

Opening Session

Decision Point 36-1

1. The Board adopts the proposed agenda for the 36th Stop TB Partnership Board meeting.
2. The Board applauds the leadership of Prime Minister of India, H. E. Shri Narendra Modi, and the commitments and announcements made during the One World TB Summit. The Board highlights the ground-breaking initiatives and plans unveiled by the Prime Minister and Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of Health and Family Welfare of India during the One World TB Summit.
3. The Board notes the opportunities represented by the hosting of the G20 presidency by several of the TB high-burden countries between 2022-2025: Indonesia, India, Brazil and South Africa. Therefore, the Board calls on G20 support for TB elimination in the statements following Indonesia's G20 presidency call for action on TB financing, the need to develop a vaccine, the experiences on use of digital technology, artificial intelligence, and links between TB and Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response.
4. The Board appreciates India for estimation of TB burden developed with in-country evidence and strong data which reports the TB incidence and mortality for India. The Board encourages all countries to develop similar in-country evidences and strong data on TB which will help in strengthening interventions for targeted actions.
5. The Board calls on leaders of other nations to join Prime Minister Modi in leading the efforts to end TB in their countries and at the global level.
6. The Board applauds the transformation since its last meeting to elevate voices of people from high-burden TB countries to arrive at a unique and ambitious composition of at least 50% of Board members coming from high TB burden countries. The Board takes the opportunity to welcome and endorse the following individuals joining today as new Board members:
 - a) Erlina Burhan (Private Sector Providers from high TB burden countries)
 - b) Rhea Lobo (Communities of People Affected by TB)

- c) Oluwamayowa Joel (Developing Country NGOs)
 - d) Salimatu Iyamide Torbieu (Donor – United Kingdom)
7. The Board notes the progress and appreciates the efforts of the Secretariat to address the decision points from the 35th Stop TB Partnership Board meeting.
 8. The Board acknowledges the Executive Director Report and is appreciative of the entire Secretariat for the commendable work delivered during the past ten months, and welcomes the report shared including on the Key Performance Indicators Results for 2022.
 9. The Board applauds the pre-Board event of TB Champions hosted by REACH with the support of USAID, and in coordination with the NTEP (National TB Elimination Program of India) and the Stop TB Partnership, an event that brought together 50 TB Champions from across India to strategize, develop and launch the Varanasi Statement on Ending TB. The Board encourages the creation and facilitation of similar spaces for TB-affected community and civil society to participate in country level advocacy, engagement, and governance dialogues.
 10. The Board applauds the development and launch of *The Accountability Report of TB-affected Communities & Civil Society: Priorities to Close the Deadly Divide* and highlights the unprecedented levels of engagement with more than one thousand TB affected community and civil society partners engaged and mobilized in the development of this report. The Board wishes to reinforce each of the calls to action from the report and encourages the dissemination and use of this report as part of preparations for the 2023 UN High Level Meeting (UNHLM) on TB.



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Yes! We Can End TB Together

Decision Point 36-2

1. The Board commends the hard work of the TB teams in India, Indonesia, Brazil, Nigeria and applauds their achievements and welcomes the bold vision for the 2023 UNHLM on TB.
2. The Board applauds the announcement by the Board member from France regarding their new engagement, collaboration, and financial contribution to the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat as a new donor, through L'Initiative, a facility implemented by Expertise France. The Board encourages the Secretariat to work closely with the Government of France, and its operator, and proceed with the implementation of Challenge Facility of the Civil Society (CFCS) grants together with USAID and other donors to strengthen the capacities of civil society organizations.
3. The Board notes the status of TB globally and applauds the remarkable efforts made at the country level in 2022 to recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic including detecting, diagnosing, and treating potentially the highest number ever of people with TB in one year, based on provisional monthly/quarterly notification data reported to WHO for 2022. A special mention to efforts of India, Indonesia, Nigeria and other high burden countries for highest ever TB notification surpassing even pre-COVID-19 levels.
4. The Board calls on all countries to follow the END TB Strategy and the Global Plan to End TB 2023-2030 and to develop ambitious national strategic plans, which aim to end TB by 2030, with packages of interventions to reach national targets and to encourage Heads of State and Heads of Governments to deliver ambitious commitments in New York at the 2023 UNHLM.
5. Recognizing the impact of the World Health Organization Director-General Flagship Initiative on ending TB in close collaboration with the Stop TB Partnership and the Global Fund, the Board applauds and supports the Flagship Initiative for 2023-2027, that features new targets and an intensified focus on universal access to quality TB prevention and care, on advancing research especially for new vaccines, strengthening multi-sectoral engagement and accountability to address the key

drivers of the epidemic and on building linkages with the agendas of universal health coverage, pandemic preparedness and anti-microbial resistance.

6. The Board welcomes the Secretariat's proposal to build a Coalition of Leaders to End TB, with the inaugural leadership of the Prime Minister of India, H. E. Shri Narendra Modi, with the aim of bringing Heads of State and Governments of other nations such as Brazil, Indonesia, Nigeria and South Africa, and looks forward to a successful launch in New York during the UN General Assembly (UNGA) week.



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A Shared Commitment to Ending TB: the Private Sector View

Decision Point 36-3

1. The Board welcomes the progress made by the Private Sector Constituency since the last Private Sector Constituency presentation at the Stop TB Board in January 2019, and the formalized structure and operations of the Constituency, including the engagement of a dedicated focal point entity to serve as its secretariat.
2. The Board notes the increase in active membership and would particularly like to highlight the diversity of companies in the Private Sector Constituency. The Board encourages the Constituency to further engage with and include new members, particularly from TB-affected countries, as well as other industries and sectors.
3. The Board acknowledges the need for continued multi-sectoral dialogue and collaboration between the public and private sectors to advance a shared commitment to ending TB. The Board encourages the Constituency to work with the Secretariat and the Executive Committee of the Board on joint opportunities to elevate TB on the global health agenda, particularly in the lead-up to the 2023 UNHLM on TB, to enhance impactful partnerships and to foster collaborations aligned with the mission of the Stop TB Partnership.



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Making the Impossible Possible for People Affected by TB

Decision Point 36-4

1. The Board applauds the innovations in TB presented by Indian researchers and innovators, as well as the energy and hope these innovations bring to the TB space.
2. The Board recommends the Secretariat, using its convening power and mandate, works with partners, developers, researchers, and startups especially from TB high-burden countries to:
 - i. support knowledge sharing and broader dissemination of the innovative tools and approaches to end TB
 - ii. facilitate communication, create exchange platforms and promote partners' interactions and data and evidence sharing under confidentiality agreement on innovations in the TB space
 - iii. support collaborations of public-private partnerships in TB innovations.



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UNHLM on TB 2023

Decision Point 36-5

1. The Board commends the leadership of the two Co-facilitators, H.E. Krzysztof Szczerski, Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations, and H.E. Bakhtiyor Ibragimov, Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan, and the work of the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat, the World Health Organization, the President of the UN General Assembly, the Affected Communities and Civil Society Hub hosted by GFAN, the UNHLM on TB Partners Group, and the many others that are working towards ensuring a successful 2023 UNHLM on TB.
2. The Board notes the unanimous adoption of the General Assembly resolution A/77/L.51 "Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis" (the Modalities Resolution), and congratulates H.E. Krzysztof Szczerski and H.E. Bakhtiyor Ibragimov, as well as all UN member states, for the work done to ensure a comprehensive and strong Modalities Resolution.
3. The Board requests the Secretariat to continue ensuring a strategic and coordinated approach through the end of September 2023 and to assess limitations and resources necessary to successfully prepare the 2023 UN General Assembly declaration.
4. The Board welcomes the ongoing work done by the World Health Organization, with support from Stop TB Partnership and other partners, to support the Secretary-General with the development of a progress report focusing on the comprehensive review of progress towards the achievement of global TB targets and implementation of the 2018 Political Declaration of the UNHLM on TB.
5. The Board notes the inputs from the UHC 2030 and Pandemic Action Network on the roles and vision of the UNHLMs on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response (Pandemic PPR) and asks the Secretariat, working with the World Health Organization and all partners to continue collaboration towards three very successful UNHLMs on health in September 2023.
6. The Board thanks the African Union for the offer of their institutional mechanism for advocacy and convening of African countries and requests the Secretariat to work with the African Union and other similar institutions such as the Association of

- Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to ensure that the TB affected countries in their membership are mobilised for active participation in the UNHLM on TB, including the participation of Heads of States/Governments.
7. The Board also encourages all Board members, partners and UN Member States to develop and announce ambitious new pledges and commitments in the lead up to or at the UN HLM on TB in September 2023
 8. The Board strongly encourages member states to ensure that all key TB constituents, as listed in the Modalities Resolution, have the opportunity to participate and have their voices heard at the Multi-stakeholder Hearing on TB taking place on 8-9 May in New York. The Board requests the President of the General Assembly, working with the Secretariat and the World Health Organization, to approve registrations as soon as possible to facilitate attendance.
 - i. The Board welcomes the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat's plan to conduct outreach to UN missions in New York, with participation of representatives of TB-affected communities, members of parliaments, and researchers, prior to the Multi-stakeholder Hearing in May 2023
 - ii. The Board also requests UN Member States to attend the Multi-stakeholder Hearing and ensure the discussions and priorities of civil society are considered in the development of the Zero Draft for the UNHLM Political Declaration.
 9. The Board supports the draft 'UNHLM Key Asks from TB Stakeholders and Communities' and notes the ongoing consultations to ensure the document is comprehensive and represents the priorities of the global TB community.
 - i. The Board requests UN Member States to consider this document in the development of the Zero Draft for the UNHLM on TB Political Declaration
 - iii. The Board requests that Board members and partners engage in the process of national, regional, and global consultations on the Key Asks.
 10. The Board urges all Board members and partners to work with their networks to ensure through all means possible that Heads of State and Heads of Government attend the UNHLM on TB and bring forward powerful plans and commitments. The Board strongly calls for inclusion of representatives of TB-affected communities and civil society in their national delegations to the 2023 UNHLM on TB.
 11. The Board asks the Secretariat to work with Board members and partners to coordinate efforts of partners for the side events organized during the UNGA in New

York. The Board requests that these side events be aligned and build on each other to ensure high-level visibility of the TB epidemic during the UNGA week.



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Financial Resources for TB Response

Decision Point 36-6

1. The Board commends the Secretariat and partners for the work done in support of the Global Fund's Seventh Replenishment and enabling countries to apply for the new funding cycle.
2. The Board recommends that the Secretariat and partners support high TB burden countries to define what it means to end TB in their respective countries in terms of the targeted level of TB incidence and deaths in 2030 and to develop ambitious and fully costed national strategic plans including a comprehensive set of interventions needed to reach the targets.
3. The Board acknowledges with appreciation the additional funding to countries to support TB efforts from the Global Fund's COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM). The Board thanks the Global Fund, the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat and partners for their work on prioritizing C19RM investments in TB diagnostics that can serve the dual purpose of detecting TB as well as COVID-19 and other airborne respiratory infections. Going forward, the Board strongly recommends that the Global Fund C19RM continues to support investments that could also benefit TB programs, especially around diagnostics, community engagement, and airborne infection prevention and control.
4. The Board recommends that the Secretariat continues documenting and further strengthening how TB responses contribute towards pandemic prevention, preparedness and response. Recognizing the opportunity of the Pandemic Fund call for proposals, the Board recommends the Secretariat to advocate for and support high TB burden countries to apply to the Pandemic Fund, including in their proposals interventions to strengthen elements of their TB programmes that can contribute to the longer-term objective of preparing for future airborne respiratory pandemics.
5. The Board appreciates the leadership of the Government of Indonesia and the work done by the World Bank and Global Fund on the newly announced \$300 million in additional financing for Indonesia's TB program. The Board recognizes that this is a valuable financing strategy which benefitted India and Indonesia and other eligible

- high burden countries should consider it. The Board appreciates the advocacy of the Secretariat in support of these innovative co-financing programs and requests the Secretariat to identify additional countries where such opportunities may exist. Considering the huge funding gaps in the national TB strategic plans of many high burden countries, the Board calls upon the leadership of the World Bank and Global Fund to prioritize such financing mechanisms for more countries and consider announcing a bold initiative on this during the 2023 UNHLM on TB.
6. The Board expresses significant concern that there will be no Strategic Initiative for TB in the next funding cycle of the Global Fund. In the past, the Strategic Initiative has enabled partners to provide support to countries for Global Fund grant implementation. The Board notes this critical gap and requests donors to support partners to mobilize resources to be able to support implementation of Global Fund grants in countries.
 7. The Board notes with appreciation the work done by Copenhagen Consensus Centre which has identified TB as one of the 12 best investments for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals promises. The Board recommends that the Secretariat builds advocacy around this globally for resource mobilization for the TB response.



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Board Strategy Review

Decision Point 36-7

1. The Board recognizes the work done to review the strategic vision, role, and governance of the Board (the Board Strategy Review) under the leadership of the Executive Committee. This work was undertaken to implement Action Point 10 of the *Action Plan in Response to Independent Review of Allegations of Racism and Misconduct at the Stop TB Partnership*.
2. The Board acknowledges the follow-on work to implement Decision Point 35-9 to advance the Board aspiration for diversity, equity, and inclusion —including the ambitious commitment to dedicate at least 50% of Board seats to TB-affected voices. The Board adopts the revised Board Governance Manual which reflects the implementation of the 35th Board Meeting decisions.
3. The Board finalizes the Board Strategy Review implementation adopted at its last meeting, based on the recommendations made by the Executive Committee, which enhances the strategic and financing role of the Board, strengthens the approach to diversity, equity, and inclusion within the Board composition and the Terms of Reference, and refines the role and composition of the Executive Committee.
4. The Board remains committed to fulfilling its aspiration on diversity, equity and inclusion as part of an ongoing commitment to reflect on learnings from these governance changes.



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Update on UNOPS S3i and on the Action Plan

Decision Point 36-8

1. The Board thanks UNOPS for the update regarding a series of management failures related to UNOPS's Sustainable Infrastructure Investment and Innovation Initiative (S3i), including two separate reviews conducted by the management consultancy firm KPMG which examined oversight mechanisms for S3i investments and UNOPS internal control systems. The Board recognizes that UNOPS developed a comprehensive response plan in consultation with its Executive Board and welcomes the public dashboard to track its implementation.
2. The Board supports the strengthened oversight changes and notes that Stop TB Partnership funds and operations continue to be ring-fenced for the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat and managed separately from other UNOPS engagements.
3. The Board thanks UNOPS and the Executive Committee for their work towards furthering a transparent and accountable work environment in the Stop TB Secretariat, including addressing reports of misconduct and the need of timely notification to the Board. The Board also notes with appreciation the use of the strengthened performance review of the Executive Director and the continued implementation of the *Action Plan in Response to Independent Review of Allegations of Racism and Misconduct at the Stop TB Partnership* (the Action Plan).
4. The Board supports the continued prioritization of diversity, equity and inclusion by the Board, and requests the Secretariat to allocate sufficient financial resources for the proper implementation of the Action Plan which will prevent workplace misconduct and ensure consistency in applying the values and principles of the Stop TB Partnership.



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Report from the Finance Committee

Decision Point 36-9

1. The Board recognizes the work of and expresses thanks to the Finance Committee and the Secretariat and directs the Finance Committee to continue to monitor expenditures, encumbrances, and financial risks, and alert the Executive Committee of any concerns.
2. Based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board endorses the Stop TB Partnership 2021 Annual Financial Management Report.
3. The Board asks the Secretariat to prepare a detailed budget for 2024 and submit it for review to the Executive Committee by early December 2023. The Board directs the Executive Committee to review and approve the detailed budget for 2024 by the end of 2023.



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Next Board Meeting and Closing

Decision Point 36-10

1. The Board welcomes the Brazilian Deputy Minister's invitation to host the next Board meeting in Brazil on 6-7 February 2024. Following the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Board asks the Secretariat to continue the dialogue with the Government of Brazil to define and finalize arrangements for the 37th Board meeting in Brazil.
2. The Board recognizes the efforts of the Government of India to make this one of the most successful Board meetings, and thanks Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar, Minister of State from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of India, for her kind closing remarks. TB Harega, Duniya Jeetega!



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