

SUMMARY SHEET			
Agenda Nr. 2.04/12	Subject	Evaluation of the Partners' Forum	
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Introduction			
<p>The 6th Stop TB Coordinating Board in its meeting 22-23 March 2004 decided to conduct an evaluation of the Partners' Forum: <i>"A post- Forum evaluation should take place at the Coordinating Board meeting in October 2004 at which time decisions will be taken on the format, function and timing of future Partners Forum. Secretariat to implement outcome"</i>- Secretariat Action Plan Based on the recommendations of the Stop TB Partnership Evaluation.</p> <p>The Forum is the assembly of the Partnership. It is not a decision-making body but an inclusive, consultative meeting of representatives of all the Partners, to: (a) consolidate and increase support for and commitment to the work of the Partnership; (b) review and comment on the overall progress of the Partnership; (c) serve as a forum of information exchange on progress, problems and challenges in relation to the work of the Partnership (see Annex-I Excerpt on the Partners' Forum from the Procedures Manual). To date, the Global Partnership to Stop TB has been convened at two Stop TB Partners' Forums:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>First Stop TB Partners' Forum, 22-23 October 2001, Washington DC, USA, concluding with the Washington Commitment to Stop TB, endorsing the formal establishment of the Global Partnership to Stop TB and the Global Plan to Stop TB '01-'05;</i> - <i>Second Stop TB Partners' Forum, 24-26 March 2004, New Delhi, India, concluding with 'Keeping the Pledge to Stop TB' outlining the urgency and need for intensified action and support to countries in reaching the 2005 global TB control targets, and releasing the report of the 2nd Ad Hoc Committee on the status of the TB epidemic and the progress update of the Global Plan to Stop TB 01-05..</i> <p>The Independent Evaluation has reviewed the purpose, functions and provided recommendation ahead of the second Partners' Forum (see Annex-II Excerpt on the Partners' Forum from the Independent Evaluation, IHSD, Dec'03).</p>			
Summary			
<p>Based on the evaluation (attached), the Secretariat would recommend to the Board that the Forum serves a crucial element of the Partnership which needs to be continued, with some improvements and revisions as referred to in the evaluation (section I), specifically related to the organization and format. The Secretariat recommends two specific next steps for revision of the forum, and in preparation of the next forum:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The evaluation form on the second forum needs to be disseminated to all participants with the distribution of the forum report to get more input from participants on the recent forum, specifically on the format and timing of the next event; 2) Forward looking, the Secretariat proposes to design an online poll to engage all Stop TB Partners on the proposed timing, format and functions of the forum. 			
Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board			
Endorsement of the Evaluation and next steps as outlined in the attached document			
Next steps and time frame			
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