

Opening of Board meeting

Decision Point 26-1

1. The Board adopts the proposed agenda for the 26th Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting.
2. The Board notes the action points from the last Coordinating Board meeting in July 2014, Seattle, USA.
3. The Board thanks the Ministry of Health, Social Affairs and Rights of Women, France for hosting the 26th meeting of the Stop TB Partnership.
4. The Board recognizes the historical role France has played in leading the fight against TB. The Board also recognizes and thanks France for their leadership and commitment to TB as demonstrated through their contributions to The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria and UNITAID. The Board thanks to the French partners of the Stop TB Partnership, notable the Global Health Advocates for their work in the TB global efforts.

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Report of the Executive Secretary

Decision Point 26-2

1. The Board welcomes the report of the Executive Secretary and recognizes the achievement since the 25th Board meeting.
2. The Board notes the smooth execution of the transition of the Secretariat including GDF and TBREACH from WHO to UNOPS and recognizes there was no disruption in work, supply to countries with quality assured TB diagnostics and medicines, technical assistance efforts providing grants and supporting partners.
3. The Board thanks WHO, UNOPS, Global Fund and Secretariat staff for their support and hard work in this process.

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Stop TB Partnership Standard Operating Procedures

Decision Point 26-3

1. The Board thanks UNOPS and the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat for developing the Standard Operational Procedures (SOPS) and requests their implementation.

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Stop TB Partnership Reserves

Decision Point 26-4

1. The Board notes its decision *Strategic Reserve (Decision Point 25-4)* requesting the Executive Committee, with advice and guidance from the Finance Committee, and input from the UNOPS as host, to provide a recommendation on the level and use of reserve for discussion and approval at the next Board meeting. The Board thanks the Finance Committee for their work to date on the level and use of reserves.
2. The Finance Committee is asked to undertake further analysis to help the Board at its next meeting agree an appropriate level and use of reserves. The Finance Committee should provide options for achieving any recommendation to change the level of reserve.

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Stop TB Partnership 27th Coordinating Board meeting

Decision Point: 26-5

1. The Board agrees to hold its 27th Coordinating Board meeting in Cape Town, South Africa on 29 November 2015.
2. The Board thanks the Chair and the Government of South Africa for their support in hosting the 27th Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting in Cape Town, South Africa.

The Board notes that Coordinating Board Meeting will precede the Union Conference which starts 2 December 2015 and would like to recognize and thank The Union for its continued support and partnership.

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Global Drug Facility

Decision Point: 26-6

1. The Board acknowledges the further significant decreases in SLDs prices obtained by the GDF ensuring that MDR-TB treatments are more affordable to patients in need and recognizes GDF's strategic contribution to funding savings on drug costs for countries, partners and donors.
2. The Board recognizes GDF's added value, unique position and complementary role with the Global Fund, and other stakeholders, donors and partners in the TB commodities market and for technical assistance provision, removing barriers to access quality assured TB commodities.
3. The Board supports GDF evolving towards becoming a platform for convening partners for improved supply chain strategies such as TB drugs forecasting in line with an Early Warning System and for improved knowledge sharing on the TB commodities market.
4. The Board supports GDF's drive towards the timely introduction and roll out of new TB commodities (drugs, regimens and diagnostics) with partners in order to maximize health impact.
5. The Board thanks Joel Keravec for his leadership of GDF over the past three years.
6. The Board also thanks the dedication and hard work of the whole GDF team.

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Coordinated roll out and scale up of new drugs and new combinations

Decision Point: 26-7

1. The Board takes note of the advances in ensuring access to Bedaquiline through the Johnson & Johnson affiliate, Janssen Therapeutics, and USAID donation program, using the Stop TB Partnership's Global Drug Facility.
2. The Board takes note of the need for rapid, joint efforts among numerous Partnership stakeholder organisations to ensure timely access to all new drugs and new regimens, including Bedaquiline, as well as other new tools including diagnostics.
3. The Board requests that the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat and the Global Drug Facility use their convening and catalytic function to facilitate efforts and to ensure that progress is reported back to the Coordinating Board through the framework and targets of the Global Plan 2016-2020.

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TB REACH

Decision Point: 26-8

1. The Board recognizes and thanks Canada for their leadership in support of TB REACH and applauds the achievements of TB REACH over the past 4 waves of funding. 1.3 million TB patients have been cumulatively treated across TB REACH intervention areas between 2010 and 2014, resulting in an estimated 640,000 lives being saved and 12.8 million infections prevented.
2. The Board recognizes the excellent work done by the TB REACH grantees and the importance of continuing innovation to improve case detection - one of the most pressing concerns - to help meet the 2020 interim and 2035 End TB targets.
3. The Board Members, under the leadership of the Chair and Vice-Chair, will support the Secretariat in their efforts to ensure continued funding for TB REACH.

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Global Plan (2016-2020)

Decision Point: 26-9

1. The Global Plan to Stop TB 2016-2020 is the fourth such Plan developed by the Stop TB Partnership as a collaborative effort to draw up a road map for the global fight against TB and a costed business case. The current Plan is designed to support and operationalize the WHO End TB Strategy by outlining what actions could be taken by countries and partners to reach the first five-year milestones of the End TB Strategy and set the world on track to reach the goals set in the Strategy.
2. The Board welcomes the update on the progress in the development of the New Global Plan to Stop TB 2016-2020.
3. The Board thanks the Task Force and the Chair of the Task Force for their continued leadership and work to develop the New Global Plan to Stop TB 2016-2020.
4. The Board notes that the approach taken by the Global Plan encourages ambitious action by countries toward the ambitious targets of the WHO End TB Strategy, including reaching and successfully treating at least 90% of all people with TB as soon as possible and at the latest by 2025.
5. The Board emphasizes the importance of the upcoming consultation process and welcomes the close synergy built between this process and the Global Fund Partnership Forums.

6. The Board agrees the following next steps should be undertaken to finalize the Global Plan:
- a) Four consultation meetings between early May and early September in Addis Ababa, Bangkok, Istanbul and Panama, as well as a web-based discussion forum, to ensure a broad and thorough discussion about the approach and the recommendations of the Global Plan.
 - b) A summary report of the consultations to be shared with the Board electronically by early September.
 - c) A report from the Task Force on the discussion of the second draft of the Global Plan to be shared with the Board in mid-September.
 - d) Board review and approval electronically of the final version of the Global Plan by end of October.
 - e) The official launch of the Global Plan to Stop TB in an event linked to the next Board meeting.

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Global Fund

Decision Point: 26-10

1. The Coordinating Board commends the impressive efforts by the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat under the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria Technical Cooperation Agreement supporting 58 countries through Global Fund's Country Dialogue and Concept Note processes including the first joint TB/HIV Concept Notes, submission of 3 TB regional Concept Notes, and organization of 9 Regional workshops for civil society and communities. The Board acknowledges the essential collaboration with the Global Fund, UNAIDS, WHO and many partners in these efforts.
2. The Board recognizes the instrumental work and value of the TB Situation Room and recommends that this unique platform be used to further track and address significant challenges and opportunities experienced by the countries, including but not limited to:
 - a. Encouraging countries to develop ambitious Concept Notes and to fully leverage the Incentive and Above Allocation funding mechanisms;
 - b. Proactively identifying and facilitating partner engagement to address Absorption and Disbursement challenges;
 - c. Supporting countries and partners in grants implementation in line with Global Fund Secretariat and Board recommendations.
3. The Board also acknowledges the long-term impact that tools, such as the Gender Assessment Tool, will have on improving services and helping ensure appropriate policies.
4. The Coordinating Board requests that the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat ensures the robust, meaningful engagement of the TB community—via platforms such as the TB Situation Room, the Global Fund Core Group and additional ad-hoc consultations or mechanisms—to support the Global Fund Secretariat and Board in the development of Global Fund 2017-2021 Strategy and the success of the 5th Global Fund Replenishment.
 - a. The Coordinating Board also requests that the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat support and advocate that:
 - i. All partners commit to raising the resources needed through increased domestic financing and a successful Fifth Replenishment of the Global Fund;
 - ii. The Global Fund's 2017-2021 Strategy:

1. Aligns with the Stop TB Partnership's 2016-2020 Global Plan and the WHO End TB Strategy;
 2. Proactively supports countries in launching and scaling innovative TB delivery systems such as those proven in TB Reach and new tools;
 3. Supports countries in developing better data and data systems including undertaking additional prevalence surveys in order to better understand the TB epidemic and target the response;
 4. Establishes a responsible transition policy that seeks to ensure sustained impact against the TB epidemic globally;
 5. Links to a updated and improved market shaping strategy to continue and expand efforts to ensure more reliable supply and appropriate prices for health commodities;
 6. Takes a deliberate approach to harness the capacity of the private sector providers of care and ensure they meet quality standards.
- iii. The development of a needs assessment that will guide the targets and allocation formula to inform the Global Fund strategy process.

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Advocacy Strategy

Decision Point 26-11

1. The Board expresses support for the Secretariat's priorities for strengthened advocacy and asks the Secretariat to draft an advocacy plan for 2016 for consideration at the 27th Board meeting in November, linked to the 2016 work plan and the 2016-2020 Operational Strategy.
2. The Board notes the needs for additional resources for the Secretariat in order to further scale-up the Partnership's advocacy work.

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Work Plan 2015

Decision Point 26-12

1. The Board approves the 2015 work plan.
2. The Board requests that the 2016 work plan, linked to the new KPIs, be presented at the 27th Coordinating Board meeting for approval.
3. The Board notes with concern that high dependency of the 2016 work plan on the expected renewal of funding from Canada and UK and the limited resources for 2016, and asks the Finance Committee to provide additional analysis and oversight.
4. The Board asks the Executive Committee to facilitate the creation of an ad-hoc Resource Mobilisation Committee, that will work closely with the Secretariat to reach out to existing and especially potential new donors, with the objective of mobilising the resources to fully fund the Partnership 2016 work plan.

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BRICS

Decision Point: 26-13

1. The Board welcomes the BRICS Joint Communiqué following the BRICS Health Ministers' meeting held in December 2014.
2. The Board applauds the leadership and commitment demonstrated by BRICS Ministers of Health in driving forward the TB agenda, reflected in their vision to reach the 90-90-90 targets initially proposed by the Chair of the Stop TB Partnership at the Union Lung Health World Conference in Barcelona, Spain, in October 2014.
3. The Board requests the Secretariat to continue to provide support to the BRICS countries to facilitate the objectives of the BRICS Joint Communiqué of December 2014. The Board further requests the Secretariat to support the planned launch of the BRICS 90-90-90 targets.

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Governance Manual of Procedures

Decision Point: 26-14

1. The Board approves the Governance Manual revised April 2015. This document replaces the Governance Manual July 2013.

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Process to develop Operational Strategy 2016-2020

Decision Point: 26-15

1. The Board recognizes the value of the Operational Strategy 2013-2015 in guiding the strategic work of the Secretariat.
2. Mindful of the extensive consultative process undertaken to develop Operational Strategy 2013-2015, the Board requests development of an Operational Strategy 2016-2020 which builds on the existing Operational Strategy.
3. The Board requests the Operational Strategy 2016-2020 be developed under the leadership of the Executive Committee for presentation to the Board for its approval at its 27th meeting.
4. The Board requests that the Operational Strategy 2016-2020 include a set of Key Performance Indicators, which should be developed for presentation to the Board for its approval at its 27th meeting.

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