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Decisions of the RBM Partnership 18th Board meeting

I. Session 1

I.I. Adoption of 18th Board meeting agenda

One agenda item was proposed and adopted for inclusion under Any Other Business, as follows: an amendment to the Partnership By-Laws should stipulate that Board pre-reads, including decision points and the Board meeting agenda, be made available to Board Members at least 10 days ahead of the Board meeting, with no subsequent changes to be allowed. This would ensure that delegations have time to prepare constituency responses for presentation to the Board.

- The agenda was adopted with this revision.

I.II. 17th Board meeting minutes

- Minutes of the 17th RBM Partnership Board meeting were adopted without any changes.

I.III. Action taken report

- The Actions Taken report should be filed with the minutes.

I.III. Executive Director's report

- The Executive Director's report should be filed with the minutes.

II. Session 2

II.I. Executive Committee report

- 1) The Executive Committee report should be filed with the minutes.
- 2) Each constituency was asked to re-designate their EC Member.

II.II. Financial Statement

- 1) The Board took note of the annual Financial Statement for the RBM Partnership – 2009, as certified by the WHO Chief Accountant (Annex 1). The Chief Accountant to be asked to provide further, detailed information on the matter to for the June 2010 FC meeting.
- 2) The Board took note of the statements of income, expenditure, funds available/cash flow and budget adjustment for the year to date at 31 March 2010 (Tables 1Y – 5Y).
- 3) The Board requested the Secretariat, with the guidance of the Finance Committee, to support Working Group Co-Chairs to ensure that WG's fulfill their financial reporting tasks for direct contributions and expenditures outside the RBM/WHO account.

II.III. Finance Committee report

- 1) The Board requests the Finance Committee to develop a draft Comprehensive Budget Policy for review by the Executive Committee and electronic vote by the full Board in order to guide the budget revision for 2011 and for use for further biennium budget developments.
- 2) The Board requests the Secretariat to complete the remaining action items so that the Finance Committee can present progress to the Executive Committee along with its Q2 report for 2010 and report back to the 19th Board meeting.
- 3) The Board approves an update to Section 4.4 of the RBM Operating Framework to include the Finance Committee as a Standing Committee to the Board.
- 4) The Board requests the FC to discuss with the RBM Secretariat and WHO how to access financial data and improve its accuracy
- 5) The Board endorsed the RBM Executive Director's decision to seek an internal RBM-specific audit in 2010.

II.IV. 2010 Committee

- The 2010 Committee report should be filed with the minutes.

III. Session 3

III.I. Task Force 2 report

- 1) The Board noted the report of the Task Force on the progress towards the implementation of the recommendations to the 17th Board.
- 2) The Board noted the report of the Task Force on the development of a 2010 – 2015 GMAP implementation plan.
- 3) The Board noted the recommendations for setting the planning assumptions for the 2011 – 2012 PWP with a one month deadline.
- 4) The Board approved the Partnership KPI recommended by the Task Force in this report.
- 5) The Board approved the reporting templates for performance and financial reporting.
- 6) The Board noted the process of monthly financial reporting for SRNs and Working Groups, as recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board in May 2009.
- 7) The Board approved quarterly performance reporting for the Working Groups, with review of this process by the expanded Finance Committee in six months. The Committee will report to the 19th Board.
- 8) The Board approved monthly performance reporting for SRNs, with review of this process by the expanded Finance Committee in six months. The Committee will report to the 19th Board.
- 9) The Board approved the draft TOR for the Partnership Mechanisms as recommended by the Task Force in this report.
- 10) The Board noted the Task Force's report on the progress to ensure that SRN and Focal Points function in alignment with the 17th Board decisions.
- 11) The Board approved the Accountability Structure and process for the SRN Focal Points as recommended by the Task Force in this report.
- 12) The Board decided on Option 1 'Expand the existing mandate of the FC to include performance monitoring and maintenance' as its preferred mechanism for maintaining the Accountability Framework, KPI, TOR of the Mechanisms, etc.
- 13) The Board approved the revision of the existing MERG TOR to reflect that WHO will hold one of the two Co-chair positions.
- 14) The Board requested the Secretariat to update the Operating Framework with respect to Working Groups and Sub-Regional Networks.
- 15) The Board renamed the Finance Committee as the Finance and Performance Committee (FPC).
- 16) The Board terminated the mandate of Task Force 2.

III.II. Task Force 1 report

- 1) The Board requested that any budget implications related to strategy implementation be provided as part of the strategy document and that Partners provide direct funding to develop the strategy.
- 2) The Board recommended a single Working Group to be called the Resource Mobilization Working Group (RMWG) with work streams, one of which would be the Economic Analysis Work Stream (EAW), and approved an interim period of EAW operating on its current projects until fully integrated into the new RMWG before the 19th Board meeting.
- 3) The Board approved the proposed TOR for the RMWG (Annex 2 of the Task Force 1 pre-read).
- 4) The Board requested the Executive Director, the RBM Board Chair and the FC Chair to propose membership.
- 5) The Board terminated the role of Task Force 1.

III.III. Task Force 3 report

- 1) The Board adopted the report of Task Force 3.
- 2) In view of the changed mandate of Task Force 3, the Board agreed to reconstitute the group with new Members and a new Chair, and that existing Members may continue in the reconstituted group.
- 3) The Board mandated Task Force 3 to provide oversight over the TOR for the KM consultant, the selection of the consultant, and the development of a relevant RBM Partnership KM strategy.
- 4) The Board mandated WHO and the Board Vice-Chair to form a search group to identify a new Chair for Task Force 3
- 5) In view of potential overlap of accountability issues and KM strategy, the Board recommended that the reconstituted membership include representatives from Task Force 2.
- 6) The Board noted that the report of Task Force 3 had no additional budget implications.

IV. Session 4

IV.I. Partnership Work Plan

- 1) The Board recommended resource mobilization efforts based on unfunded work plans.
- 2) The Board adopted the proposed policy/process for the Partnership Work Plan amendments mid-cycle.

V. Session 5

V.I. Health Systems Strengthening (Zambia)

- The Board receives the presentation made by Zambia on the impact of malaria funding on health system functioning more broadly.

V.II. Innovative Technologies (Tanzania)

- The Board receives the presentation made by Tanzania on the outcomes of the SMS for Life pilot project focussing on the prevention of stock-outs at primary care facility.

V.III. Containing the spread of drug resistance (WHO/GMP)

- The Board commends African Health Ministers to their renewed commitment regarding the effective banning of oral, artemisinin containing monotherapies (see BOM.18/2010/SUB.3)

VI. Session 6

VI.I. Resolution on Prequalification and local manufacturing in Africa

- The Board adopted the resolution on ACT manufacturing in malaria endemic countries as submitted by Kenya, and with modifications agreed during Board deliberations.

VI.II. Resolution on Health Systems Strengthening

- 1) The Board requested that the resolution go beyond the disease control partnerships (UNIADS, StopTB, GAVI, diarrhoea, pneumonia etc) and include dialogue with the Global Health Workforce Alliance and others.
- 2) The Board requested the Secretariat to convene a drafting group, including the Private Sector and others, to finalize the resolution and forward it to the Board for an electronic vote within one week's time.

VI.III. Proposed amendment of RBM Partnership By Laws

- The Board adopted the full amendment proposed for inclusion into the RBM Partnership By-Laws; namely:

Deadline for documents to be submitted to Board

“Any documents that are not submitted to the full Board 10 days before the Board meeting cannot be included in the Board meeting. If an agenda item does not have the planned pre-read submitted before this time, it should be taken off the draft agenda. Revisions cannot be made to Board documents that have already been submitted to the Board. Exceptions to this can only be made with the approval of the EC. Ad hoc motions have to be submitted before the opening session of the final day of the Board meeting and would then be discussed at the end of the final session of the Board ahead of AOB.”

Crafting of Board decision points

“It was requested that at future Board meetings, decision points be well-crafted so that Board Members know exactly what they are voting on. The Executive Director noted that, at present, decision points are crafted by the author and are not ‘corrected’ by the Secretariat. The EC Chair requested that the Secretariat pull together all decision points for the EC to review prior to sending out the pre-reads.”

Translation of Board documents

“It was noted that French speaking Board Members continue to receive most Board documents in English, with a few French translations arriving late in the day. Similarly, the ad hoc resolutions are not translated. It was requested that where a document/resolution included a decision point, it must be translated. The Board agreed to include this in the Partnership By-Laws.

The Executive Director supported this request and noted that with the new rule that all documents must be delivered to the Secretariat latest 10 days before the Board meeting, it should be possible to have translations ready for circulation five days before the meeting. She thanked France for providing funds to carry out translations, and would look into ways of getting rapid translation of new Board materials during future Board meetings; perhaps having a translator on standby would make this possible. Such a move would have cost implications but would increase the ability of French speaking Board Members to participate fully.”

VI.IV. RBM Board Vice-Chair election

- The Board re-elected Matthew Lynch as Vice-Chair of the RBM Partnership Board for the period of two years.

VI.V. 19th RBM Board meeting venue and dates

- The Board decided that the 19th RBM Board meeting would be held from 6 – 8 December 2010 in Lusaka, Zambia.