

**Executive Committee Call
26 January 2023**

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat:
Austin Obiefuna (Vice-Chair), Timur Abdullaev Erika Arthun Pierre Blais / Nasir Ebrahimkhail Amy Bloom Anand Date Monica Dias (for Teresa Kasaeva) Subrat Mohanty Peter Owiti / Carol Nawina Nyirenda Purva Singh (Advisor to Board Chair)	Deliana Garcia David Lewinsohn Teresa Kasaeva Cheri Vincent	Lucica Ditiu Jenniffer Dietrich Catie Rosado Suvanand Sahu Kerrie Tyas
Minutes of the Call		

36th Stop TB Partnership Board Meeting

- The Vice-Chair opened the meeting explaining that this call is focused on three main topics:
 - The overall program of the 36th Board Meeting
 - Proposed dates and locations for the 37th Board Meeting
 - Update on World TB Day 2023
- The Executive Director presented the agenda of the upcoming Board Meeting in Varanasi, India. The program will start on 24 March 2023 with the Varanasi TB Summit, a high-level event hosted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of India, followed by the Board dinner.
- The two-day Board meeting will be held in-person in Taj Ganges Hotel on March 25 (from 9:00 am to 6:30 pm) and 26 (from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm); constituency members will have the option of joining online. The Board Meeting will follow a standard format with live presentations followed by discussions by the Board Members and approval of decision points at the end of each session.
- Day 1 of the Board Meeting will begin with a 90-minute Board training on diversity and inclusion organized by the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat. The official opening will take place after the training at 11 am, featuring the Board leadership, keynote speakers, as well as the presentation of the Executive Director report. The following lunch break will be used to expose Board Meeting participants to community, rights and gender related activities. The second session, “Ending TB by 2030: Coalition of Leaders” will feature interventions by Ministers of Health, as well as WHO and Stop TB Partnership Secretariat. After the break the Meeting will resume with two sessions: on Public and Private Sector Innovations (led by Stop TB Partnership’s Private Sector Constituency) and a Private Sector-led Satellite (co-organized by Indian private sector partners). A dinner will be organized by the India private sector at the end of the day.
- Day 2 will commence with a session on the Board Strategy Review, co-facilitated by the Stop TB Partnership Board Leadership and the consultant company (McKinsey & Company), which will present the outcomes of

the ongoing Stop TB Partnership governance reform. The second session, co-run by the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat, WHO and Stop TB Partnership's civil society constituencies, will be focused on the upcoming 2023 UN High-Level Meeting on TB. The session will be followed by lunch; activities during the lunch break are to be determined. Next session will be on the financial resources for TB response, focusing on the Global Fund and domestic financing, and will be co-facilitated by the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat and the Global Fund. The day will end with three sessions: "Towards an inclusive and thriving Secretariat", "Report from the Finance Committee" and the Closing, where the Board will agree on the dates and location of the 37th Board meeting.

6. The Executive Director informed that the Secretariat is working full-speed on preparations for the Board Meeting; agreements have been made with the venue and alternative hotels for Board Meeting attendees, invitation letters were sent, tickets are being purchased, and a Welcome and Practical Information Note has been developed and shared with the Board Members.
7. **Action items:**
 - Secretariat to continue working on the preparations for the Board Meeting and to provide updates to the Executive Committee as necessary.

37th Stop TB Partnership Board Meeting

8. The Executive Director presented to the Executive Committee two possible options for the dates of the 37th Board Meeting.
9. Option 1: between 15 November and 15 December 2023. The advantages of this option are that it would follow the UNHLM allowing to have its outcomes as the focus of the Meeting, to unpack the UNHLM commitments and targets and to create a roadmap of action for 2024. At the same time, the disadvantages of this option are that on the one hand it will put a lot of pressure on the Secretariat as it will happen very soon after the UNHLM, and on the other TB stakeholders may have some fatigue with TB-related meetings (UNHLM in September, the UNION Conference and the Global Fund Board meeting in mid-November).
10. Option 2: between 1 February and 15 March 2024. The advantages of this option is that it will offer more time to prepare and identify a hosting country, and more time to deliver on the Decision Points of the 36th Board Meeting. The disadvantages of having the meeting in the first quarter of 2024 will mean a longer (~11 months) break between two Board meetings, as well as the impact on preparations due to end year holidays.
11. As to the location, the Secretariat suggested to have the 37th Board Meeting to take place in Africa. One of the key criteria is the significant opportunity to move the needle on TB in that country/region. Similar to how the 2018 Board Meeting in India and the 2019 Board Meeting in Indonesia were key inflection moments in the TB response. Therefore, there are many countries that can be chosen for the 37th Board Meeting to ensure that the advocacy, political and other environment is ripe there for movement in Q4 2023 or Q1 2024.
12. **Discussion:**

The Executive Committee could not reach an agreement as to the date or location of the 37th Board Meeting.
13. **Action items:**
 - Executive Committee and the Secretariat to explore options for the dates and location of the 37th Board Meeting.

World TB Day 2023

14. The Executive Director briefly presented to the Executive Committee the World TB Day 2023 campaign strategy and concept. She highlighted that the effective theme should: raise awareness of TB as the world's biggest infectious disease killer, be understood by everyone – both by people from the TB community and those who never heard of it before, and create a sense of urgency of the need for rapid and scaled up action and investments. With this in mind, a consultation was organized with key TB stakeholders, where it was agreed that the theme will be #Yes!WeCanEndTB.
15. **Discussion:**
 - Vice-Chair pointed that due to the way social media are designed, putting an exclamation sign after “Yes” will break the hashtag; this was also mentioned on the call on the WTBD theme. The Executive Director agreed that the Partnership will make it clear that the theme with the exclamation mark will not be promoted as the hashtag, which indeed should not have an exclamation mark. The Vice-Chair suggested that in order to avoid confusion, it may be worth simply removing the exclamation mark and use Yes! We Can End TB as the theme and #YesWeCanEndTB as the hashtag.
16. **Action items:**
 - Secretariat to develop communication materials for the World TB Day around the agreed theme.

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1. Next call of the Executive Committee is scheduled for 9 February 2023.