

**Executive Committee Call  
19 January 2023**

<b>Attended:</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>Secretariat:</b>
Austin Obiefuna (Vice-Chair), Timur Abdullaev Erika Arthun Pierre Blais / Nasir Ebrahimkhail Amy Bloom Anand Date Deliana Garcia Teresa Kasaeva David Lewinsohn Subrat Mohanty Peter Owiti / Carol Nawina Nyirenda Purva Singh (Advisor to Board Chair)	Cheri Vincent	Jenniffer Dietrich Catie Rosado Suvanand Sahu Kerrie Tyas
<b>Minutes of the Call</b>		

**Board Governance Reform**

**Executive Committee: role and composition**

1. The Vice-Chair opened the meeting explaining that is call is focused on the implementation of the governance reform efforts based on the Board Strategy Review that was approved by the Board in its meeting in May 2022.
2. First, the Board Strategy Review consultants presented slides about the draft refined role of a reformed Executive Committee (EC) and its composition. Three options were presented for a reformed Executive Committee composition (focused on the 8 voting EC seats no change to Chair/Vice Chair/ED). The options discussed:
  - one composition with minor changes: 5 fixed seats, 3 flexible seats
  - one hybrid option containing 50% fixed seats: 4 fixed seats, 4 flexible seats
  - a composition with major changes: does not include any fixed seat.
3. The Executive Committee agreed to the refined role of the EC. Furthermore, after everyone voiced their views during the discussion, the Executive Committee also found agreement on which proposed EC composition to pursue after the Board composition implementation work is finalized.

**Board composition**

4. In spite of long discussions about the importance of prominently representing vulnerable populations on the Board and in that manner sending a signal globally, the Executive Committee could not achieve agreement on how to address or eminently represent Vulnerable Populations on the Stop TB Board.

5. Although members of the Executive Committee understand that vulnerable groups are partially included in the constituency of TB-Affected Communities, there is the general feeling that TB voices are small, globally seen, hence the effort to have more voices heard at the highest level. The Vice-Chair pointed out that the Stop TB Partnership Board has the unique opportunity at the moment to recognize first, before any other Board has done this, the importance of vulnerable populations as a key element to defeat the disease.
6. The point was raised that some populations even though they are at high-risk have not lived through the experience of having had TB yet, and that these communities are not represented at the Board yet. A person from a vulnerable population might develop TB and then be part of the TB-Affected Communities constituency, or might never get TB and hence stay in this constituency that represents people at higher risk of contracting TB.
7. The Executive Committee also raised the point that the Secretariat should be mindful of the repercussions of this governance reform, in general, and to implement only if the governance team at the Secretariat is able to support the new structure or should advice where more resources are needed to accommodate appropriate governance support.
8. Consultants also presented possible terms of reference for new constituencies: Vulnerable Populations, Innovation & Research, Private Sector Providers from high TB burden countries, for comments or questions from the Executive Committee during the meeting and in writing following the call up to two weeks later.
9. **Action items:**
  - Secretariat to implement the agreed changes to the Executive Committee's composition once the implementation of the Board reform is complete.
  - Executive Committee recommended the Vice-Chair to have a separate discussion with TB-Affected Communities, Developed and Developing Country NGO constituencies.

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1. Next call of the Executive Committee is on 26 January 2023.