

Stop TB Partnership 26th Coordinating Board meeting

How the Board should use its open flexible seats

Background and Board Composition

In 2013 the Stop TB Partnership Board conducted a governance reform which culminated in the Board in its current constitution meeting for the first time in July 2013, in Canada, Ottawa.

The Board is comprised of 29 seats (including two open flexible seats)

- 10 fixed seats,
- 15 rotating seats
- 4 non-voting.

Seats on the Board are allocated to representatives as follows (constituency seats are designated with a *)

- TB affected communities* (two)
- Developing country NGO* (one)
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- Private sector* (one)
- Research Working Groups* (one)
- Implementation Working Groups* (one)
- TB affected countries (six)
- Open (two)

Fixed Seats:

- Donor (three: USAID, CIDA, Netherlands/UK)
- Foundation (one: BMGF)
- Technical Agencies (two seats shared amongst CDC, the Union, and KNCV)
- Multilateral (four: Global Fund, WHO, World Bank, UNAIDS¹)

Non-Voting Seats:

- Board Chair
- Vice-Chair
- UNITAID²

¹ The UNAIDS seat shall be viewed as a seat for the United Nations with the aim of broadening the representation of UN agencies who participate with the Partnership Board

² UNITAID will be provided a seat on the Stop TB Partnership Board for as long as it maintains its role as a TB donor

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The Executive Committee at its meeting on 31 October 2014 requested the open seats on the Board be discussed by the Board at its next meeting.

Open Seats on the Board

Two seats of the 29 seats are available to the Board to fill skill-set gaps, represent organizations that are not in the constituencies, or incentivize new public or private donors.

	Political / High Level National Stakeholders	Technical	Donors	People affected by TB / Communities	Other	Missing
TB "Insiders"*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministers of Health / country reps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WHO CDC KNCV Union UNAIDS Working Groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USAID DFATD DfiD World Bank Gates UNITAID Global Fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community reps NGOs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private Sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional political bodies Academia
TB "outsiders"					UNOPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HNWI Media Ministers of Social Affairs Ministers of Finance Ministers of Justice UNDP UNICEF IOM UNHCR

* TB insiders are those who either work in TB directly or who have TB as part of their portfolio

³ UNOPS will be provided a seat on the Stop TB Partnership Board for as long as it hosts the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat.

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The Board is comprised of those who either work in TB directly or who have TB as part of their portfolio, all of whom could be considered *TB Insiders*. There is currently no voice on the Board for *TB Outsiders*: those external to the field of TB. This at times could limit the discussion as well missing opportunities to bring new ways of thinking to TB. An informed outsider's perspective should provide strategic considerations new dimensions to conversations about TB.

There are various groups of organizations which are currently not represented on the Stop TB Partnership Board, for example regional bodies such as the European Union, African Union, regional development banks, stakeholders from non –medical sector, Ministries of Justice, Ministries of Education or Social Affairs, academia, etc.

2016 marks a significant change in the landscape in which TB operates: the MDGs are over, it is the first year of the Sustainable Development Goals, the first year of the New Global Plan to Stop TB 2016-2020, as well as the first year of the refreshed Operational Strategy 2016-2020. Representatives who are invited to join the Board through the open seats should contribute strategically in this new environment.

It is therefore recommended that based on Board input the Executive Committee discuss representatives or organizations to join the Board in one or both of the open flexible seats. Such representative/representatives could be invited to the Board at its next meeting in November 2015.
