clearly state the “role of the Board Chair to be a non-voting member of the Board in order to preserve neutrality and avoid conflict of interest”. However the by-laws and decision points are unclear whether the Chair is drawn from a constituency. The Executive Committee agreed that Professor Rifat Atun should continue to Chair the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board through the end of the next Coordinating Board meeting (expected November 2012). Therefore this situation is an exception where the current chair will not represent a constituency.</p> <p>The Executive Committee thanked Professor Rifat Atun for continuing to Chair the Coordinating Board through the end of the next Coordinating Board meeting.</p> <p>The Executive Committee asked the Secretariat to prepare an analysis,</p>	<p>Professor Rifat Atun to remain as Chair of the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board until the end of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Coordinating Board meeting.</p> <p>Secretariat to prepare analysis of Chair selection options and to return to the Executive Committee for comments. It is foreseen that the Coordinating Board will have to vote on the options prior to the Coordinating Board meeting in November to ensure minimum disruption and a smooth transition after the Coordinating Board meeting.</p>

	including pros and cons, of the three options for Chair selection and return to the Executive Committee for comments.	
<b>2. Global Fund Representative</b>		
The Executive Committee also asked for an update on the process for identifying the Global Fund’s new representative on the Coordinating Board.		
The Executive Secretary has held informal discussion with senior management at the Global Fund about Global Fund representation on the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board. Senior management has expressed an interest in representing the Global Fund on the Coordinating Board. However no official communication has been sent from the Secretariat to the Global Fund on this matter.	The Executive Committee agreed it was important for the Global Fund to identify a representative to the Coordinating Board.	Secretariat to send official request to Global Fund asking for confirmation of who will be the representative to Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board.