

Stop TB Partnership

23rd Coordinating Board Meeting
Ottawa, Canada
Decision Points

Opening and Host Country Session

Decision Point: 23-1:

The Board:

- Adopted the proposed agenda for the 23rd Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting.
- Unanimously endorsed the action points from the last Coordinating Board meeting on 18 - 19 November 2012 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- Acknowledges Canada's global leadership and support for TB prevention, treatment and care.

Date: 11 July 2013



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Executive Secretary



Dr. Amy Bloom
Interim Chair

Report of the Executive Secretary

Decision Point: 23-2:

The Board:

- Welcomes the report of the Executive Secretary and congratulates the Executive Secretary for her leadership. The Board also congratulates the Secretariat and partners on significant achievements since the 22nd Board meeting.
- Requests that a budgeted work plan and budgetary situation is presented along with the Executive Secretary's report.

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TB and Mining

Decision Point: 23-3:

The Board:

- Notes the progress made over the past two years on TB in the mining sector and the extraordinary leadership of the ministerial TB champions from South Africa, Lesotho, and Swaziland.
- Recognizes the growing momentum achieved through the SADC Heads of State declaration on TB in the mining sector, the Swaziland Statement, increased World Bank engagement, and the key role of the Secretariat in achieving these milestones.

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Global Fund Engagement Strategy

Decision Point: 23-4:

The Board:

- Recognises the work and achievements of the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat in improving and expanding engagement with the Global Fund.
- Calls for the Secretariat to further engage the Global Fund through leveraging the full capacity of partners, in line with the Operational Strategy.
- Agrees with the concept of the TB Situation Room to augment efforts aimed at early identification and response to Global Fund related issues and improved absorption of available Global Fund support for TB. Requests that this work involve all partners, including communities, civil society, the private sector, and technical partners. Additionally requests that work outlined for the TB Situation Room be initiated by 15 September 2013.

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Governance Reform

Decision Point: 23-5:

The Board:

- Thanks Dr. Amy Bloom, interim Board Chair, and the Executive Committee for their leadership in carrying forward the board reform implementation.
- Approves the revised Board Governance Manual with the understanding that the Executive Committee will make the following changes based on feedback from board members:
 - Clarify the responsibility of all board members to fundraise and support the Partnership Secretariat.
 - Strengthen the section on Working Groups to clarify the interaction between WGs, the board and the Secretariat.
 - Clarify the role of the hosting organization.
 - Develop the conflict of interest section. The Executive Committee will create a revised conflict of interest policy for discussion at the next board meeting.
- Commits to review the governance changes one year from implementation, no later than July 2014, to determine effectiveness of the transition and make any required modifications.

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Election of Coordinating Board Chair

Decision Point: 23-6:

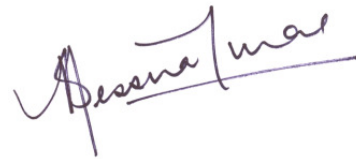
The Board:

- Thanks Dr Amy Bloom for her service to the Partnership as the interim Chair of the board.
- Officially elects and welcomes Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, Minister of Health, South Africa, as the Chair of the Coordinating Board.

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Ms. Blessina Kumar
Vice-Chair

Post-2015 TB Strategy

Decision Point: 23-7:

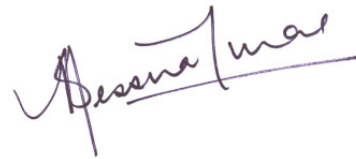
The Board:

- Notes the rationale and approach to the development of the post-2015 TB strategy as well as the proposed targets, principles, and pillars of the new strategy.
- Notes the need for country-level adaptation and support as well as greater involvement of all types of health professionals.

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Ms. Blessina Kumar
Vice-Chair

New Global Plan to Stop TB (2016-2020): Process for Development

Decision Point: 23-8:

The Board:

- Approves initiation of the development of the next Global Plan by the Partnership, according to the process proposed.
- Notes that the plan needs to be developed based on, and in alignment with, the strategy being developed by WHO, and in close coordination with all stakeholders and Partners.
- Calls on the Secretariat, with support from the Executive Committee and the Coordinating Board, to mobilize the needed financial resources for this activity.

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Stop TB Partnership Secretariat Forecasted Income and Expenditure

Decision Point: 23-9:

The Board:

- Requests that the budgeted work plan for 2013 be presented during the next Executive Committee call.
- Requests the development of the 2014-2015 budgeted workplan against the Operational Strategy and presentation of the workplan to the Executive Committee and Board.
- Requests that Finance Committee members are selected according to the governance manual and begins work as soon as possible.

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Stop TB Partnership Hosting Arrangement Review

Decision Point: 23-10:

The Board notes that:

- The Stop TB Partnership has been hosted at WHO since its inception in 2001 and that the Board is appreciative of that role, which has been mutually beneficial to each entity. The hosting and special relationship with WHO has enabled the growth of the Partnership and provided a valuable mechanism for partners to collaborate.
- With the new and focused Stop TB Partnership Operational Strategy that was approved at the 22nd board meeting in Kuala Lumpur, it became important to identify optimal hosting arrangements to support the effective and expedient implementation of that strategy.
- While the Board acknowledged its strong wish for the Partnership to remain hosted at WHO, an in depth review of the current hosting arrangement and a comparison against other potential hosting options was requested at the 22nd board meeting.
- The Board has been provided a wealth of information from this review. That information led to the realization that the lack of a written understanding between the Partnership and host posed significant challenges.

The Board:

- Requests that a written understanding is developed between the Partnership and WHO. This written understanding should be based on the following principles:
 - Board authority to make decisions on the Partnership's strategic direction as well as human and financial resources against the strategy, to be implemented by the Secretariat.
 - Board authority for oversight and performance assessment of the Executive Secretary including decision-making on hiring and termination.
 - A clear identity and mandate for the Stop TB Partnership that is recognizable to all stakeholders.
 - Ability of the Board, directly and through the Secretariat, to communicate with its partners.

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- Efficient, flexible, and accountable administrative and financial processes to enable the Partnership Secretariat to implement board decisions expeditiously and in the full spirit of those board decisions.
- Flexibility to attract a diverse set of donor resources to support the Secretariat and activities.
- The Board requests the Executive Committee to dialogue with WHO based on the intent of these principles to determine if such a written understanding can be developed. This dialogue should be completed by September 1, 2013. If the Board and the host determine the written understanding is possible, it should be presented for approval at the next board meeting.
- Should it be determined that the Partnership cannot negotiate a written understanding based on the intent of these principles, the Executive Committee will propose a decision to the Board electronically in September 2013 on the process and financial implications of beginning discussions with potential alternative hosts, with the goal of bringing a recommendation to the next board meeting (Q1 2014).

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Process and Timeline for Election of Board Vice Chair

Decision Point: 23-11:

The Board:

- Thanks Ms. Blessi Kumar for her service to the Partnership as the Vice-Chair of the board.
- Decides to launch the process for the next Partnership Vice-Chair immediately following the close of the 23rd board meeting with the goal of electing a Vice-Chair by 1 September. Ms. Kumar will serve in her position as Vice-Chair until the new Vice-Chair is elected.
- Decides to establish an independent task-force of the board to oversee the process including review of nominations and recommendations to the board. This taskforce will include the following members:
 - Thokozile Phiri, Communities
 - Austin Arinze Obiefuna, Developing Country NGO
 - Marcel de Kort, Netherlands
 - Michael Kimerling, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
 - Paula Fujiwara, International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
 - Minister Aaron Motsoaledi ******(ex-officio), Ministry of Health, South Africa

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Global Drug-Resistant TB Initiative (GDI)

Decision Point: 23-12:

The Board:

- Endorses the name change of the MDR-TB Working Group, the merger of its Core Group and sub-groups, and the plan to create a revised Core Group.
- Acknowledges further work is needed on the terms of reference (TOR) for GDI, and requests that the revised TOR address concerns voiced by Board members and Research subgroup.
- Tasks the Executive Committee to follow up on progress and ensure that the TOR addresses member concerns, and requests a progress report at the next Coordinating Board meeting.

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TB REACH and Global Drug Facility

Decision Point: 23-13:

The Board:

- Welcomes the progress achieved by TB REACH, acknowledges the opportunities and challenges to scaling up successful interventions, and the need for resource mobilization for the initiative.
- Advises the establishment of a more formal collaboration with the Global Fund on scaling up successful TB REACH projects.
- Welcomes the progress achieved by the Global Drug Facility (GDF) over the past 6 months.

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Closing Session

Decision Point: 23-14:

The Board:

- Notes with gratitude and agrees to accept the invitation of Minister Aaron Motsoaledi to hold the next Coordinating Board meeting in Cape Town, South Africa 31 Jan. – 1 Feb. 2014.

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