

**Executive Committee Call
09 February 2023**

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat:
Austin Obiefuna (Vice-Chair), Timur Abdullaev Erika Arthun Pierre Blais / Nasir Ebrahimkhail Amy Bloom Anand Date Teresa Kasaeva David Lewinsohn / Deliana Garcia Subrat Mohanty Peter Owiti / Carol Nawina Nyirenda Purva Singh (Advisor to Board Chair) Cheri Vincent		Lucica Ditiu Jenniffer Dietrich Catie Rosado Consultants team: Naina Dhingra (McKinsey) Casey Enders (McKinsey)
Minutes of the Call		

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1. The Vice-Chair opened the meeting, introduced the first agenda item (Governance) and gave the floor to McKinsey consultants.
2. The consultants presented the current state of the Board governance reform, which is focused on revising the Board Governance Manual. The Manual was last revised in 2018 and must be updated to reflect the changes agreed upon at the last Board Meeting. The proposed changes address key recommendations, including enhancing the strategic and resource mobilization role of the Board, removing the distinction between fixed and rotating seats, updating Board composition and relevant terms of reference (TOR) and updating TORs for Board seats, as well as refining the role of the Executive Committee and updating its composition and TORs.
3. The draft Governance Manual will be shared with the Executive Committee on 10 February, and one-on-one conversations with EC members will happen during the weeks of 13 and 20 February. The Executive Committee also welcomes written feedback by 24 February 2023. In March, the consultants will have one-on-one conversations with Executive Committee members, new Board members' onboarding will be supported and a Board paper reflecting new findings and recommendations will be prepared for the Board Meeting.
4. **Discussion:**
 - Regarding the role of the Board in resource mobilization, Executive Committee members were not certain if it should be a direct role or by forming a special group or taskforce. The resource mobilization role of the Board refers to mobilizing resources for the global TB response
 - Some members suggested that the resource mobilization should be the role of both the Board and the Secretariat, through a special taskforce

- There was agreement on donors not only be expected to contribute, but they should be also using their convening power to mobilize resources
- Suggestion to include a point on zero tolerance to any form of harassment
- The Executive Director and the Vice-Chair had a call with the Communities Delegation; the outcome was that now everyone is aligned with the reason why there should be two key and vulnerable population (KVP) seats
- The Communities Delegation had a call prior to the EC call, where it agreed that:
 - Two seats should be reserved for the KVPs on the condition that the KVP Board members should be persons affected by TB
 - The Delegation will support the identification of the KVP BMs
- Some people are left behind either due to structural challenges or barriers. It is important to bring them and make their voices heard
- The Executive Committee was in agreement that TOR for KVP seats need to be developed, like it was done for the Private Sector Providers constituency, the selection of the Board Members and Alternates should follow the same process as implemented for the PSP constituency.

5. Action items:

- McKinsey consultants to share the TOR for KVP seats for the EC to validate and move forward.
- Secretariat to share the draft Governance Manual with the Executive Committee on 10 February and move forward along the timeline as presented

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6. The Executive Director noticed that the program of the 36th Board Meeting has not yet been finalized and it continues to change. Prime Minister Modi will attend the high-level event, but as of the time of the call, he was available for March 25, and the Secretariat was working on reshuffling the program.
7. In line with the new plan, the Board meeting will start on 24 March, with World TB Day activities taking place at 9-11 am (possibly, the launch of the Deadly Divide 2.0 report and a DEI briefing). On 25 March, is Day 2 of the Board Meeting and a high-level event, where PM Modi, a number of ministers and global health leaders will participate. The Executive Director of the Global Fund has confirmed his attendance; WHO DG may not be able to participate and a video address is possible. The expectation is that the event will support advocacy towards the UN HLM. However, the date of the high-level Summit has not yet been 100% confirmed, and it is not yet known how long it will be. The remaining Board Meeting sessions will take place on 26 March, day 3, and the site-visits on 27 March. Two options for sight-seeing are offered in the evenings of 23 and 26 March. In general, for Board members, who plan to be in Varanasi between 23-27 March, changing the dates of the program should not have a significant impact.
8. **Discussion:**
 - Formal invites are coming and will be sent from the Ministry to each foreign delegate, and can be used as visa support letters. The Ministry of Health is working on speeding up the process.
 - Pre-meetings will be on March 23, the first day of the Board meeting will be on March 24. The Secretariat is considering whether to have any Board Meeting sessions on March 25, but if this is not possible, they will have to be moved to March 26.
 - A communication from the Ministry will be sent directly to the embassies or the commissioner asking for visa support for participants applying for visas, and copies will be shared with Delegates.

- Invitation letters from the Secretariat were sent in December 2022 and can also be issued to those who need it.
9. The Board member representing Developing Country NGOs spoke about the plans for an event on 23 March that will bring 40 TB champions to Varanasi for a meeting. A draft agenda is prepared. The meeting is supported by USAID and Stop TB Partnership. The meeting will tentatively start at 1 pm and finish by 5 pm, and some delegates, including Executive Committee and Board members, are being invited. The agenda includes two panel discussions, one consisting of TB champions, the second having some donors, as well as some high-level speakers (Lucica Ditiu, Cheri Vincent, Tereza Kasaeva, someone from the Global Fund); using the opportunity, Subrat asked Cheri and Tereza to save the date. The expectation is that the meeting will produce a Varanasi statement of TB champions, and that both the Board Vice-Chair and the Developing Country NGO and Community Delegations will endorse it.
10. **Discussion:**
- The Community Delegation would like to be more involved in that meeting, to make sure that the agenda includes some of the issues the Delegation has been advocating for (e.g., stock outs and injectables)
 - Given the changes in the programme, it was impossible to keep the original date for the champions' event. The Secretariat will explore possibilities how to make sure the champions can stay. Also there is the wish for a collective WTBD event planned, as well as the Deadly Divide launch
 - For the meeting of the TB Champions, it would be great to see how much of it is India-specific or how much is global. It is right to demand access to new tools
 - The Ministry insisted that sight-seeing should be part of the program. The best place to see the evening prayers is at the Gang River at the sunset at the Ghat. As this is in the evening, the Ministry proposed to bring Board members there, it is free of charge.
11. **Action items:**
- Secretariat to send the updated Board agenda and Practical Information Note to the Executive Committee early in the week of February 13
 - Secretariat to provide invitation letters in addition to the official invitations from the Indian government
 - Secretariat to work with the Developing Country NGO Delegation on the logistics for TB Champions
 - The Developing Country NGO Delegation to work with the Community Delegation on the concept note and agenda of the TB Champions event

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12. Austin: The Board mandates UNOPS to strengthen procedures regarding reporting and investigating misconduct and abuse. UNOPS suggested that this debrief is done with the Executive Committee, and if need be, issues can be taken to the Board. Therefore, on the next call Mr. Berkan Manaigo-Vekil, Director of the UNOPS Ethics & Compliance Office will address the Executive Committee.
13. Next call of the Executive Committee is scheduled for 1 March 2023.