

## Executive Committee Call 28 June 2024

| Attended:                                                                                                                                                                | Apologies:                                                                           | Secretariat:                                                                                                                                         |
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| Austin Obiefuna (EC Chair)<br>Amy Bloom (for Cheri Vincent)<br>Subrat Mohanty<br>Carrie Lehmeier / Nasir Ebrahimkhail<br>David Lewinsohn<br>Peter Owiti / Carol Nyirenda | Deliana Garcia<br>Teresa Kasaeva<br>Obinna Onyekwena / John Fawcett<br>Cheri Vincent | Lucica Ditiu<br>Jenniffer Dietrich<br>Catie Rosado<br>Suvanand Sahu<br>Kerrie Tyas<br><br><b>Nigeria team:</b><br>Dr. Chukwuma Anyaie<br>Mayowa Joel |

### Minutes of the Call

#### 1. Governance

- The meeting started with Vice-Chair introducing the topic about the recommendation of the new Chair of the Stop TB Partnership Board. The Executive Committee members have one week time to review the draft email shared in advance with its recommendation to the Board to appoint the Secretary of Health of The Philippines as the new Chair. The best time to announce the incoming Chair of the Board is an ongoing discussion.
- The Head of Governance and Board Relations briefed the Executive Committee (EC) that the call for expression of interest to join the Executive Committee that was opened from 2 until 31 May, for four vacant seats, received five expressions of interest. Based on this, the Vice-Chair reviewed the nominations from five Board Members in June and has the following recommendation to the EC:
  - Two seats are for TB-affected voices
    - Oluwamayowa Joel, Stop TB Partnership Nigeria, from Developing Country NGOs constituency
    - Vama Jele (substantive member), Southern Africa Miners Association, and Aman Shukla, TWEET Foundation India, representing Key and Vulnerable Populations constituency
  - Two seats are open to all other Board Members
    - Obinna Onyekwena, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, from the Foundations seat
    - David Lewisohn, Center for Global Child Health Research, from the Innovations Constituency
- Action item:**
  - In the absence of comments or objections, the Secretariat will take the green light received from the Vice-Chair to send the email about the appointment of the new Chair to the Board for approval
  - The Secretariat to send to the Executive Committee the electronic decision on the new Executive Committee membership composition for final approval before it goes to the Board for endorsement

#### 2. 38<sup>th</sup> Stop TB Partnership Board meeting

- The Vice-Chair welcomed to the Executive Committee call and thanked two members from Nigeria of the Board Meeting Planning Committee and then passed the floor to the Secretariat too open this topic with an

update. The Secretariat had a meeting with the Nigerian delegation attending the World Health Assembly where more details on the Board meeting and related events were discussed. Following this meeting, the text for the invitation letters was approved. At the moment, the Minister of Health of Nigeria is in the process of signing each letter individually. In early July, Board Members will receive the letter first. The Secretariat is working on obtaining from the hotel the details on how participants can book their hotel rooms, as well as putting together the Practical Information Sheet to share with everyone well in advance.

5. As to the agenda of the 38<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, the Secretariat presented a detailed draft agenda. The Opening will be on the morning of Thursday, 12 December 2024. In the afternoon of 12 December, Board participants can join the National TB Conference which includes its closing session. Friday, 13 December, is a full Board meeting day, and Saturday, 14 December, is half a day, allowing most participants to take the evening flights back home. Pre-Board meeting activities are being discussed, and the Board briefing from Working Groups might happen during the lunch time of 13 December. Another side event, a Regional Ministerial Meeting, might be possible on 11 December in the afternoon, the date is tentative.
6. Colleagues from Nigeria updated on the invitation letters, possible site visits, and Executive Committee members were encouraged to explore which documents are required to obtain the visa for Nigeria. It is expected that getting the Nigerian visa may be more labor-intensive as compared to the Brazilian visa. Colleagues also gave an update on the National TB Conference scheduled in Abuja from 10-12 December to which all international participants are invited and should register as soon as the registration link is circulated.
7. **Action items:**
  - The Secretariat will provide a revised agenda incorporating the feedback from the Executive Committee

### 3. Updates

8. Vice-Chair gave the floor to the Executive Director for an update on Global Fund: disease split