

Executive Committee Call
31 March 2022

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat:
Austin Obiefuna (Vice-Chair) Pierre Blais / Nasir Ebrahimkhail Amy Bloom Anand Date Alexandra Farnum (for Erika Arthun) Teresa Kasaeva David Lewinsohn Subrat Mohanty Carol Nawina Nyirenda	Deliana Garcia Peter Owiti Cheri Vincent	Lucica Ditiu Suvanand Sahu Catie Rosado Kerrie Tyas McKinsey team: Casey Enders Montana Cherney
Minutes of the Call		

Board Strategic Review

1. The Lead from McKinsey, the Board Strategy Review team (external) that has been working on the vision of the Partnership and governance review for the Board, updated the Executive Committee about the Board Retreat as well as commitments made at the Retreat and that would be solidified during the upcoming Board Meeting. Main topics at the Retreat were commitments from Board Members on inclusivity and closing the funding gap (generating political commitments, resource mobilization, coordination).
2. Executive Committee members provided their impressions from the Board Retreat on 17 March 2022. It was established that the document (which will be presented to the Board) focuses on the essentials which will hopefully lead to permeate what to do differently to get other outcomes in future TB work (and not “more of the same”).
3. Furthermore, the Executive Committee discussed how to focus the session of Board Strategy Review at the 35th Board Meeting by targeting specific commitments from Board Members to support the actions of high-level advocacy that the Secretariat is planning and implementing. Other points were asked around clarity on filling the funding gaps, if it should come from resource mobilization actions of the Partnership or the Board Members themselves. The examples of tangible commitments was embraced, and that beyond personal commitments the focus should be on evoking action-oriented activities (vs passive updates at the Board Meeting) for which thematic discussions and informal outreach to Board Members in advance should be strived. By planning more in advance, Board Members know beforehand what will be expected of them during the Board Meeting and can fulfill the buy-in. On the financing session, the comment was about the domestic situation in India being different from somewhere else, and how to address this in a global general discussion.
4. It was added that possibly it would be smart to organize pre-meeting discussions before the Board Meeting that are necessary to achieve the right commitments and involvement. The Executive Director explained

that securing pre-meetings with ministers before the Board Meeting is very difficult, even for 15 minutes discussions (example DRC). It's the right thing to do indeed, the challenge is how to make it happen within the Secretariat with a limited team composition dedicated for this.

35th Board Meeting

5. The Executive Director described the latest updates to the agenda of the 35th Stop TB Partnership Board Meeting, especially updates on potential keynote speaker(s) and a roundtable side-event to discuss domestic financing to close the funding gap in those countries.
6. The Secretariat will be meeting in-person the Chair of the Board, Minister of Health of India, next week in Geneva, Switzerland. The Executive Committee added that the Partnership needs to look relevant in relation to the Ukraine situation, or Covid-19 pandemic, or whatever it is, to be visible at the highest level. Hence, the need to add sessions about this topic into the Board Meeting agenda.
7. **Action item:**
 - The Secretariat to send an email to Board Members and delegates to take the temperature of in-person attendance.
 - The Secretariat to continue reviewing the Board Meeting Agenda.

Briefing from UNOPS Geneva

8. The Director of UNOPS Geneva described what is known so far about the allegations of misappropriation and misconduct of the Sustainable Infrastructure Investments and Innovation Initiative (S3i), a team that is based in UNOPS Headquarters in Copenhagen, Denmark. UNOPS has not lost money but has made provisions in non-recovery investments. Following this, the UNOPS Executive Director that is at the level of Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, has announced her retirement.
9. The Director of UNOPS Geneva wanted to know what the concerns of Board Members in this regard could be. Executive Committee members requested to have a session on this matter at the upcoming Board Meeting, since more details will be known by mid-May 2022.
10. **Action item:**
 - The Secretariat to include a session on UNOPS matters at the Board Meeting in May 2022.

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11. Next call of the Executive Committee is scheduled for 28 April 2022.