



Stop TB Partnership

SUMMARY SHEET

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Rationale

The Stop TB Partnership for Europe was launched in October 2006 and adopted a ten point action plan. The Chair of the Regional Partnership will present progress to date and critical challenges for the success of the European Partnership. This will have implications for other regional and country level partnerships.

Summary

European Partners hosted/facilitated events for World TB Day in several cities. The European Commission has announced that European Centres for Disease Control will produce an EU Action Plan. The head of ECDC has committed to have the Action Plan ready for the Ministerial Forum in October. The Ministerial Forum presents a serious challenge for the Stop TB Partnership for Europe and partners globally. Additional support is needed, particularly on a political level, to ensure that there is Ministerial level participation. The Stop TB Partnership for Europe will have its first full meeting in June in Riga, Latvia to elect a permanent Executive Committee and Chair. The current Chair will present an outline of proposals to be taken forward to European partners for phase 2 of the partnership. The session will provide an opportunity for the Board to comment and advice on the proposals regarding governance and focus.

Decisions requested (from the Stop TB Coordinating Board)

1. To endorse the proposal for phase two of the development of the Stop TB Partnership for Europe.
2. To identify additional political support to the Ministerial Forum notably with regard to the development of the agenda and participation of Ministers

Implications

- There are financial implications of the Ministerial Forum (<US\$500K).
- There are financial implications for Phase 2 Stop TB Partnership planning (coordinator salary + activity costs)

Next Steps

Action Required: Riga meeting

Focal Point: Stop TB Partnership for Europe (O'Toole/IFRC)

Timeframe: To end June 2007