

**Executive Committee Call, 21 June 2018
Minutes**

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat
Joanne Carter (Vice-Chair) & Selamawit Bekele Erika Arthun Megan Cain Paula Fujiwara Tereza Kasaeva Nalini Lachance David Lewinsohn Austin Obiefuna Aaron Oxley Victor Ramathesele Cheri Vincent	Timur Abdullaev	Lucica Ditiu Jenniffer Dietrich Jackie Huh Greg Paton Catie Rosado
Minutes of Discussion		Outcome(s)
1. Governance: Board Country Seats - Update		
<p>Following various meetings during the week of the World Health Assembly, the Executive Director provided an update on the status of the seats for representation from Countries Affected by TB on the Stop TB Partnership Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigeria: Board membership was offered, the Minister was positive during the meeting, and the Secretariat is awaiting official response. • Kazakhstan: the Minister was positive at the bi-lateral meeting, the Secretariat sent an official letter and the country has officially accepted the Board membership. The Ministry is inquiring about the Minister’s role at the next Board meeting. • Indonesia: the bi-lateral meeting was canceled due to the absence of the Minister. Nevertheless, the Secretariat send an official letter offering the country a seat at the Stop TB Board. • In the event that Indonesia does not reply or declines, the Secretariat will proceed, as advised by the Executive Committee in a previous call, with approaching the Philippines. • Brazil: Following the request to keep BRICS involved and also having a representative from that continent on the Board, the Secretariat proceeded to extend the membership of Brazil for another 3-year term. • Mozambique and India Board memberships were extended last month, as per the Executive Committee’s advice. <p>Executive Committee members commented on how to promote the engagement of high-level Board members, such as Ministers themselves, at the Board meetings. The Committee stressed the importance of having an active role at the meeting to ensure engagement.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee acknowledged and welcomed the work by the Secretariat. • The Executive Committee will pay special attention during the development of the next Board meeting agenda to provide occasions for Ministers to address the Board.

<p>The fact that the Stop TB Board meetings’ frequency is usually once a year, makes it more feasible for Ministers to attend. Another factor that helps with engaging Ministers in person is to know the dates of the Board meeting with much time in advance.</p>	
<p>2. 31st Board Meeting and agenda items</p>	
<p>During this part of the call the structure of the Board meeting was further discussed. The Executive Director thanked Executive Committee members for sending their inputs of agenda items and also specific content for the topics. The following agenda items were proposed and discussed as the starting point to develop the program for the Board meeting in January 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Global Fund ○ Financing for TB /Follow up from UNHLM ○ TB REACH ○ 40 by 23 ○ Public-private engagement (new proposal) ○ Board Leadership selection (new proposal) ○ Executive Director’s Report ○ 2019-2020 Stop TB Secretariat Workplan <p>The intent to organize a briefing for all UN Mission Representatives in Geneva was well received. An additional objective is to offer to all Board members the pre-briefings in the Palais des Nations where the United Nations Office in Geneva is based. The Executive Committee agreed that 40 million treated by end 2022 could be an overarching topic that contains public-private engagement and TB financing. The idea proposed by a few Committee members to frame/group the topics around “maintaining the momentum beyond the UNHLM on TB“ was well received by the other Executive Committee members.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Executive Committee will continue shaping the Board meeting agenda in the next call.
<p>3. UNHLM on TB</p>	
<p>The Vice-Chair clarified that this agenda item is not to recreate the conversations held in the regular coordination calls but to focus on the agenda of the meeting. The Executive Director shared new details around the negotiation rounds. The President of the General Assembly sent the invitation letter for the UNHLM to all Country Missions in June; the Missions will be informing to the President of the GA if the Head of State will attend. WHO informed that it is also sending letters to the 194 Heads of its member states. The Executive Committee will consider if more letters are needed to contact Heads of States.</p> <p>Agenda for the UNHLM on TB on 26 September, including side-events: (based on the approved Modalities Resolution)</p> <p>The <u>Opening</u> will include statements by the President of the GA, the Secretary-General, the Director General of WHO, the Chair of the Stop TB Partnership, the Chair of WHO First Global Ministerial Conference on Ending TB, an eminent high-level champion of the fight against tuberculosis (open slot), and a person affected by tuberculosis (open slot). The open slots will be determined by the member states based on gender and regional balance.</p> <p>The <u>Plenary</u> starts after the opening at 11h30 and will be a chain of 3-minute interventions by Heads of States, starting from the most senior.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Executive Committee will continue discussing about the UNHLM at the regular coordination calls.

<p>At the same time, the <u>Multi-stakeholder Panel 1</u> will be held from 11h30 until 13h. The second <u>Multi-stakeholder Panel</u> will be from 15h to 16h30, finishing one hour before the closing session. The Panels will have co-chairs from different regions which will be proposed by member states.</p> <p>The <u>second Plenary</u> starts at 15h and is followed by the <u>Closing</u> session at 17h30 where there is the opportunity for a second person affected by TB to speak.</p> <p>In addition, the World Economic Forum and Johnson&Johnson are planning a side-event, amongst other partners that are considering more parallel events. It was proposed to have an online tool to capture all the activities planned.</p> <p>The discussion of the Executive Committee focused on efforts to maintain the level of the UNHLM and its deliberations at the absolute highest level possible, and not to fall into technical discussions that will only attract the attendance of bureaucrats rather than politicians.</p> <p>Another point made was to highlight during the Panels the positive announcements, the main aim should be to make State Representatives feel extraordinary for their big commitments.</p>	
<p>4. AOB</p>	
<p>Next Executive Committee Conference Call will be in August 2018.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop TB Secretariat to send a calendar invite.