

## Executive Committee Call 29 July 2024

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat:
Austin Obiefuna (EC Chair) Amy Bloom (for Cheri Vincent) Monica Dias (for Teresa Kasaeva) Vama Jele / Aman Shukla Mayowa Joel Carrie Lehmeier Peter Owiti	David Lewinsohn Obinna Onyekwena / John Fawcett Cheri Vincent	Lucica Ditiu Jenniffer Dietrich Suvanand Sahu
<b>Minutes of the Call</b>		

### 1. Global Fund

1. The meeting started with the Vice-Chair giving the floor to the Executive Director who explained the critical situation of funding for tuberculosis diagnostics and medicines at the Global Fund’s current funding cycle to the Executive Committee. Global Fund Strategy Committee is silent so far on the letter that the Stop TB Partnership sent. Tuberculosis does not seem to be a priority for the Global Fund anymore.
2. The allocation methodology, its four scenarios as presented by the Global Fund, were discussed. The Strategy Committee’s decision in October will be key. Scenario 1 is the status quo, Scenario 2 is based on what Stop TB had proposed initially, Scenario 3 is similar to Scenario 4 which is a no-go, unrealistic option. Scenario 3 maintains the big cliff between funding for malaria&HIV and TB. Some comments during the discussion of the Executive Committee expressed that donors might consider taking part of their funding to the Global Fund if there are no strategies to address the critical situation and put the funding for TB (earmarked) in another international fund. The spirit conveyed is that the TB community needs to be more vocal about the needs and the issues raised on the call.
3. **Action item:**
  - The Executive Committee is supportive of letters of support from all sectors of civil society affected by TB.

### 2. Advocacy Events

4. The Vice-Chair shared his experience when meeting politicians at The Hill, in the United States. Many senators were not aware of the critical situation of TB globally and appreciated the visit by civil society. It became clear that more such work should happen at The Hill to inform stakeholders and raise awareness.
5. The Executive Director described the events around the UNHLM on AMR on 26 September 2024 in New York, including a meeting on TB vaccines. The Secretariat is also supporting civil society to pave the access to these advocacy events in New York.

### 3. 38<sup>th</sup> Stop TB Partnership Board Meeting

6. The Head of Governance and Board Relations briefed the Executive Committee that Board Members have been receiving invitation letters, and as elections of new board members progress, they will also be receiving the invitation letters signed by the Hon. Minister of Health of Nigeria. Furthermore, the Secretariat is working on obtaining from the hotel the details on how participants can book their hotel rooms, as well as putting together the Practical Information Sheet to share with everyone well in advance.
7. Colleagues from Nigeria updated on Nigeria National TB Conference scheduled in Abuja from 10-12 December to which all international participants are invited and should register (for free).
8. The Vice-Chair introduced the plan for the transition of the Stop TB Partnership Board Leadership. The outgoing Chair of the Board will be represented by the new Minister of Health of India. The plan for the Board Meeting in Nigeria is to request the Minister to take over the end of the Chairmanship of India, and open and chair part of the Board Meeting. At the end of the Board Meeting, the outgoing Chair will welcome the incoming Chair, the Secretary of Health of the Philippines who's term starts from January 2025 for a period of three years.
9. **Action item:**
  - The Secretariat will send to the Executive Committee an email for feedback about the proposed transition of the Board Chairmanship during the upcoming Board Meeting.