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9th Stop TB Coordinating Board Meeting

10-11 November 2005, Assisi, Italy

Decisions/ Actions (CB 02-05)

Objectives

- To review progress on the blueprint for TB Control in Africa, following Addis Ababa
- To discuss the Secretariat Biennium Work Plan for 2006-07
- To present the report Trends in International Funding
- To present the Global Plan, the strategy for the launch and subsequent dissemination
- To discuss strategies on technical assistance and monitoring and evaluation (M&E)
- To review draft Best Practice Principles for Global Health Partnerships prepared by High Level Forum Working Group on partnerships.
- To assess progress and value added of national partnerships
- To appoint new Board Officers (Chair and Vice Chair)
- To present the proposed criteria for the Kochon Award and appoint a selection committee
- To discuss prospects for reaching the Global Targets for 2015 in Europe and set priorities for interventions
- To present and discuss GDF Strategic Plan for 2006-2010 incl. diagnostic kits
- To discuss the adoption of the International Standard of TB Care and Patients' Charter
- To meet with officials of the Italian Ministry of Health and Italian Cooperation.

Outcomes

- Additional measures for Africa at regional and country level discussed and endorsed.
- Approval of the Secretariat biennium work plan
- Decision to track resource and expand the scope of resource mobilization.
- Adoption of the strategy for the launch and dissemination of the Plan
- Establishment of a mechanism to coordinate partnership technical assistance and M&E
- Endorsement of draft Best Practice Principles for Global Health Partnerships submitted to High Level Forum.
- Agreement on the need to document good practice of national TB partnerships.
- New Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board appointed
- Kochon Award Selection Committee appointed
- Adoption of a plan of action to focus attention on special TB interventions in Europe
- Endorsement of GDF Strategic Plan for 2006-2010 and inclusion of Diagnostic Kits in the GDF catalogue
- Adoption of the International Standard of TB Care and awareness of Patients' Charter
- Enhanced commitment and engagement from Italy

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Session - presentations	Decisions	Actions	Key Docs
Opening (1)			
Welcome words from Espinal. The Ex. Secretary proposed C.M. Bilenge to Chair, in view of Ernest Loevinsohn's absence, and to amend the agenda.			
Welcome by L. Casali (Stop TB Italy), Key Note Address: G. Ghisi (Italian Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Key Note Address: Cardinal Lozano (Vatican Pontifical Council on Health)			
Agenda/Action-points last CB meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The election of new Board Officers was brought forward to 10th November. ○ The revised agenda was then adopted. ○ The report from the last Stop TB Coordinating Board meeting, 3-4 May October 2005, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia was adopted 		2.05-1.0 2.05-1.1 2.05-1.2 2.05-1.3
Follow up on Africa Emergency (2)			
Progress on the Africa Blueprint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board decided still more efforts were needed to fully implement the Blueprint. ○ Abuja Heads of State meeting; organization of next Coordinating Board, Ministers of Health and Finance meeting should be undertaken back to back 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action Plan to implement the next 6 month Strategy to be developed and circulated to Africa Task Force members initially [HG] ○ Confirmation of dates for Abuja Heads of State meeting; organization of next Coordinating Board, Ministers of Health and Finance meeting [ME& LB] 	2.05-2.0 2.05-2.1
Election of New Board Officers (10)			
Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Board appointed Irene Koek as Chair, by acclamation. ➤ The Board endorsed the decision by Miaka Bilenge to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brief newly appointed Chair [ME] 	2.05-10.0

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	<p>complete his term as Vice Chair to autumn 2006.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Board unanimously appointed Ernest Loevinsohn as Chair Emeritus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plan for Vice Chair election - Autumn 2006 [ME] 	
Secretariat Biennium Work Plan 2006-2007 (3)			
Work Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board endorses the Secretariat Work Plan for 2006-2007 ○ The Board instructed the Secretariat to revert to the Board for programming of any additional funds. ○ The Board confirmed the need for an external evaluation in 2006-2007. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Facilitate joint External Evaluation of Partnership, GDF and Working Groups in 2007 [ME&AV] ○ Start RFP process ASAP [ME&AV] 	<p>2.05-3.0 2.05-3.1 2.05-3.2</p>
WHO Budget (4)			
Financial Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board expressed sympathy for the difficult financial situation of the housing agency, esp. unspecified income, and decided that a unified approach to marketing Technical Assistance should be developed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resource Mobilization strategy to be updated [Secretariat & Task Force] 	<p>2.05-4.0</p>
The Global Plan to Stop TB 2006-2015 (6)			
Launch and Dissemination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board welcomed the publication of the Global Plan in January 2006. ○ The Board decided that the Launch Event should be the starting point for a longer term dissemination strategy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Confirm speaker [Small] ○ Agencies coordinate media and other activities for launch and stakeholder meetings [All] ○ Plan for launch circulated to Board members [Carter] ○ Long term plan developed and submitted [ME & Carter] ○ Possible adoption by WHA investigated [MR] 	<p>2.05-6.0 2.05-6.1</p>
Trends in International Funding (5)			

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<p>Patterns of Funds Flow from Key Donors.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board agreed that monitoring trends in International Funding for TB control was of value. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report back to agencies that responded to the Survey [ME&AV] ○ Reinvigorate Resource Mobilization Task Force [AV&Koek] ○ Regularly track resources, including for R&D [AV] 	<p>2.05-5.0 2.05-5.1</p>
<p>Technical Assistance Coordination (7)</p>			
<p>Technical Assistance, Laboratory, M&E</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board agreed to the Establishment of Partnership mechanism for Technical Assistance Coordination. ○ The Board welcomed the establishment of the Task Force on M&E. ○ The Board decided to discuss Laboratory Strengthening issues at the Spring 2006 Coordinating Board meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Circulate the plans for the operationalization of the Partnership Coalition for Technical Assistance [DEWG] ○ Discuss operationalization of the plans of the M&E Task Force, after approval by Stag in June 2006. [Board] ○ Laboratory issues on Spring 2006 agenda[ME] 	<p>2.05-7.0 2.05-7.1</p>
<p>National Partnerships (9)</p>			
<p>Indonesia Peru Mexico Brazil Pakistan Italy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board welcomed the presentations by National TB Partnerships. ○ The Board decided to document lessons learnt and best practice in National Partnership development ○ The Board decided to propose the development of specific guidelines for displaced TB patients. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Include/develop guidelines for Displaced TB Patients [WHO]. ○ Document lessons learned and best practice of National Partnerships [SE]. 	<p>2.05-9.0</p>
<p>Best Practice Principles (8)</p>			

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High Level Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board agrees to review the revised principles and consider them for endorsement and adoption at its Spring 2006 Board meeting. ○ The Board looks forward to collaboration with other GHPs in pursuing the operationalization of the principles (analysis and pilot). ○ The Board provided the Ex. Sec with guidance and comments for presentation in Paris. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Executive Secretary to represent the Partnership in Paris. [ME] 	2.05-10.0 2.05-10.1 2.05-10.2 2.05-10.3
Leadership Council (11)			
Political Profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board agreed that a higher profile may well lead to more money - attention opens doors. ○ The Board decided against an additional structure that would interfere with Board's procedure. The Board approved the concept of enlisting visible personalities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ACSM Working Group to take the lead on developing this concept, as an informal grouping. [Carter] ○ ACSM to advice the Board on next steps. [Carter] 	2.05-11.0 2.05-11.1
Kochon Stop TB Partnership Prize (12)			
Annual Stop TB Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board welcomed the generous offer of the Kochon Foundation. ○ The Board agreed to proposed timeline as proposed by the Secretariat ○ The Board nominated Tupasi, Castro, Billo as Selection Committee members. ○ As per guidelines Dr. Chung and Dr. Raviglione also serve as Members of the Committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting of the Selection Committee [ME] ○ Agree Criteria and Rules for the Award [Selection Committee] ○ Develop advertising material. [ME] 	2.05-12.0 2.05-12.1
TB Control in Europe (13)			
Action Plan for Intensified TB Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board welcomed the presentations by countries, among the most committed and best performers. To make progress in Europe, other countries need to learn from these experience and apply the lessons across the whole Region. ○ The Board endorsed the Action Plan and requested the Secretariat and countries to keep the Board informed of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop Action Plan for Country level implementation [WHO EURO - Zaleskis] ○ Launch Stop TB Europe [EURO, IFRC - Zaleskis, Goguradze] 	2.05-13.0 2.05-13.1

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> requirements for action, high level missions etc. ○ The Board agreed countries in the Region should have Action Plans that address their different specific concerns. ○ The Board endorsed the call for greater solidarity between European countries in the field of TB control. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Organize Ministerial Forum [EURO - Zaleskis] ○ Implement EU strategy [EU Task Force - Borgdorff, LB] ○ Undertake High Level Board missions to Eastern European countries. [ME/Board] 	
International Standard of TB Care (16)			
ISTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board endorsed the International Standards of TB Care. ○ The Board would want to see wide endorsement by pharmaceutical companies, medical schools, regional professional meetings. ○ The Board encouraged the country level ACSM group to look at events for roll out of ITSC at national level during 2006. ○ The Board proposed that during country level monitoring missions, technical agencies verify how much the standards have been adopted at national level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finalize ISTC by end 2005 [Hopewell/MR] ○ ACSM involved in developing an Roll Out Plan [Carter - ACSM WG] ○ Monitor national implementation during missions [Technical partners] 	<p>2.05-16.0 2.05-16.1</p>
Patients' Charter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board endorsed the Patients' Charter, subject to amendments on the right to refusal of treatment and on free treatment. ○ The Board supported a roll out with the international standards of care. ○ In the longer term, the Board would work with the authors to ensure that rights are guaranteed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amend language regarding 'free' treatment and refusal of treatment [Cheshire & Charter group] ○ Circulate next version to the Board for final endorsement. [Cheshire & Charter group] ○ Roll out with ITSC [ACSM WG] 	<p>2.05-16.2 2.05-16.3</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Develop long term plan for ensuring rights are guaranteed [Cheshire, WHO] 	
Patient Empowerment (17)			
Community and Patient Empowerment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Board endorsed the strategy for patient empowerment. o The Board proposed that the budget should be identified from existing (Secretariat and WG) plans. o The Board decided that a second participant should be funded to participate in Coordinating Board meetings. o The Board decided that a focal point for community activities should continue to be based at the Secretariat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Support community empowerment/engagement [Secretariat] o Invite 2nd Community resource participant to Spring 2006 Board meeting [ME] o Confirm position in the Secretariat [ME] 	<p>2.05-17.0 2.05-17.1</p>
Global Drug Facility (14)			
Strategic Plan Diagnostic Kits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Board, in principle, endorsed the strategy but endorsed the deadline for comments to December 3rd 2005. o The Board requested the Secretariat consider a meeting to discuss the Strategic Plan in detail. o The Board decided that figures should be presented annually rather than cumulatively. o The Board agreed that securing sustainable funding for the Green Light Committee remains a critical issue. o The Board endorsed the proposals for Direct Procurement on diagnostics kits. o The Board encouraged GDF to go to full tender for diagnostic kits ASAP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Finalize strategic plan [RM] o Include diagnostic kits in GDF catalogue [RM] o Undertake full tender ASAP [RM] o Teleconference re. Green Light Committee funding [Koek] 	<p>2.05-14.0 2.05-14.1 2.05-14.2 2.05-14.3</p>
GFATM ROUND 5 & 6 (15)			
Round 5 Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Board congratulated all those involved in supporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Implement Strategy to 	<p>2.05-15.0</p>

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<p>Round 6</p>	<p>Round 5 applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Coordinating Board endorsed the strategy for Round 1-5 follow up and plans for Round 6. 	<p>support round 1-5 implementation [Blanc - DEWG]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identify resources to implement support to round 6. [Blanc - DEWG] ○ 	
<p>Closing & Next Coordinating Board Meetings 2006 (16)</p>			
	<p>Endorses the dates and location for the Spring 2006 meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (Abuja, Nigeria - April 2006) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board requests the Secretariat to investigate the possibility of holding the CB in Nigeria, combined with the Ministers of Health and Finance, Nigerian States and proposed meeting of African Heads of State. [ME & LB] 	