



Stop TB Partnership

SUMMARY SHEET		
Agenda Nr. 2.06-7.0	Subject	Review of the Structure and Function of the Partnership's Working Groups
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<p>Rationale</p> <p>The objectives are (i) to review the current structure, function and inter-relation of the Partnership's seven Working Groups and their linkage to other parts of the Partnership architecture, judged against their mission, Terms of Reference and contribution to the overall goal and targets of the Partnership; and</p> <p>ii) to propose options for changes in the number, structure, function or inter-relation of the Working Groups, guided by the need to optimise the implementation of the Global Plan and the constituent Working Group strategic plans; and to ensure continuity of responsibility for implementation of the activities set out in the Working Group strategic plans in the event of changes in the number or function of the Working Groups.</p>		
<p>Summary</p> <p>Key issues for the Coordinating Board's consideration include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the implications of the shift to implementation mode, with greater emphasis on urgent collective action and accountability for scaling up interventions at country level and delivery of new tools ii) proposals for improving Working Group communications, coordination and collaboration iii) proposals for the development and oversight of a Global Plan financing strategy, and improved Working Group control and use of funds iv) the spectrum of views about the optimal number and structure of Working Groups. Specific options are outlined. Suggestions for new Working Groups include those for the African and Eastern European emergencies; social and economic factors; financing; and possibly basic research. On balance there seems more support for retaining the current structure, possibly with one or more modifications, than for more radical mergers or increases in the number of Groups. 		
<p>Decisions requested (from the Stop TB Coordinating Board)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Coordinating Board is invited to discuss the recommendations and options in the paper. On the basis of its discussion, a final recommendations paper will be produced by 12 December 2006. 2. The Board is invited to establish a small group, or ask the body charged with oversight of the 2007 evaluation, to review the recommendations in the final paper, and advise the Board at its meeting in Berlin. 		
<p>Implications</p> <p>Assessment of full implications awaits decisions on options on structure. Adoption of improved communications and new accountability mechanisms would require additional input from Working Group secretariats and the Partnership secretariat.</p>		
Next Steps		
<p>Action Required: Finalisation of the review recommendations paper, taking account of the Board's discussions</p>		
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<p>Timeframe: by 12 December 2007</p>		

