

Opening Session

Decision Point 33-1

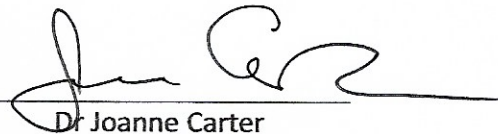
1. The Board adopts the proposed agenda for the 33rd Stop TB Partnership Board meeting.
2. The Board notes the progress and appreciates the Secretariat for addressing the decision points from the 32nd Stop TB Partnership Board meeting.
3. The Board welcomes the Executive Director Report and thanks the Executive Director and the Secretariat team for their excellent work done in 2020, especially for delivering during the special situations due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
4. The Board applauds the announcement of two years of funding to support three Stop TB Partnership Board Constituencies (Affected Communities, Developing Country NGO, Developed Country NGO). The funding will support proper governance practices, including accountability, meaningful engagement, coordination, contribution, alignment, communication, and participation of the TB affected communities and civil society in the Stop TB Partnership Board and other global TB-related fora, mechanisms and initiatives. The Board commends the two donors, Private Sector Constituency and USAID, for this outstanding commitment.
5. The Board applauds the announcement of Round 10 of the Challenge Facility for Civil Society with a tripling of the budget to USD 7.5 million in response to the increased demand for support from grassroots, community-based, and civil society organisations. This expanded level of funding is particularly critical now, when the Covid-19 pandemic has negatively affected grassroots partners in their efforts to address TB. The Board appreciates the financial support of USAID and the Global Fund and encourages additional donors to consider funding for this unique multi-donor funding mechanism.
6. The Board notes the 2019 Key Performance Indicators' final report and the intermediary progress in achieving the Key Performance Indicators for 2020, looking forward to its final report at the 34th Board meeting.
7. The Board congratulates the winners of the KOCHON prize:
 - a. Riaped, an association of nurses from the Democratic Republic of Congo; and
 - b. Sister Hiwot Menbere from Ethiopia

And the winners of The Stop TB Partnership Community Award:

- a. TB/COVID Working Group composed of: ACTION Global Health Advocacy Partnership, RESULTS Canada, KANCO, McGill International TB Center, Global TB Caucus, We Are TB, Stop TB Community Delegation, Stop TB Developing NGO Delegation, Global Coalition of TB Activists, TBpeople, TB PPM Learning Network and We Are TB;
- b. Americas TB Coalition; and
- c. Network of TB Champions Kenya.



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TB Targets and Commitments

Decision Point 33-2

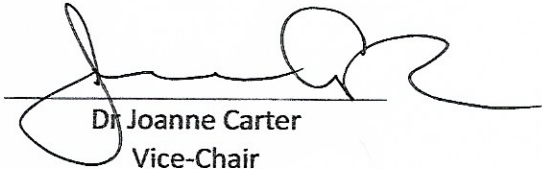
1. The Board recognizes the substantial progress made in 2018 and 2019, although insufficient for being on track, to reach the targets of the United Nations High-Level Meeting Political Declaration on TB (UNHLM) by 2022. The Board notes with concern the devastating impact of the Covid-19 pandemic in high TB burden countries which now threatens to reverse progress. The Board calls on the TB community to take urgent actions to ensure TB services are restored and sustained and that aggressive “catch-up” plans are developed and implemented in countries.
2. The Board notes with appreciation the work done by the Secretariat and partners in monitoring progress against the targets of the 2018 UN High-Level Meeting Political Declaration on TB. The Board congratulates the Secretariat and partners on the progress reports, including *Step up for TB 2020: TB Policies in 37 Countries, A Deadly Divide: TB Commitments vs. TB Realities, TB Research Funding Trends 2005-2019, and Governance of TB Programmes: assessment of practices in 22 countries*.
3. The Board thanks the World Health Organization (WHO) for its key role in supporting the UN Secretary General (UNSG) to prepare the 2020 progress report on TB that was requested in the UN High-Level Meeting Political Declaration on TB, including its coordination of inputs to the report from the Stop TB Partnership and partners, and for its continued global monitoring and reporting of progress towards targets in the annual WHO Global TB Report. The Board notes the recommendations made in the UN SG report and recommends to the Stop TB Secretariat that it continues to work closely with WHO and other partners to ensure monitoring of progress towards targets between now and the end of 2022.
4. The Board asks that the Secretariat, working with partners, develops an advocacy campaign in 2021 to call for and secure a 2023 United Nations high-level meeting on TB in order to ensure increased commitment of heads of states and governments to drive actions and resources to end TB by 2030.
5. The Board recommends that the Secretariat continues to engage with countries and partners to support continued monitoring of progress against the UN High-Level Meeting Political Declaration on TB and the Global Plan 2018-2022 targets including working with partners to ensure the annual monitoring and reporting of funding for

TB research; engages with countries and partners to promote availability of real-time and disaggregated data for this purpose, including on gender, age and other vulnerabilities and comorbidities; and advocates for continued attention to TB during the Covid-19 pandemic and implementation of ambitious plans to scale up to reach the UNHLM targets.

6. The Board welcomes initiation of development of the new Global Plan to End TB 2023-2030 and requests the Secretariat to present progress at the 34th Board meeting. The Board notes that the Global Plan 2023-2030 needs to be aligned with the Sustainable Development Goal targets, the End TB Strategy and the Global Fund Strategy 2023-2030, and encourages the Secretariat to follow an inclusive process and a timeline to ensure that it is published in the last half of 2022. As several global strategies are currently under development, we ask the Secretariat to engage in these processes to embed tuberculosis targets.



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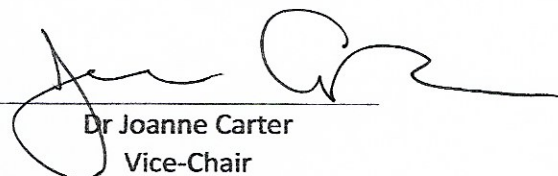
Financing the TB Response

Decision Point 33-3

1. The Board recognizes that the funding gap for TB in Global Fund eligible countries has increased due to the need for additional resources to mitigate the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and response on TB programmes.
2. The Board recommends that countries and donors prioritize funding for TB to safeguard and catalyze progress towards the UN High-Level Meeting Political Declaration on TB targets and ending TB by 2030, as well as to mitigate the risk of domestic economic pressures leading to decreases in critical domestic financing for TB. The financial resources being unlocked for the Covid-19 pandemic should be leveraged to address joint resource needs for TB and Covid-19, including integrated testing, tracing, airborne infection control, health and community systems strengthening, and R&D for new tools, including a vaccine and improved tools for detection and treatment.
3. The Board recommends that the Secretariat works with partners during 2021 to increase resource investments for TB. The Board commends the three Civil Society Constituencies for drawing attention to the importance of ensuring an evidence-driven and equitable approach to disease burden allocations through their launch of the TB33% Campaign. The Board requests the Secretariat to support partners in resource mobilization efforts to ensure the full spectrum of activities needed for a robust response to the TB epidemic, from research to implementation, including prevention.
4. The Board recommends that the Secretariat continues the work on financing for TB by supporting countries to develop better disaggregated and granular data to improve allocative efficiency as well as actively engaging with partners to support resource mobilization, including increasing traditional funding mechanisms, blended financing opportunities, and other innovative financing.



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Civil Society and Communities


Decision Point 33-4

1. The Board acknowledges the implementation of the USD 2.5 million Round 9 of the Challenge Facility for Civil Society with 31 grants at country, regional and global level. The Board urges the Secretariat and partners to scale-up support for: UN High-Level Meeting Political Declaration on TB accountability and community-led monitoring; identifying and mitigating legal, human rights, and gender-related barriers to TB services; reducing TB stigma; engaging key stakeholders including TB key populations; mobilizing TB affected communities, and demand creation, advocacy and sensitisation to reach the UN High-Level Meeting Political Declaration targets and commitments on TB.
2. The Board appreciates the unprecedented achievements of the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat, civil society and affected community organisations and partners in the work-stream of communities, rights and gender (CRG). Together, they completed 17 national TB CRG assessments, developed five national costed CRG Action Plans, implemented OneImpact community-led monitoring in 13 countries, developed seven TB CRG Investment Packages and strengthened national multi-sectoral Stop TB partnerships in 30 countries.
3. The Board recognizes the substantial strengthening of the Stop TB Partnership Affected Communities & NGO Delegations and commits to support the delegations and their concerted efforts. The Board acknowledges the delegations' leadership in developing a Community Perspectives' Report on UN High-Level Meeting Political Declaration on TB progress and priorities.
4. The Board welcomes the report from the Affected Community and Civil Society *A Deadly Divide: TB Commitments vs. TB Realities* and its recommendations as an essential accountability tool to measure progress against the commitments made in the UN High-Level Meeting Political Declaration on TB, particularly on issues related to the promotion and protection of human rights, gender equality and meaningful community engagement. The Board asks the Secretariat to work closely with partners to ensure that recommendations are implemented and monitored. The Board recommends the three civil society constituencies, assisted by the Secretariat,

to commence work on a subsequent Report for 2022 so that it can inform the Civil Society Hearing at the UNHLM on TB in 2023 and other UNHLM processes.



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Global Fund

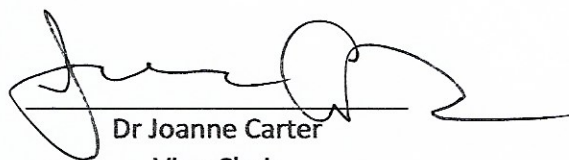
Decision Point 33-5

1. The Board recognizes the support provided by the Secretariat and partners to countries in the development of ambitious Global Fund funding requests and recommends that the Secretariat monitors the Unfunded Quality Demand from countries to ensure that these are discussed during the funding cycle and funded through reprogramming or portfolio optimization.
2. The Board acknowledges the Secretariat's work, along with partners, on the Strategic Initiative on TB in the current funding cycle (2017-2020) and appreciates the substantial reduction in missing people with TB achieved by countries in this initiative. Looking forward, the Board recommends that the Secretariat works with the Global Fund to ensure that the new Global Fund TB Strategic Initiative, as well as other relevant Global Fund Strategic Initiatives, are aligned and support priorities to end TB, and recognize the crucial role of the TB Situation Room as a platform for coordination with TB partners.
3. Recognizing the major diagnostic gap in TB and that access to modern TB diagnostics is limited in many countries, the Board recommends that the Secretariat works with the Global Fund to facilitate the rapid scale up of access to rapid molecular tests and other modern diagnostics and work to ensure rapid diagnosis and linkages to care by public and private providers.
4. The Board acknowledges the Secretariat's and TB Situation Room partners' work on Covid-19 Catch-up plans and strongly encourages countries to develop urgent plans to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 pandemic and response on TB. Despite the setbacks resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, ambitious TB targets set by countries should be pursued through these Catch-up plans. The Board recommends that the Secretariat works with the Global Fund and partners to ensure available and additional funding opportunities through the Global Fund for this purpose are tapped in order to fully fund the Catch-up plans.
5. The Board calls upon all Global Fund eligible countries to ensure that their domestic co-financing commitments for Global Fund TB grants are maintained and further increased. The Board requests the Secretariat to work with countries, the Global Fund and partners to identify countries which are at risk of not fulfilling their domestic commitments and to work with stakeholders to advocate for increased funding.

6. Learning from the Covid-19 pandemic, the Board recognizes the critical role real-time data can play in making TB responses in countries more agile and responsive, and recommends that the Secretariat works with the Global Fund and Partners to ensure investments in the rational use of data and evidence (including identifying the right data, performing proper analysis and building the capacity and infrastructure) and use it for program planning, monitoring and adjustments.
7. Recognizing the work done by the Secretariat on Community, Rights, Gender and Stigma, the Board recommends that:
 - a. This work be further consolidated during the next funding cycle by ensuring that community-led monitoring and costed TB CRG Action Plans become a norm in all Strategic Initiative countries.
 - b. The Secretariat works with the Global Fund to identify additional TB CRG indicators that could be included in the Global Fund performance framework.
 - c. The Secretariat work with the Global Fund to ensure increased support to communities affected by TB through the Challenge Facility for Civil Society.
8. On the Global Fund Strategy 2023 -2030 development, the Board recommends:
 - a. Considering the need to accelerate progress to achieve SDG3 on TB, the Global Fund should maintain its intense strategic focus on ending the three diseases as the core mandate of the Global Fund.
 - b. Recognizing the current disproportionately low funding for TB, the Strategy should emphasize ways to maximize funding from all sources to help achieve greater progress towards TB targets and commitments. The Stop TB Secretariat should convene consultations of stakeholders to suggest options and the way forward to increase funding for TB from Global Fund resources.
 - c. The Stop TB Secretariat, working with partners, should ensure that the TB community is united around a set of common objectives and goals through consultations and webinars to be organized by World TB Day 2021
9. The Board asks the Secretariat to begin, in parallel, consultations with stakeholders and internal preparations, so that it is fully prepared to present an updated, ambitious, new financial ask for funding TB in GF eligible countries as the Global Fund Secretariat prepares its Investment Case for the 7th Replenishment in 2021.



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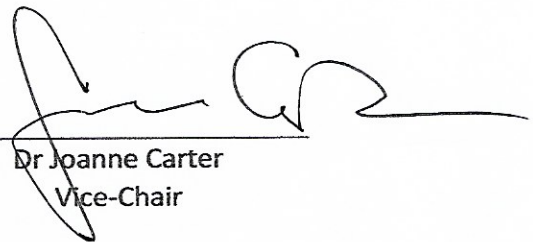
Independent Review – Report Back

Decision Point 33-6

1. The Board reiterates that any form of racism or workplace misconduct is unacceptable and inconsistent with the values of the Stop TB Partnership. The Board is committed to working to eliminate racism and harassment in any form in the Stop TB Partnership and in the global TB response.
2. The Board appreciates all the work that has been undertaken as part of the Independent Review. The Board is grateful to a range of civil society and community leaders and global partners who have publicly shared proposals and suggestions that have helped to inform the Proposed Action Plan, as well as the staff who have shared their experiences and feedback through participation in the Stop TB Partnership Staff Survey. The Board appreciates UNOPS work to conduct its own internal review.
3. The Board endorses the actions as laid out in the Proposed Action Plan as well as welcoming recommendations on additional actions through the open public comment period through 11 December 2020.
4. The Board reiterates its commitment to working transparently and expeditiously with UNOPS to ensure a work environment that is safe, equitable and free of harassment, stigma, and discrimination, including racism in any form. UNOPS and the Partnership continue to welcome any information through the available whistle-blower channels presented in the Proposed Action Plan, to help the Partnership live up to its values.



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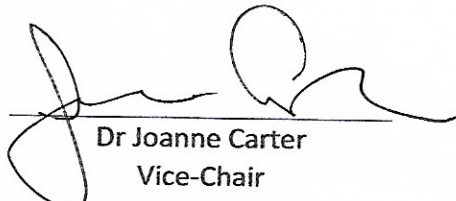
Stop TB Secretariat

Decision Point 33-7

1. The Board thanks and recognizes the work of the Finance Committee, the Secretariat, and the UNOPS Project Management Team, and directs the Finance Committee to continue to monitor expenditures, encumbrances and financial risks, and alert the Executive Committee of any concerns.
2. The Secretariat prepared the detailed budget for 2021. Based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board approves the detailed budget for the year 2021.
3. Based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board endorses the Stop TB Partnership 2019 Annual Financial Management Report.
4. The Board requests the Stop TB Partnership 2020 Annual Financial Management Report to be prepared by the Secretariat and submitted to the Board for approval during the 34th Board meeting.
5. The Board asks the Secretariat to prepare a detailed budget for 2022 in Q4 2021. The Board directs the Executive Committee to review and approve the detailed budget for 2022 by the end of 2021.
6. The Board requests the Secretariat to work under the guidance of the Finance and Executive Committees on financial matters to be considered when transitioning the Partnership to a new host.



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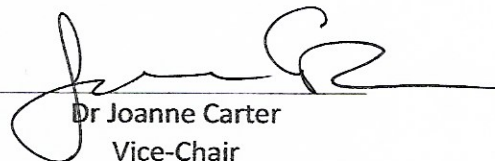
TB REACH

Decision Point 33-8

1. The Board thanks Global Affairs Canada for the foundational support that has been given to TB REACH, and appreciates the additional financial support from USAID, which has enabled the funding of Wave 8 grants in 2020 and the launch of a Wave 9 funding call in early 2021 for innovation related to drug-resistant TB care services. The Board notes these investments demonstrate that the TB REACH platform can adapt and support emerging priorities in the TB response and to address critical bottlenecks.
2. The Board recognizes the continued prominence and importance of the TB REACH platform which should be continued in order to successfully promote innovations in the TB response; impact the numbers of people with TB detected and successfully treated, especially among key populations; supporting essential capacity building in affected communities; informing global and local policy decisions; and providing evidence for other funders to scale-up efforts in TB.
3. Considering the USD 30 million per year funding gap for TB REACH beginning in 2021, the Board calls for a fully funded TB REACH 3.0 and encourages current, and new donors to join this effort.



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Stop TB Board Governance

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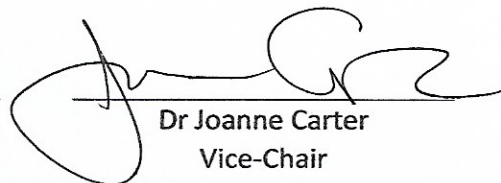
1. The Board agrees on the timeline to appoint the next Vice-Chair of the Board, and requests the Secretariat to launch the call for nominations with the aim of identifying the incoming Board Vice-Chair to take over the role after the 34th Board meeting in 2021. The Board requests the Secretariat to manage the process with the guidance of the Executive Committee and to establish an ad-hoc Board Vice-Chair Nomination Sub-committee to this effect.
2. The Board thanks and acknowledges the engagement and support of four outgoing Board members from the civil society constituencies:
 - a. Communities Affected by TB, Ms Thokozile Beatrex Nkhoma (Malawi) and Mr Timur Abdullaev (Uzbekistan)
 - b. Developing Country NGO, Mr Austin Obiefuna (Ghana)
 - c. Developed Country NGO, Mr Aaron Oxley (United Kingdom).

The Board recognizes these members for the expertise, passion, insight, and experience they have brought continuously to all Board deliberations, noting that the Board's achievements of the past years would not have been possible without them at the helm.

3. The Board thanks the Ministry of Health of Nigeria and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for their ample support at this 33rd Board meeting, and the African Roundtable held with key Ministers of Health from the Africa continent.
4. The Board asks the Secretariat to work closely with the Executive Committee to reach decisions by the end of Q1 2021 on preparations for the 34th Board meeting. The 34th Board meeting will be held before the end of Q3 2021, and the Board recognises and greatly appreciates the offer from the Government of Nigeria to host if a physical meeting can occur, depending on developments related to the Covid-19 pandemic.



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