

**Executive Committee Call  
12 December 2023**

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat:
Austin Obiefuna (Vice-Chair), Timur Abdullaev (Advisor to Board Vice-Chair) Cheri Vincent Carrie Lehmeier / Nasir Ebrahimkhail Carol Nawina Nyirenda David Lewinsohn John Fawcett / Obinna Onyekwena Subrat Mohanty Purva Singh (Advisor to Board Chair)	Deliana Garcia Teresa Kasaeva	Mikkell Broholt Lucica Ditiu Jenniffer Dietrich Catie Rosado Kerrie Tyas Mikkell Broholt  <b>Brazil:</b> Draurio Barreira Fernanda Manara Tatiana Estrela Ana Carolina Oliveira Vania Araujo
<b>Minutes of the Call</b>		

**Stop TB Partnership Board meeting**

1. The Executive Director pointed that as of today, the Board meeting is expected to be very high level, possibly the highest level ever. Six Ministers of Health have expressed their commitment to come, and communication with others is ongoing. The African Union Commissioner for Health is interested to come. The WHO Director General is also considering to attend.
2. The Brazilian team proposed to change the sequence of dates, so that the high-level launch of the *National Elimination Plan for TB and other Diseases Determined by Poverty* takes place on 6 February and not on 8 February. The Ministry will be inviting all Mercosur countries, all Lusophone countries of Africa and all BRICS countries to attend. The Plan is a joint event of nine ministries, but all other ministries will be invited to attend the launch as well, in addition to the 240 staff of the Ministry of Health. The government is ready to support the attendance of civil society, researchers and others. The venue will be at the Presidential palace, which can fit 1200 people.
3. The Executive Director gave an overview of the agenda of the Board meeting to the Executive Committee. On 4 and 5 February, there will be several parallel pre-Board meetings: a joint meeting of the civil society delegations, a meeting of the Innovations Constituency, and a meeting of the Brazilian civil society; the Secretariat reserved meeting rooms at the hotel. Board members who are not engaged in these meetings are expected to arrive on 5 February 2024.
4. The Board events will start on 6 February with the high-level event in the morning, followed by two sessions in the afternoon: the opening (featuring high-level interventions from the host country, a candle-lighting ceremony and the Executive Director report) and the session on the 2023 UNHLM and follow-up. On 7 February, the Board meeting will start with a session on TB vaccines, giving an overview of the pipeline, existing challenges and opportunities, as well as prospects of rolling out a new vaccine. The following session will focus on community-led monitoring (CLM) featuring the OnImpact CLM tool. Next session will

be on Innovations for TB Response in the region, which will focus on innovations in service delivery. The day will end with the Secretariat session, which will contain a progress update on the Action Plan on DEI and a report from the Finance Committee. On 8 February, the first session will be on the Global Fund, which will focus on portfolio optimization and getting more funding for TB. The second session will be on GDF and will touch on two major points: the quality of products and challenges faced by the countries, which shifted to domestic procurements and could not ensure timely procurement of TB products. The closing will consist about the next Board Meeting, to take place in December 2024.

### **Governance – Board Strategy Review Implementation**

5. The Vice-Chair provided an update on the Key and Vulnerable Population (KVP) Constituency. The work started with a public call inviting interested individuals from TB KVPs to be part of the new constituency. The call resulted in around 60 applications, of which 19 people were identified as eligible and were invited to form the constituency. This core group will continue developing the constituency and identify two Board Members to represent the constituency on the Board. To this end, an ad hoc selection committee was formed consisting of five members of the constituency, two advisors from the Community and Developing Country NGO Delegations and one representative of the Secretariat. The committee took into account the need to have a balanced representation, and selected Aman Shukla and Vama Jele as Board Members (BMs) and Tariro Kutadza as Alternate Board Member (ABM); in 2024, a second ABM will be identified. The Delegation agreed that the appointment was done for one year, after which leadership will go through a performance review and based on the outcomes, decision will be made on further extension of the term.
6. David Lewinsohn provided an update on the development of the Innovation Constituency. A Delegation of 16 people was formed consisting of individuals coming from a range of areas of expertise and different parts of the globe. Between December 2023 and February 2024, the Delegation plans to focus on electing the BM, preparing for the 37<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting in Brazil, and organizing a constituency strategy session on sidelines of the Board meeting to identify constituency priorities.
7. Board Affairs updated that as per the EC decision to allocate the open seat on the Board to regional organizations and to invite the African Union (AU) to take the seat, they have been working on materializing this. Likewise, the World Bank (WB) was invited to take the Board seat for multilateral organizations. Official confirmations are pending, but there are positive signals coming in and it is likely that both the AU and the WB will be welcomed as new board members in the Board decision points. Once the Innovations Board Member is identified, the Board will be complete with all 30 Board seats occupied.

### **Secretariat's Key Performance Indicators**

8. The Vice-Chair reminded that the Secretariat's new KPI Framework was developed and shared with the Executive Committee. The Framework consists of 10 KPIs across the five petals and three enablers, and it was briefly presented to the Executive Committee on its previous call. This time the Executive Committee received a final version for feedback with a deadline of 13 December 2023.