



# Stop TB Partnership

<b>SUMMARY SHEET</b>		
Agenda Nr. 2.07 - 13.0	Subject	Closing Session
For Information <input type="checkbox"/>	For Discussion <input type="checkbox"/>	For Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Rationale</b></p> <p>The Secretariat finds it useful to receive Board guidance on preferred locations for future Coordinating Board meetings and high level missions in order to assist with planning and logistics. This will also allow early engagement of important invitees.</p>		
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p><b>RE: Coordinating Board Meetings</b></p> <p>Initial discussions have been held with a number of governments to ascertain their interest and willingness to host a Coordinating Board meeting. The basic approach is to balance meetings between high burden countries and donor partner countries. Both meetings in 2007 were held in low burden countries (Geneva, Switzerland and Berlin, Germany). In 2007 High Level Missions have been undertaken to Thailand, US (PEPFAR, Capital Hill, USAID), Canada, Malawi, and to the European Union.</p> <p>Although earlier selected for the Spring 2008 Coordinating Board meeting, it is now proposed that Russia will instead host the Autumn 2008 meeting to avoid overlap with the Russian Presidential Elections scheduled for March 2008. Thus far the Coordinating Board has not met in the Middle East Region. EMRO proposed Cairo, Egypt for the Spring 2008 Coordinating Board meeting.</p> <p>Therefore the following calendar of <b>Coordinating Board Meetings</b> for 2008 is proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2008 Spring - Cairo, Egypt - 23-24 April.</li> <li>• 2008 Autumn - Moscow, Russia - 22-23 October.</li> </ul> <p><b>RE: High Level Missions</b></p> <p>It is proposed for 2008 that High Level Missions are undertaken to:</p> <p>Bangladesh (HLM postponed from 2007), US (NIH, Research Foundations), UK (MRC, Wellcome Trust), Russia (CB meeting), Pakistan, Mali (Bamako, Global Forum for Health Research), and Zimbabwe.</p>		
<p><b>Decisions requested (from the Stop TB Coordinating Board)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To endorse the date and location for the Spring 2008 CB meeting Cairo, Egypt.</li> <li>2. To mandate the Secretariat to commence planning for Autumn 2008.</li> </ol>		
<p><b>Implications</b> (political/financial/staffing etc): Staff time to follow-up.</p>		
<b>Next Steps</b>		
<p><b>Action Required:</b> Negotiation with WHO, EMRO, Government of Egypt.</p>		
<p><b>Focal Point:</b> Marcos Espinal / Governance Officer</p>		
<p><b>Timeframe:</b> By end of April 2008</p>		