

## Executive Committee Call 15 March 2023

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

### Board Strategy Review

1. The Vice-Chair opened the meeting, mentioning that it would be the last Executive Committee meeting before the Board meeting. He then passed the floor to McKinsey consultants for an update on the Board Strategy Review and the presentation to be made at the Board meeting.
2. During the review process, the team of consultants carried out a lot of briefings and consultations, including with Board Members who are new and those who are not on the Executive Committee, in order to bring everyone in line so that the session can focus on the dialogue, embracing the change and making it successful.
3. McKinsey consultants gave an overview of the proposed run of show for the Board Strategy Review Session, and presented the Decision Point for the session to Executive Committee members for comments.
4. **Discussion:**
  - Executive Committee members had an exchange on the proposed run of show and the Decision Point. It was suggested that the Executive Committee shows ownership of the Board Strategy Review outcomes, which means the Executive Committee members need to be presenting to the Board what has been done within the governance reform.
  - It was clarified that the Decision Point is to re-endorse the Board Strategy Review and move forward in the implementation.
  - It was also proposed to specifically mention where the Partnership came from to where it is now (moving from 42% affected voices in Board seats to 50%).
5. Key changes in the Governance Manual were highlighted:
  - a) Enhancing the strategic and financing role of the Board to reflect a more active Board committed to generating public commitments, mobilizing resources, and across the TB ecosystem;

- b) Removing the distinction of fixed vs. rotating seats to ensure a more accountable and inclusive Board, requiring all seats to be reviewed every three years by the Executive Committee for their contributions and engagement;
- c) Updating Board composition and relevant TORs to show a strengthened, visible commitment to the leadership of TB affected stakeholders;
- d) Updating/adding TORs for seats as needed, even beyond the seats refined in the new Board composition (e.g., Foundations)
- e) Refining the role of the Executive Committee to align with the recommended evolution of the Board
- f) Updating EC composition and relevant TORs to reflect the refined role and recommended ways of working
- g) More consistent language across the document
- h) Adding zero-tolerance language
- i) Recognizing that the Partnership is a leader in diversity, equity and inclusion
- j) Changes around Alternate Board Members and substitutes.

**6. Discussion:**

- It was mentioned that the Manual has a reservation that should any changes be needed, it can be revised, which reflects the goal of the Manual to allow the Partnership to work better and not to keep structures rigid.
- The people-centered language in the Manual was welcomed, and the need to have the Manual aligned with the Words Matter language guide was emphasized.

**36<sup>th</sup> Stop TB Partnership Board Meeting**

7. The Executive Director presented the progress on the preparations for the upcoming Varanasi Summit on 24 March. There is agitation and things change almost hourly. The Secretariat is aligned and working with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, however when it comes to the Prime Minister's Office, a lot of things are given last minute. The exact time of the Summit is not yet finalized. There will not be any registration on the site, and the only way to get to the venue will be by officially approved buses, which will be leaving from specific hotels. Everyone interested in attending needs to let the Secretariat know their details in order to have access. Everyone will have to be at the venue in advance, and only little bags and smartphones will be allowed. In the evening of the same day, 24 March, there will be an official dinner organized at the Taj Ganges hotel. There will be two invitations – one for the Summit and one for the dinner. Even Board Members will need to have invitations with them.
8. On the evening of 25 March, there will be a special dinner: participants will be taken to two boats to watch the evening prayers from the river Ganges. The Chair will also attend. It is important to finish on time, because busses will be waiting to take everyone to the boats.
9. The Board meeting will finish on 26 March and there will be no dinner or event after 6 pm.
10. The Board meeting will be joined by Ministers of G20 countries, and as they are coming with large delegations, it is expected that there will be 180 or more participants, so in total 200 if not more. It does not guarantee that TB will be specifically mentioned in the G20 statement, but it is definitely the first time G20 countries are invited to a Stop TB Partnership Board Meeting through the Office of the G20.
11. Brazil informed the Secretariat that would be interested to host the 37<sup>th</sup> Board meeting in January or February 2024, and this will be announced at the Board.

12. In terms of countries, MoH of Kazakhstan will join online, the MoH of Nigeria will join in person, MoH of Indonesia and South Africa is yet to confirm. In terms of MoHs that are not Board members, Nepal and Bangladesh signaled that they will join. And Mr Peter Sands has confirmed attendance.
13. **Discussion:**
  - Several Executive Committee members congratulated the Secretariat for the impressive work done so far in preparation to the Board meeting.
  - Given the increased attendance at the Board meeting, the Secretariat was asked whether any steps are taken to ensure that the Board meeting is engaging and wordsmithing is minimized. The Executive Director explained that the entire first day will be highly engaging, including the opening, panels, UNHLM session, a recording from the PGA, and finally an exciting session by private sector from India, who will present their innovations – both products and ideas. And then there will be dinner on the boat.
14. The Executive Committee was sent an outline of the Decision Points. The Secretariat requested the Executive Committee to provide their feedback on the document by COB on 16 March; this will help to craft final Decision Points, which will be shared in advance on 20 March in the morning.
15. The Executive Director finalized this agenda item with a detailed overview of the agenda.
16. **Action items:**
  - Executive Committee members to provide details in order to ensure access to the Summit venue
  - Executive Committee members to provide feedback on the outline of Decision Points by 16 March
  - The Secretariat to provide draft Decision Points on 20 March.