

Executive Committee Call, 19 September 2018

Minutes

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat
Joanne Carter (Vice-Chair) & Selamawit Bekele Timur Abdullaev Erika Arthun Paula Fujiwara Tereza Kasaeva Nalini Lachance David Lewinsohn Aaron Oxley Cheri Vincent	Austin Obiefuna Victor Ramathesele	Lucica Ditiu Jenniffer Dietrich Catie Rosado Suvanand Sahu
Minutes of Discussion		Outcome(s)

1. 31st Board Meeting: Agenda

The Governance and Board Relations Officer went through the Board agenda and requested the Executive Committee members to note any concerns around agenda topics and/or time provided for each item:

- Executive Director's Report
- post-UNHLM on TB:
 1. maintaining the momentum beyond the UNHLM on TB
 2. keeping the promises (accountability)
 3. investing the funds needed
 4. treat all people, with respect and new tools
 - Find.Treat.All
 - Global Fund
 - TB REACH
- Positioning Stop TB in the current landscape
- 2019-2020 Stop TB Secretariat Workplan
- Board Leadership Change

Executive Committee members commented on the following:

- Post-UNHLM, considering other major incoming events in Global Health, such as the high-level meeting on UHC, there is a concern TB might be diluted. Thus, it is essential to utilize the upcoming board meeting as an opportunity to maintain the commitments that will be made at the UNHLM and to keep TB in the minds of Head of States and all who will attend the UNHLM.
- Having the two sessions; *Maintaining the Momentum* and *Keep the Promise* far apart from each other would be a loss of opportunity given the high-level ministerial representation on the first day. It is also noted that it will be critical for the secretariat to forward specific proposals on the way forward to guide the conversations.

- The Executive Committee approved the Board agenda items and timings assigned

- It is vital to invite colleagues from the coordination team for the UNHLM on UHC and inquire for the inclusion/highlight of TB in one of the sessions.
 - Members of the EC committee asked if it will be possible to model not only short-term needs but longer-term needs for the Global Plan. In response, the secretariat team explained, in planning for the UNHLM, and following the 40 million by 2022 target, the Secretariat has conducted a quick resource need estimation up to the year 2022 which added a 2-year extension to the original Global Plan. As this is only a rough estimate, the secretariat also brings out the need for in-depth work in different aspects of the Global Plan that will need to be adjusted based on the new timeframe.
- The Secretariat accepted the changes to the agenda.

2. Board Leadership Change

The Executive Director outlined the goal today is not to get to a final decision but rather to share the outline for Board Leadership transition in general, begin the conversation and get initial feedback from the Executive Committee.

Staggering the Vice-Chair: The Executive Director explained that the Secretariat is comfortable with where the partnership is in terms of the board leadership, goals achieved, and the visibility accomplished through the current leadership. Thus, the secretariat is concerned about changing the Chair and the Vice-Chair at the same time and would like to discuss the possibility of rotating the Chair and extending the term for the Vice-Chair by one year to allow a transition period of transfer of institutional memory between the next Chair and current Vice-Chair.

The Executive Director also mentioned that the Secretariat had requested the current Vice-Chair if she would consider an extension, and the Vice-Chair responded that it would depend on the Executive Committee decision.

The Executive Director put forward the topic for the consideration of the Executive Committee and asked if it would be more pertinent to have a staggered approach to the change in Board Leadership, rather than rotating both the Board Chair and Vice-Chair at the same time.

Board Chair Rotation: The Executive Director forwarded the need to consider if for the selection of a Board Chair the best method to find the most suitable replacement for Minister Motsoaledi is through the creation of a Taskforce that will review candidates and then propose two individuals to the Board for elections.

The Executive Committee needs to evaluate what is the best process to engage someone of high-level for the Partnership. For example, if two ministers might be interested in becoming the next Chair, it is unlikely that these high-level individuals would go through a selection process.

Executive Committee members raised the following matters:

- The need for the processes of choosing a new Board Chair to be different from the process of electing a new Vice-Chair.
- Using the Executive Committee as the main structure for the selection of the Chair, and maybe select a smaller group of the Executive Committee (2-3 people) that could move things in-between meetings.
- The perspective of having someone in the role of the Vice-Chair for seven years might be concerning to some from a governance perspective. Another matter to consider is the advantage of pairing the Board Chair to the Vice-Chair person.
- Some favoured keeping the Vice-Chair longer because it represents the best manner to pass on institutional memory. Options to this were highlighted such as

- The Executive Committee agreed that the topic of Board Leadership change needs more discussion and acknowledged the point of a staggered transition
- The Executive Committee agreed to have a process, by using the Executive Committee, that facilitates a suitable selection of the Board Chair
- The Executive Committee welcomed a 15-minute session in a future call to discuss, in the absence of the Vice-Chair, the implications of a staggered leadership transition

<p>through other mechanisms, for example mentorship from the previous Vice-Chair to the new Board Chair, or through a Vice-Chair Emeritus setup.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Also it is important not to lose sight of the interactions/dynamics between the each, Board Chair & Vice-Chair, with the Executive Director of the Partnership, and how both of them work in different ways with the Secretariat's senior management. 	
<p>3. UNHLM on TB</p> <p>Logistics: security will be very tight around the UN and, several streets will be closed. Not everyone, even country delegation members, will be able to get a badge to enter the UN High-level Meeting on TB; therefore, a huge projection of the meeting will be set up in a theatre nearby to give access to everyone.</p> <p>There are at least 18 side events where several partners are engaged, and it will be essential to be consistent between all TB stakeholders and actors with 3-4 key messages.</p> <p>The Secretariat is preparing talking points around the country share in finding cases, the financing issues, the accountability part of the Declaration, and research for TB. A 2-pager document about the targets is under development in conjunction with various partners. This should serve for people to take home the main deliverables. Executive Committee members asked for the official translation of the Declaration in advance of the meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive Committee will continue discussing about the UNHLM at the regular coordination calls The Secretariat will share the list of side events
<p>3. AOB</p> <p>Next Executive Committee Conference Call will be on 18 October 2018.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stop TB Secretariat will send a calendar invite.