

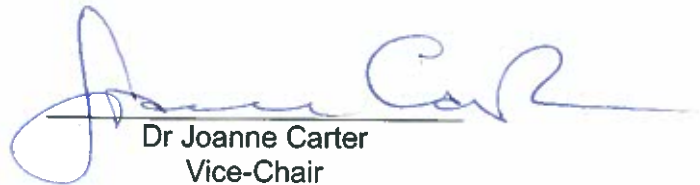
Opening Session

Decision Point 25-1

1. The Board adopts the proposed agenda for the 25th Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting.
2. The Board notes the action points from the last Coordinating Board meeting in January 2014, Cape Town, South Africa.
3. The Board thanks the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for hosting the 25th meeting of the Stop TB Partnership.



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Report of the Executive Secretary

Decision Point 25-2

1. The Board welcomes the report of the Executive Secretary and recognizes the achievements so far in 2014.



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Stop TB Partnership Hosting Arrangements

Decision Point 25-3

The Board notes its decision, 23-10, taken at the 23rd Coordinating Board meeting in July 2013 in Ottawa and decision, 24-3, taken at the 24th Coordinating Board meeting in January 2014 in Cape Town, regarding hosting the Stop TB Partnership.

The Board thanks the Chair and Vice-Chair for the ongoing dialogue with the Director-General of WHO regarding the Partnership Secretariat's administrative arrangements and the work of the Executive Committee to assess alternative hosting arrangements.


The Board expresses its deep gratitude to WHO for hosting the Stop TB Partnership since its inception in 2001 and for its commitment to help ensure a smooth transition.

The Board is grateful to the Secretariat staff who have contributed their time and effort to the transition process during this period.

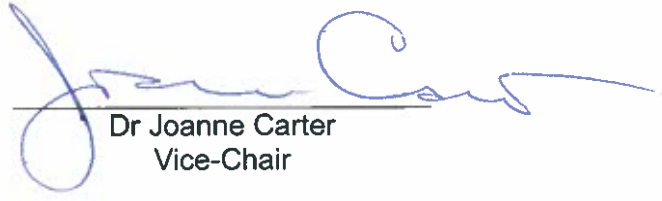
The Board welcomes the offer from UNOPS to host the Stop TB Partnership (Doc: 25-3.1) and thanks UNOPS for its support and commitment over the past few months.

1. Based on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Board decides that the Partnership should transition the Secretariat from its current arrangement with WHO. Recognizing that this decision will lead to the termination of the administrative relationship between the Partnership Secretariat and WHO, the Board requests its Chair and Vice-Chair to notify the WHO Director-General of its decision to transition and to request her assistance in this matter and to reconfirm that the Board looks forward to maintaining the important engagement with WHO, on the basis of the draft programmatic framework noted in Doc: 25-3.3.
2. The Board accepts the offer from UNOPS to host the Stop TB Partnership (Doc: 25-3.1) noting the Executive Committee's assessment of that offer (Doc: 25-3.2).
3. The Board endorses the approach as outlined in the paper to the Board on hosting (Doc: 25-3.2) to establish an MOU between UNOPS and the current donors of the Partnership setting out the hosting terms for the Partnership Secretariat. The Board requests the current donors and UNOPS, with support from Secretariat under guidance from the Executive Committee, to develop and finalize the MOU and to present it for Board endorsement [by email vote] at the appropriate time.

4. The Board targets an effective date for the transition of 1 January 2015.
5. The Board endorses the draft Implementation Plan as set out in Annex I (Doc: 25-3.2). The Board requests the Secretariat to work with UNOPS and WHO to implement the transition, including by assisting as needed with the transfer of eligible staff under the inter-agency agreement and the conclusion of legal documents, so as to ensure a smooth process with minimal disruption to the Secretariat.
6. The Board approves the Transition Budget as set out in Annex II (Doc: 25-3.2) and authorizes the Secretariat to release funds from Stop TB Partnership financial reserves to cover costs as outlined in the Transition Budget, provided that the Executive Committee and/or the Finance Committee closely monitors, and the Executive Committee, based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, as necessary approves additional allocation of funds during the transition period and provided also that sufficient reserves remain set aside to cover costs and indemnities pertaining to eligible staff who do not accept an offer of employment with UNOPS.
7. The Board requests the Secretariat to work with UNOPS to establish a 2015 budget and workplan, based on the existing approved workplan for 2015, for review by the Finance Committee no later than October 2014 and approval of the Board no later than November 2014.
8. The Board requests the Executive Committee to oversee the transition process and update the Board periodically on progress and report at the next Board meeting.



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Strategic Reserve

Decision Point 25-4

1. The Board requests that the Executive Committee, with advice and guidance from the Finance Committee, and input from UNOPS as appropriate as host, provides a recommendation for discussion and approval at the next Board meeting on establishing and maintaining a strategic reserve going forward, including the appropriate level, use (and process for approval of use) and replenishment of the reserve.



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WHO and Partnership Programmatic Collaboration

Decision Point 25-5

1. The Board welcomes WHO's expression of continued commitment to the Partnership and thanks WHO for the detailed explanation of its framework for future engagement with the Partnership on programmatic areas (Doc: 25-3.3).
2. The Board underlines that its decision on transition relates only to the Partnership Secretariat's administrative arrangements and that the Board values the continuing and important role of WHO as a Partner and member of the Board and Executive Committee, in particular its collaboration on programmatic matters, as well as the myriad other ways in which WHO supports the Partnership.
3. The Board in particular recognizes the valuable input and collaboration of WHO in developing the Partnership's Operational Strategy and the Global Plan to Stop TB and engaging with the Global Fund, UNITAID and countries. The Board highlights that the Partnership's collaboration with WHO on programmatic matters will be based on the priorities identified in these strategic documents.
4. The Board requests that the Chair and Vice Chair continue to work closely with WHO leadership with the aim of presenting a written understanding on programmatic collaboration (whether in the form of an exchange of letters or other appropriate form) for endorsement by the Board shortly after the effective date of transition. The Executive Committee will provide guidance on the development of this written understanding on programmatic collaboration and an opportunity will also be afforded for Board members to provide input.



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TB Identity

Decision Point 25-6

1. The Board welcomes the update on progress and the opportunity to provide input into the current framing of the TB identity project. The Board endorses the current overall concept ("Closer") and asks the Secretariat to integrate its comments into further work on the TB Identity project.
2. Building on previous stakeholder engagement and recognising that more is planned, the Board asks to be included in these consultation processes. It asks the Steering Group to update the Executive Committee at each project milestone, and empowers the Executive Committee to review and, if appropriate, endorse the output of the TB Identity work, including the implementation plan in Q4 2014, followed by endorsement by the full Board.



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Global Fund

Decision Point 25-7

1. The Coordinating Board acknowledges the enhanced relationship with the Global Fund Secretariat and Global Fund Committees and congratulates the Secretariat and partners for the work done over the last 5 months in supporting the rapid roll-out of the New Funding Model, the coordination work of the TB Situation Room, and the TA support through TB TEAM and other partners. The work done under the TA agreement with the Global Fund has provided essential assistance to countries.
2. The Coordinating Board notes the early lesson learned from the first Concept Note development to improve the strategic focus of resources to address the most important geographic areas and key populations based on epidemiological evidence. Considering these, the Coordinating Board recommends.
 - a. Through the Situation Room, the partners should continue to improve coordination and streamline the processes to develop the most strategic Concept Notes through broader engagement with all relevant stakeholders, including communities.
 - b. Through the Situation Room, the partners should provide guidance to countries to prioritize interventions within each country and to maximize resources for the largest impact through relevant stakeholder consultations, including with communities, and quality implementation, and by rapidly working to further define the TB Investment Framework and support countries to make use of it, including mobilization of domestic resources.
 - c. As part of the work done through the TB Situation Room, the Secretariat should ensure an active, ongoing monitoring of funding requested and approved, as well as key indicators and outcomes submitted through Concept Notes. This process will allow the Secretariat to assess ambition and quality of requests, anticipate the expected impact that the awarded funding will have, and how much more could be achieved by additional funding- through incentive funding and/or the register of unfunded quality demand. The Executive Committee should receive bimonthly updates from the TB Situation Room with the above information.
3. The Coordinating Board appreciates the important opportunity for scale up and strengthening of essential systems offered by the Global Fund requirement for joint TB and HIV programming in countries with high TB/HIV co-infection rates. It notes the challenges that some countries are having in coordinating across the two diseases to produce well-prioritised Concept Notes and in implementing joint programmes.

- a. It recommends that through the Situation Room, partners in collaboration with UNAIDS ensure engagement and sharing of best practices among technical and other partners.
 - b. Recognizing the need for expertise in supporting countries, it recommends that through the Situation Room partners, in collaboration with UNAIDS, support capacity building in countries of consultants and local academia on joint TB and HIV programming in the context of the Global Fund Concept Note development.
4. The Coordinating Board encourages the Global Fund to continue to work closely with the Global Drug Facility on all procurement and market dynamic activities related to TB commodities.
 5. The Coordinating Board requests the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat ensure engagement of Board members and partners in the dialogue and work for the Global Fund Strategic Review 2015 to be conducted by Global Fund's Technical Evaluation Reference Group (TERG) as well as the other working groups (FOPC and SIIC).



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Global Plan (2016-2020)

Decision Point 25-8

1. The Board welcomes the update on progress on the development of the new Global Plan (2016-2020).
2. The Board welcomes the appointment of the Task Force to guide the development of the New Global Plan 2016-2020.
3. The Board asks the Task Force to keep the Executive Committee updated monthly on progress as well as providing regular updates to the Board.
4. The Board recognizes that significant progress has been made in closing the financing gap for the Global Plan, and thanks donors for their generous support, and also notes with concern the remaining gap in the funding required for the successful development of the plan. The Board also commits to support efforts to mobilize additional resources to address this need. The Board empowers the Secretariat to revise the workplan and budget in light of resources available.



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Thanking Ken Castro

Decision Point 25-8

The Board recognizes and expresses deep appreciation for the years of service Ken Castro has provided to the Stop TB Partnership.



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