

**Executive Committee Call
17 October 2023**

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat:
Austin Obiefuna (EC Chair), Timur Abdullaev Cheri Vincent / Amy Bloom Cerrie Lehmeier / Nasir Ebrahimkhail Carol Nawina Nyirenda / Peter Owiti Deliana Garcia John Fawcett (for Obinna Onyekwena) Subrat Mohanty Teresa Kasaeva	David Lewinsohn Obinna Onyekwena	Lucica Ditiu Jenniffer Dietrich Catie Rosado Kerrie Tyas
Minutes of the Call		

Post-UN High-Level Meeting on TB

1. The meeting started with the Executive Director summarizing the highlights of the UNGA week in New York last September. WHO Vaccine accelerator was also launched during the UNGA week in New York by former Stop TB Board Chairs: Brazil and South Africa. The UNHLM political declaration has seemingly repetitive paragraphs, however this was the diplomatic way to get to an agreement. Partners say that “TB was everywhere” and this was an important target achieved. Numbers matter, and TB civil society was present strongly.
2. There are fifteen areas from the political declaration that could be pushed. However, the Secretariat will try to send a short-version where priority areas are identified.
3. Next steps:
 - i. The Secretariat aims to send correspondence at the national levels to highlight some of the announcements made at the UN High-Level Meeting on TB, to keep governments informed about the developments. Cost reductions should hopefully translate into more procurements of treatments.
 - ii. Follow-up session for parliamentarians on TB, Global TB Caucus can do sessions for parliamentarians country by country.
4. **Action items:**
 - Send high-level letters to countries that could not be there, and keep the pressure.

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5. The Head of Governance and Board Relations mentioned that the coordination calls and discussions with the Ministry of Health of Brazil are moving forward. Board Participants have received invitation letters that are co-signed by the Minister herself. The setup of the hotel venue with two hotels in one was explained and details about this will be available in the logistics email to all Board participants that will include the Practical Information Note.

6. Furthermore to venue logistics, it was recommended that Board participants request a visa, where necessary, before the end of 2023 and avoid last-minute disappointments later. The Secretariat will facilitate personalized invitation letters with passport details from the Ministry of Health.
7. The Executive Director explained in great detail to the Executive Committee the first draft of the Board agenda. It was a moment of intake and first possibility to feedback on any points of the agenda. It was left open for more comments after the call and until Monday 13 November 2023 at the latest. If no comments are received, the Secretariat will proceed with the agenda as presented.
8. **Discussion:**
 - Some Executive Committee members gave feedback on the call expressing appreciation. Civil society representatives mentioned that they are discussing with counterparts in Brazil about organizing a civil society event before the Board Meeting. Also the high-level meeting in Brasilia will include civil society.
9. **Action items:**
 - Following the discussion and feedback from the Executive Committee, the Secretariat will setup a call with Board members representing civil society to have a conversation about plans from civil society in Brazil and civil society expectations for the high-level event of the government.