

## Adoption of Agenda (2.08-1.1)

• The agenda of the 15<sup>th</sup> Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting was adopted.

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## **Decision/ Action points from Cairo**

• The draft decisions and action points (Doc: 2.08-1.2) of the 14<sup>th</sup> Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board (CB 01.08) were accepted.

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## Opening Ceremony (2.08-2.0)

### The Board:

- Thanked the Government of Tanzania for hosting the meeting
- Expressed its appreciation for the participation and leadership of His Excellency
   President Karume of Zanzibar in opening the meeting
- Acknowledged the considerable progress made in TB Control in Tanzania and welcome commitment to further work in the areas of case detection and TB-HIV.
- Called on all stakeholders committed to TB Control in Tanzania to increase case detection in particular by engaging communities affected by TB, increasing ACSM strengthening the laboratory network and initiatives
- Invited the Government of Tanzania to work with stakeholders to form a National Partnership to Stop TB
- Welcomed the opening of discussions between the Ministry of Health with UNITAID and the World Bank on strengthening the laboratory network.

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## Review and Decisions on the Future of Working Groups (2.08-3.0)

The Board decided:

- 1. The three implementation WGs and the three research & development WGs will be renewed as full working groups.
- 2. The sub-groups who requested no change in status will be renewed.
- 3. The Working groups and sub-groups renewed at this stage will be subject to re-evaluation in 3-years (2011);
- 4. The sub-group on infection control will remain as a sub-group of the TB-HIV Working Group but strengthen linkages with other relevant working groups and sub-groups. Working Groups and sub-groups are requested to note this decision and take appropriate action.
- 5. The sub-group on infection control may be re-evaluated in 3 years (2011) for consideration as a full working group.
- 6. The sub-group on laboratory strengthening is to be upgraded to a full WG (Global Laboratory Initiative Working Group)
- 7. The ACSM WG will not be renewed as a full Working Group
- 8. Requested that the Chair of the former ACSM Working Group work with the Secretariat to establish an Advocacy Advisory Committee be formed to advise the Board and Secretariat.
- 9. A network of the wider advocacy community be established to facilitate coordination and information exchange around the annual advocacy plan.
- 10. To request the Secretariat to continue to coordinate activities of the individual working groups at country level, to prevent overburdening of local staff.

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## Global Fund and Collaboration with TBTeAM (2.08-4.0)

### The Board:

- Agreed that MDR TB, TB-HIV and Labs are underfunded areas of the Stop TB Strategy and require focus.
- Mandated a High Level Mission to the Global Fund Board meeting in India.
- Issued a call for massive scale up of TB proposals from countries to the Global Fund.

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### Calendar of Events 2009 (2.08-5.0)

### The Board:

- Endorsed the Calendar of priority Advocacy Events for 2009 and added additional important events.
- Requested the Secretariat place the Calendar of Events online and make the calendar accessible to all partners for additions.
- Requested the Secretariat establish mechanisms to develop the network of partners to support advocacy around key events in 2009.
- Called for further definition of the theme "Finding the Missing 40%" to reflect the importance of the big push on MDR TB in 2009, to reflect TB as a whole and to link the theme with specific actions.

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## Partners' Forum 2009 (2.08-6.0)

### The Board:

- Endorsed the structure of the agenda for the Partners' Forum, with amendments including strengthening the presentation on achievements, TB/HIV, clarity on the purpose of the Working Group meeting, establishing an emerging economies theme, underlining the importance of new tools and reliable financing.
- Called for highest possible level of participation from Partner organizations and countries affected by TB.
- Requests the organisation to replace the intended declaration by a more action oriented output document

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## **Impact Assessment Taskforce (2.08-7.0)**

### The Board:

- Welcomed the establishment of the Task Force
- Endorsed the Task Force's three strategic tracks of work.
- Called for a coalition of partners to seek and provide political and financial support to the work of the Task Force and to support resource mobilization
- Requested the Secretariat consider a request to fund a staff member to act as Secretariat to the Task Force.

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## **Engaging the Business Sector Constituency (2.08-8.0)**

### The Board:

- Welcomed the collaboration and commitment of the WEF (Secretariat of the Constituency) and GBC to move forward jointly on supporting the agenda of engaging business to fight TB.
- Requested a draft private sector strategy to be presented at the Stop TB Partners' Forum in March 2009 for endorsement by the constituency.
- Requested the constituency to leverage their networking capabilities to mobilize
  the business sector to take part in the Partners' Forum and other key events in
  2009.

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# MDR-TB Meeting of 27 high burden Countries April 2009, Beijing, China (2.08-9.0)

### The Board:

- Welcomed and endorsed the rationale, preparatory steps, and aims of the meeting.
- Agreed to leverage the Partners' Forum to support the MDR meeting Call for Action from Civil Society.
- Mandated the Partnership to support WHO in ensuring the highest level of participation in Beijing, through the use of contacts, advocacy and communications support for the event.
- Mandated High Level Missions of the Board and/or Stop TB Ambassadors to India and 2-3 additional pivotal countries in the period to April 2009

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> line Drugs Management and Supply (2.08-10.0)

### The Board:

- Subject to funding availability, supported the appropriate increases in staff levels (over and above current normative levels in the GDF/GLC secretariats) in line with the objectives of the April 2009 meeting.
- Called for an assessment of public and private market purchases of SLDs in the high burden countries and to purchase QA SLD for all projects approved by, and in good standing with, the GLC.
- Called for a strategy to increase demand for quality-assured 2nd-line TB drugs (as defined by standards and requirements of the WHO Pre-Qualification Project, or those of Stringent National Drug Regulatory Authorities), such as is outlined in the Strategic Options paper.
- Recommended a letter to the WHO Director General on behalf of the Board calling for additional emphasis to be placed on pregualification.
- Supported an appeal to all donors that they provide funding only for qualityassured 2nd-line drugs, as defined by standards and requirements of the WHO Pre-Qualification Project or those with stringent National Drug Regulatory authorities.
- Supported a high level appeal to high MDR-TB-burden country leaders to take concrete steps towards stricter regulation of the use of second-line drugs in their public and, especially, private sector markets.

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## Rolling out Diagnostics in the Field (2.08-11.0)

### The Board:

- Endorsed the plan of action as proposed.
- Supported the mobilization of STP partners to facilitate TA and address sustainability needs.
- Endorsement of GLI strategic direction and future priorities.
- Welcomed and acknowledged the role of UNITAID in supporting the laboratory initiative.
- Welcomed the work of the World Bank in developing an African Health Systems Laboratory project

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## Global Plan Progress (2.08-12.0)

### The Board:

- Provided specific guidance and feedback on the initial findings of the Global Plan Progress Report.
- Mandated the publication of the Global Plan Progress report in time for Partners' Forum (March 2009).

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## Round Table on TB-HIV (2.08-13.0)

### The Board:

- Called for nation-wide scale up of the TB-HIV response, following HIV TB Global Leaders' Forum, in line with the concerns outlined by discussants.
- Requested the Global Fund makes it mandatory to include TB components in all HIV proposals and HIV components in all TB proposals in the 63 TB-HIV priority countries.

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## Implementation of the Work Plan 2008 (2.08-14.0)

### The Board:

- Agreed to comment on the Work Plan electronically and subject to written concerns;
- Subject to any specific issues
  - endorsed the second phase of the Civil Society Challenge Facility
  - endorsed the post-evaluation approach.

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## Closing Session (2.08-15.0)

### The Board:

- Requests the Executive Committee to confirm whether a Spring 2009 in Rio de Janeiro is required in view of urgent workload/issues.
- Agreed dates and location of future Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board Viet Nam Autumn 2009.
- Agreed on Action Points for implementation.

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