

Stop TB Partnership

SUMMARY SHEET		
Agenda Nr. 1.06-2.0	Subject	Responding to the TB epidemic in Africa
For Information	For Discussion	<u>For Decision</u>
<p>Introduction</p> <p>The Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board (CB) meeting in Assisi, Italy discussed progress in implementation of the Blueprint to intensify action to reach the TB MDGs and Partnership targets in Africa. The Board endorsed the next steps suggested by the Secretariat but requested the development of a plan to guide partnership actions.</p>		
<p>Summary</p> <p>Progress on implementation of the action plan has been mixed. A summary of progress against the action plan/blueprint is attached (Doc 1.06-2.1). WHO AFRO will be invited to present an update on progress at country level. The Board will have an opportunity to discuss.</p> <p>The World Bank has commenced work on an analysis of the economic impact of TB in Africa and will give a presentation of the status of this work. When completed, the analysis will be a useful tool in our advocacy with Africa policy makers.</p> <p>The Executive Secretary will address the technical session of the Abuja Summit on AIDS, TB and Malaria (3rd May 2006) with President Kenneth Kaunda addressing the Heads of State meeting (4th May 2006).</p> <p>In collaboration with the WHO Regional Office, planning for a High Level Ministerial conference to involve Ministers of Health and Finance from African countries and partners has commenced. It is proposed that this meeting take place one day prior to the AFRO Regional Committee in Addis Ababa (August 2006). Alternatives dates may also be considered. Planning documents are attached (Doc 1.06-2.2,2.3, 2.4)</p>		
<p>Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To agree further steps to deliver progress against Blueprint accelerated TB control activities in Africa. ○ To agree an approach to planning the proposed African Health and Finance Ministerial meeting. 		
Next steps and time frame		
What: Formal invitations and preparations for MOH/MOF Addis Ababa meeting commence		
Who: WHO AFRO and Partnership Secretariat		
Timeframe: To end August 2006		
Focal Point: RD AFRO and Ex. Sec		

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