

**Executive Committee Call
19 January 2024**

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat:
Austin Obiefuna (Vice-Chair), Timur Abdullaev Amy Bloom Monica Dias (WHO) Deliana Garcia Carrie Lehmeier / Nasir Ebrahimkhail Peter Owiti / Carol Nawina Nyirenda John Fawcett Subrat Mohanty	Cheri Vincent Teresa Kasaeva	Lucica Ditiu Jenniffer Dietrich Catie Rosado UNOPS (<i>only for the first part of the call</i>) Berkan Manaigo-Vekil Brazil (<i>second part of the call</i>) Draurio Barreira Fernanda Dockhorn Fernanda Manara
Minutes of the Call		

Governance: Update from Host Organization

1. The Vice-Chair opened the meeting and introduced Mr. Berkan Manaigo-Vekil from UNOPS Ethics Office. The Secretariat left the call for the duration of this briefing. The first part of the call was confidential.
2. Mr. Berkan Manaigo-Vekil briefed the Executive Committee on internal justice and the mandate of the UNOPS Ethics Office, the status of grievances and related complaints in the Stop TB Partnership, as well as whistleblower protections at UNOPS.

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3. Draurio Barreira, the Director of the Department of HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Viral Hepatitis and Sexually Transmitted Infections of the Ministry of Health of Brazil, provided update on the course of preparations to the high-level event, as well as the Stop TB Partnership Board meeting. In spite of the challenges that are unavoidable when organizing such high-level events, the ministry’s team in Brazil is positive that everything will go well. It is expected that the high-level event will be attended by around 1200 people, including around 200 international participants. The gates will open at around 9 am, security instructions will be shared in advance as the meeting will take place in the Presidential Palace.
4. It was mentioned that the monument dedicated to Juscelino Kubitschek (1902–1976), the 21st President of Brazil, the founder of Brasília, capital city of Brazil since 1960, is also the founder of the health center for TB and leprosy. The ministry is exploring whether it would be possible to open the place for the reception at the memorial. Due to the large number of people, the team is also organizing three site visits: a health center attending people with TB, a center for indigenous populations, and a center for homeless people.

5. The Executive Director thanked the ministry in Brazil for the update and the hard work in organizing the high-level event. It is the second time that the Board meeting is preceded by a high-level presidential event. However, due to the President's attendance in the event, the dates may change at the last minute.
 6. Tentatively, after the high-level event, the participants will take busses and go for lunch, followed by a press-conference and then the opening of the Board meeting. In the evening, there will be an official dinner. On the 7th, the work is under way to organize a reception. The Board meeting will end on 8 February with a lunch. It is expected that the Board meeting will have a record number of Ministers of Health (Brazil, India, Indonesia, Nigeria, Philippines already confirmed), as well as the highest number of participants (with 200 people already registered). In addition to the Ministers of Health, the Board meeting will be attended by WHO Director General, the African Union's High Commissioner on Health, among others.
 7. For those who will be in Brasilia earlier, there is a large civil society meeting taking place on 4 and 5 February. In the evening of 5 February, there will be a civil society event organized by the Stop TB Partnership Brazil, and all Stop TB Partnership Board members are invited to attend.
 8. The Secretariat is about half-way preparing decision-points. There are some sessions, for which decision-points are yet to be prepared as the Secretariat depends on other partners. It is expected that the following week the Vice-Chair will come to Geneva and support the finalization of the draft decision points, which will then be shared with the Executive Committee on Wednesday of the same week. Also, several Board documents have already been uploaded to the Stop TB Partnership website that board members can use to prepare already for drafting their positions.
 9. Overall, the preparations to the Board meeting are going well, with many things being taken care of for the Board meeting earlier than ever before.
- 10. Discussion:**
- There was a question on whether 1for6 is included in the agenda of the session on Innovations. It was explained that the innovation session will feature innovations in Brazil and South America in terms of the approaches to diagnose and treat TB. However, it was agreed that the discussion on 1for6 in Africa is important and should continue.
 - In response to the question on where upcoming high-level events will be featured, it was pointed that these will be covered in the UNHLM session.
- 11. Action items:**
- The Secretariat will share zero draft of the decision-points in the afternoon of 24 January 2024.