

**Executive Committee Call
25 February 2022**

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat:
Austin Obiefuna (Vice-Chair) Pierre Blais / Nasir Ebrahimkhail Amy Bloom Tereza Kasaeva Peter Ngola Owiti / Carol Nyirenda	Erika Arthun Anand Date Cheri Vincent	Lucica Ditiu Suvanand Sahu Catie Rosado Kerrie Tyas McKinsey team: Casey Enders Montana Cherney
Minutes of the Call		

McKinsey work on Stop TB Strategy and Governance

1. McKinsey Team informed that it has completed eight interviews with Board Members and is on track to complete 20 interviews before the Board Retreat in March 2022.
2. The objective that McKinsey is focusing on for the Board Governance Retreat on 17 March 2022 are:
 - Alignment of the role of the Board and specific responsibilities
 - Addressing concerns around key governance topics
 - Commitments to specific contributions that advance the partnership
 - Agreement on strategy to track progress and maintain accountability
3. The Executive Committee did not have further comments and advised moving forward and sharing the slide deck for the Retreat as soon as possible with all Board Members.
4. **Action item:**
 - Secretariat to send a reminder to Board Members about the Retreat on 17 March.

Governance – Executive Committee Membership

5. The Chair of the Executive Committee described the status and past discussions regarding the two flexible seats that are still vacant on the Executive Committee. In addition, the Secretariat contacted the three Board Members that expressed interest to join the Executive Committee and explored the possibility of two of them sharing one flexible seat. Based on the outreach to the three Board Members, the Chair presented the outcome and proposed, based on the candidates’ agreement, the following:
 - a) Developed Country NGO and Research Working Groups will share one flexible seat
 - b) Developing Country NGO will fill the other flexible seat.

6. The Executive Committee agreed with the proposition of how to fill the two flexible seats and requested the Secretariat to move forward accordingly.
7. **Action item:**
 - The Secretariat to contact the three new members of the Executive Committee that will share the two flexible seats for a period of three years.

Governance - 35th Board Meeting

8. The Executive Director summarized the thinking behind the flow of the Board Meeting's agenda as well as each of the board sessions, modality of the meeting (virtual/hybrid/in-person) and expected participation of board members in person.
9. Executive Committee members advised that during the resource mobilization session, ministers get the opportunity to present about their strategies to increase domestic funding for TB. The funding gap between domestic contributions vs Global Fund contributions is considerable in Global Fund-eligible countries.
10. Executive Committee members were satisfied with the board sessions presented and would get back to the Secretariat with any comments in writing.
11. **Action item:**
 - The Secretariat to focus on further developing the various sessions for the Board Meeting in May.
 - Executive Committee members to contact the Secretariat with any thoughts or comments on the Board Agenda by 8 March 2022.

Financing for TB in 2022

12. The Executive Director and Executive Committee members discussed how else to mobilize resources for TB, beyond the Global Fund mechanism. How can the UNHLM Targets for TB be reached if only 30-35% of funding needed annually is available globally. Given the constraint, the TB response is doing very well within what is possible. Hence, the importance to open dialogue with Ministers on how to increase, or use more effectively, the domestic funding.
13. Executive Committee members highlighted that real-time data should not be taken as an excuse for not being able to solve the issues in TB, funding is the main challenge to tackle issues and how to do resource mobilization is what needs to be the focus. Global Fund has promised to donors that if it gets fully funded in this Replenishment, it would increase TB funding globally by up to 80%. However, for every dollar for TB, 4 dollars are given to HIV and malaria. If the UNHLM Targets for TB are to be met by 2030, the resources needed from the Global Fund to tackle TB from now until 2030 would be humungous, which leads to the conclusion that the Global Fund is not the long-term and unique viable funding mechanism for TB.

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14. Next call of the Executive Committee is scheduled for 31 March 2022.