

**Executive Committee Call
01 March 2023**

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat:
Austin Obiefuna (Vice-Chair), Timur Abdullaev Erika Arthun Anand Date Nasir Ebrahimkhail David Lewinsohn / Deliana Garcia Subrat Mohanty Peter Owiti / Carol Nawina Nyirenda Purva Singh (Advisor to Board Chair) Cheri Vincent	Teresa Kasaeva	Lucica Ditiu Jenniffer Dietrich UNOPS: Andrew Kirkwood Berkan Manaigo-Vekil
Minutes of the Call		

Update from the Host

1. The Vice-Chair opened the meeting and explained that due to limited availability of Mr. Berkan Manaigo-Vekil from UNOPS Ethics Office, who was in transit at the airport, the update from the host would come first. As the session was in-camera and confidential, the Secretariat left the call for the duration of the briefing and reconnected once it was over.
2. The Director of Ethics and Compliance Office at UNOPS HQ gave a brief summary to the Executive Committee of the reports of misconduct at the Secretariat. This is part of UNOPS’s thorough, regular and timely notification system.

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3. The Executive Director presented the progress on the preparations for the upcoming Board Meeting. The Board Meeting documents are being uploaded to the website, some of them are already online, more will be added. The Secretariat will also upload as many PowerPoint presentations as possible in a separate folder with access in advance for board members, and share draft decision points, at least the most relevant ones, with the Executive Committee in advance.
4. The Secretariat requested Executive Committee members to register for the March 24 High-Level Summit – the deadline was extended. The Secretariat will have a call with the Minister either Friday, 3 March, or Monday, 6 March 2023. It is expected that the Deadly Divide report will be part of the opening session. Another highlight should be the launch of the Coalition of Leaders – Heads of State and Heads of Government as part of the Summit and as part of the Board Meeting. The afternoon of 25 March should be devoted to the private sector constituency as well as a dynamic presentation from multiple private sector innovators from India. The Executive Director reminded that the registration for site visits and some cultural events for 23 and 26 March is open.

5. Action items:

- Executive Committee members to register for the High-Level Summit by 8 March, as well as for site visits and cultural events.

37th Stop TB Partnership Board Meeting**6.** Given the developments with the 37th Board meeting, the Secretariat provided update on possible dates and locations. Initially, the Executive Committee was given two options; the options have been revised and a third option was added:

- Option 1 would be to have the Board meeting between 20 November and 7 December 2023 in Geneva. The advantages would be that the Board meeting will be two months after the UN HLM; it would allow to unpack the UNHLM commitments and targets, and to create a roadmap of action for 2024. The disadvantages will include big pressure on the Secretariat, busy agenda and complicated travel for some stakeholders due to two other events (Union Conference in Paris on 15-18 November and the Global Fund Board meeting on 15-16 November).
- Option 2: between 1-15 February 2024 in Rio-De-Janeiro. Brazil expressed its interest to host the next Board meeting in Brazil. It is a high-burden country, Brazil will have the G20 Presidency, and it offers an opportunity to mobilize the President. It will also allow more time for preparations. Disadvantages include a larger gap between Board meetings exceeding the nine months mark, and the challenges of year-end breaks.
- Option 3: Q1 2024 in a high-burden country, normally not Asia given that several recent Board meetings were in that continent. Advantage would be more time available for preparations, time to search for a host, while disadvantages will be the risk of an even bigger gap between Board meetings.

7. It is welcomed to announce at the Board Meeting the date and location for the next meeting, for this, the Secretariat hopes to receive feedback from the Executive Committee on which option to focus on. Given limited time, the Executive Director proposed to come to an agreement on the next Executive Committee call.**8. Discussion:**

- Is it possible to do a Board meeting in Brazil in November/December? Given the timing of other TB events (Union Conference and Global Fund Board meeting both happening in November)
- Unless there is a valid reason, the Partnership should not turn down an offer from a country to host a Board meeting, especially given that Brazil is a high-burden country and the G20 Presidency
- Having the invitation from Brazil is very good, but option 3 is also good, and there is nothing wrong if it is the same continent for two Board meetings in a row
- Brazil will have budgetary elections in Q1 2024, which needs to be taken into account if Option 2 is selected. However, these are not general elections and should not have implications on high-level politics

9. Action items:

- The Executive Committee members to consider the options in order to reach agreement at the next Executive Committee call.

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10. Next call of the Executive Committee is scheduled for 15 March 2023.