

Stop TB Partnership

SUMMARY SHEET		
Agenda Nr. 1.06-13.0	Subject	Partners' Forum
For Information	For Discussion	<u>For Decision</u>
<p>Introduction</p> <p>The 2006-07 workplan approved by the Board includes a Partners' Forum in 2007. In order to start the planning process, decisions need to be made now on the location and date of the Forum. Board input is also sought on the objectives, structure, background documents and participants.</p>		
<p>Summary</p> <p>Through its Blueprint for Africa, the Board has already committed to holding the Forum in Africa. Given the requirements for infrastructure, ease of transport and media access, and given that a major event is already taking place in Abuja, key locations in Africa have been narrowed down to Nairobi and Johannesburg. Of these, Johannesburg offers the advantages of greater potential for policy influence, potential for substantial cost savings if linked in time with the Capetown IUATLD Congress, very good infrastructure and media connections. In addition, a thriving business movement to Stop TB and established advocacy partners make South Africa a desirable location for the Forum. Timing should be such that economies are realised in relation to the IUATLD meeting.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board</p> <p>Location and dates for the Partners Forum, 2007.</p>		
Next steps and time frame		
What: Formation of a Steering Committee for the PF		
Who: Secretariat to provide Focal Point		
Timeframe: From May 2006		
Focal Point: Sarah England		