

Teleconference Executive committee (38 Ex Comm. –16 August 2012) (Draft) Minutes

Attended:	Not able to attend:	Secretariat
Blessi Kumar (Vice-Chair of Board) Michael Kimerling Mario Raviglione Ken Castro Cheri Vincent Amy Bloom	Rifat Atun (Chair) Jeremiah Chakaya	Lucica Ditiu Shirley Bennett
Observer: Naina Dhingra (McKinsey)- <i>partial</i>		
Minutes of Discussion	Decision	Action

1. Stop TB Partnership 22nd Coordinating Board meeting - dates

Members of the Executive Committee noted that the current dates for the 22nd Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting, 19-20 November 2012 may make it difficult for participants from the United States to return home in time for Thanksgiving. It was therefore proposed to move the meeting by one day, so the Coordinating Board would meet on Sunday 18 November – Monday 19 November 2012. This would allow all US participants to return home for the Thanksgiving celebration.

The Executive Committee agreed to move the dates of the Coordinating Board meeting as long as there were no significant meetings already scheduled for Sunday 18 November which would require Board members to attend.

Secretariat to send a communication to the Board with the new Board meeting dates of 18-19 November 2012 and ask if there are any significant meetings already scheduled for Sunday 18 November.

2. S/election of Coordinating Board Chair and Vice-Chair

The Executive Committee discussed four options on the s/election of the Chair of the Coordinating Board:

- **Option 1:** The Executive Committee makes a decision on the representation of Board Chair (independent, from the Board, from a constituency) as a first decision of the governance review in mid-September and launches a process for nominations and election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair at end of September.
- **Option 2**: The Executive Committee recommends that the Board elect a "transition Chair" from the current Operational Strategy Steering Committee for a period to oversee strategy and governance implementation
- Option 3: The Executive Committee extends the term of the current Vice-Chair to ensure continuity
- **Option 4**: The Board launches the election of the Board Chair and Vice –Chair after taking decisions on a comprehensive set of governance improvements (including the question of Board Chair and Vice-Chair representation).



The Executive Committee discussed whether the interim Chair should be drawn from the pool of Steering Group members or if any member of the Board should be considered. Executive sought to balance the requirement of historical knowledge of the strategy work to inform the transition with a fresh perspective. Ultimately it was agreed that historical knowledge and engagement on the strategy work was necessary to oversee the transition and therefore an interim Chair should be drawn from the Steering Group. The Steering Group comprises of all members of the Executive Committee and members of the Sub-Committee on Governance, Performance and Finance).

The Executive Committee debated whether the interim chair should be able to compete as a candidate for the permanent position (if the Board decides at its next meeting that the Chair should be drawn from Board members).

The Executive Committee felt that the decision on the interim Chair should be communicated in а clear transparent manner with the whole Board.

Chair

An interim Chair to oversee the transition should be appointed for a maximum period of 6-12 months. The interim Chair will assume all responsibilities at the close of the next (the 22nd) Coordinating Board meeting.

The interim Chair should be drawn from the pool of Steering Group members

The process for electing the interim Chair should be conducted as soon as possible and concluded before the November 2012 Coordinating Board meeting.

While it is not anticipated that the interim Chair will run for the permanent position, holding the position on interim Chair will not preclude this person competing for the position of permanent Chair.

At the next (the 22nd) Coordinating Board meeting, as part of governance reform, a decision should be made on where a permanent chair should be drawn from (independent, from the Board, or from a constituency).

Vice-Chair

The term of Vice-Chair of the Board should be extended to end 2013.

Chair

Secretariat to prepare a 1-2 page document outlining the requirements of the Chair position and circulate to the Steering Group. Based on this see if there are members of the Steering Group who wish to recuse themselves for consideration as interim Chair.

All Board members will be asked to nominate one of remaining Steering Group members for the position of interim Chair. If more than one candidate stands for the Chair, an electronic vote will take place.

3. 22nd Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting agenda

The Executive Committee shortly discussed the proposed agenda for the 22nd Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting. The Executive Committee general welcomed the draft agenda and made some suggested changes.

External Evaluation

Two donors (DfID and World Bank) require an external evaluation of the Stop TB Partnership be conducted and this is stipulated in the donor lieu of an external evaluation, the

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The session on the external evaluation should be removed if the two donors would accept, in

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Executive Secretary to explore with DfID and World Bank whether the work conducted by McKinsey & Co would be acceptable in lieu of a



agreements provision for as continuing funding. The previous external evaluation covered the period 2001-2006 so the next one is due to cover the period 2007-2011. A session on the next external evaluation was initially included in the draft agenda. However the Executive Committee felt that, if possible, a situation of repeated consultancies examining the work of the partnership should be avoided. Additionally the strategy work conducted by McKinsey & Co has examined the work and impact of the partnership.

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formal external evaluation.

Working Groups

The Executive Committee recognized it has been some time since there was a session on Working Groups at a Board meeting. The New Drugs Working Group has asked to present to the Board given the new drugs which are about to be introduced.

Other agenda items

No other agenda items were discussed as the teleconference line automatically closed before a conclusion on this issue was reached.

Working Groups

The Executive Committee decided a session on Working Groups be added to the agenda. The New Drugs Working Groups and one other Working Group should be invited to present their work.

Other agenda items

No decision was reached about other agenda items as the teleconference line automatically disconnected all conference participants after the call overran.

Working Groups

Session on Working Groups to be added to the draft Coordinating Board agenda.

Other agenda items

The Executive Committee will share by email to the Secretariat (bennettshi@who.int) any further comments on the draft agenda for the Coordinating Board meeting.



4. Any other business	
No other business was discussed.	