

## **6<sup>th</sup> RBM Partnership Board Meeting Teleconference 17 July 2017**

### **ATTENDANCE LIST**

See Annex 1

### **I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**The Chair** welcomed the participants to the 6<sup>th</sup> RBM Partnership board meeting teleconference.

She noted that apologies had been received from Messrs As Sy and Bland. She also noted with regret that some members experienced technical difficulties dialling into the teleconference.

#### **1. Declarations of interest**

**The Chair** mentioned that the wording of the Declaration of Interest forms had been changed in accordance with the UNOPS guidance and requested that, for whoever necessary, these would be completed and sent to the RBM Secretariat for records.

#### **2. Summary of board decisions and voting since last meeting**

**The Chair** stated that the notes of the last meeting had been approved and that the board had made one decision since the previous meeting:

- the approval of Michal Fishman as replacement Co-Chair of the Strategic Communications Partner Committee (SCPC).

#### **3. Adoption of the agenda (RBM/PBM06/2017/DP01)**

The agenda of the 6<sup>th</sup> RBM Partnership board meeting teleconference was formally adopted.

#### **RBM/PMB06/2017/DP01 – agenda**

**The RBM Partnership board approved the agenda of the 6<sup>th</sup> RBM Partnership board meeting teleconference**

### **II. PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

**The Chair** gave the floor to the CEO to present the RBM Secretariat update.

#### **1. RBM Secretariat update (RBM/PBM06/2017/RP01)**

**The CEO** provided an update on the activities undertaken by the Secretariat since the last board meeting. He reported great progress in developing and consulting on the RBM strategic plan along with the outreach and positioning of RBM in various fora particularly at the WHA side event. In the partnership update the CEO reported that 3 experts (former RBM SRN staff) were still on the payroll funded by the RBM core resources. He added that the contracts of these experts were managed by UNICEF and would come to an end in October 2017.

Since the contribution of these staff was highly valued by the Country and Regional Support Partner Committee (CRSPC), he recommended to retain these staff for the foreseeable future. The CEO hence requested the board to provide guidance on this matter.

He stated that a comprehensive RBM Partnership governance manual would be presented to the board in November 2017.

**The Chair** encouraged board members to address the RBM Secretariat with suggestions and recommendations on any of the topics mentioned in the update document.

2. Recruitment and IST handover update (RBM/PBM06/2017/RP01)

**The CEO** reported that the full RBM management team would be in place by early September 2017. He stated that the IST team had indicated flexibility in providing support in early August to ensure the continuity in the efficient running of the RBM Partnership Secretariat.

He added that the IST handover had been completed at the end of June 2017 except for some board and finance support which had continued in July 2017. He expressed his sincere thanks to the IST team for the invaluable support they have provided.

He stated that it was prudent to delay the finalisation of the board rotation policy until the drafting of the full Governance Manual was completed by the incoming COO. He proposed that any decisions to be made before the next board meeting on areas such as the term of office of the Partner Committee Co-Chairs be communicated electronically to the board.

3. RBM finance report of June 2017 (RBM/PBM06/2017/RP01)

**The Chair** recalled that the report shared with the board members provided an overview of the RBM financial statements for the period 1 January to 30 May 2017 and that the Finance Committee had reviewed the financial information and the accompanying narrative at their recent meeting. She asked the board to note the finance report and the accompanying narrative that had been shared.

**The RBM Partnership board members** thanked Mr Nishimoto for the concise finance report and commended him for the great work carried out

4. Strategic initiatives reserve policy (RBM/PBM06/2017/RP01)

**The Chair** recalled that in April 2017, the board agreed the establishment of two reserves: a sustainability reserve and a strategic initiatives reserve. She stated that the board tasked the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee with the development of a policy to regulate the movement of funds into and out of the reserve. The Finance Audit and Risk Committee considered a draft policy at their meeting of 5 July 2017. Having incorporated a small number of changes the final version of the policy was recommended by the Finance Audit and Risk Committee for adoption by the board.

**RBM/PMB06/2017/RP01 – Partnership update**

**The RBM Partnership board approved the strategic initiatives reserves policy.**

**The RBM Partnership board delegated the CEO to proceed with his proposal regarding the regional staff.**

### III. GOVERNANCE AND COMMITTEES

**The Chair** gave the floor to the CEO to present the Partner Committee updates.

1. Partner Committee updates (RBM/PM06/2017/RP02)

**The CEO** informed the board that this section of the pre-read provided details of the current work of the Partner Committees, including key activities and achievements to date, plans going forward and details of expenditure against budget. The CEO asked the board if they

had any questions for the Co-Chairs on the call regarding any element of this update. No questions were raised and the board thanked the Partner Committees for their excellent work to date.

**The RBM Partnership board** took note of the updates provided.

**The Chair** gave the floor to Ms Goldman Van Nostrand to provide a summary of the branding recommendations.

2. RMB branding assessment and recommendations (RBM/PM06/2017/RP02 and Annexes)

**Ms Goldman Van Nostrand** noted that Geometry Global had been engaged to conduct an audit of the RBM Partnership branding with various relevant stakeholders. She reported that it had been concluded to preserve legacy and provide more forward-looking additions. She added that it was foreseen that the new brand would be unveiled at the United Nations General Assembly in New York in the last 2 weeks of September 2017.

**The RBM board** expressed its satisfaction with the branding report findings and highlighted that the evolution of the brand, amongst other issues, was necessary to also signal the reinvigorated Partnership, including the change of the host agency from WHO to UNOPS.

**RBM/PMB06/2017/DP03 – RBM branding**

**The RBM Partnership board unanimously approved the recommendations of the Strategic Partner Committee (SCPC) for the next phase of the RBM branding review and requested the RBM Secretariat to support the SCPC in taking this forward whilst ensuring that the RBM Partnership board is updated of the progress.**

3. Endorsement of the RBM Partnership Partner Committee Coordination Group (PCCG) Terms of Reference (RBM/PM06/2017/RP02)

**The CEO** recalled that the RBM Secretariat had been tasked with the drafting of the PCCG Terms of Reference to govern the forum consisting of the CEO, his team and Partner Committee Co-Chairs to provide an opportunity for interaction, direction and coordination.

**RBM/PMB06/2017/DP04 – RBM Partnership Partner Committee Coordination Group (PCCG)**

**The RBM Partnership board approved the Terms of Reference of the RBM Partnership Partner Committee Coordination Group (PCCG) and requested the CEO to work with the Partner Committee Co-Chairs to put this forum into practice.**

#### **IV. DRAFT RBM PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY PLAN**

**The Chair** recalled that during the last meeting the RBM Partnership board had approved the strategic approach presented and had requested the CEO to engage partners and report back to the board with the revised draft and consultation report. She gave the floor to the CEO to present the report to the board.

1. Board discussion of the latest version (RBM/PMB06/2017/RP03)

**The CEO** reported that extensive consultations had been undertaken on the RBM Partnership strategy and that the main conclusions were as follows:

- greater focus should be placed on capacity building in entomology, surveillance and support in mobilising domestic finance
- need to specify the approach that the new RBM Partnership will undertake to engage directly with countries and regions

- regional initiatives were welcomed including the involvement of various sectors such as tourism, transport, etc. Criteria for engaging in a regional initiative should be well laid out in advance and be based on a strong situational analysis
- particular attention should be paid to high / low burden interface areas
- RBM Partnership activities should remain focused and targeted to maintain momentum and communicate to partners the benefits of engaging with RBM
- RBM Partnership should ensure a high level of transparency and inclusiveness in the Partnership's activities.
- RBM Partnership should continue to engage actively with members with a push of information and a "pull" mechanism bringing members together around specific topics
- in addition to Africa, RBM Partnership should strengthen the outreach to partners from other regions
- whenever possible, face to face meetings between the CEO and partners should be considered

The board members suggested the following additions to the overall strategy draft:

- map out an engagement framework for each of the key groups within the endemic country's government in leadership, finance, and those in charge of malaria programmes and provide clarity on the anticipated frequency of such interactions
- diagram on page 16 of document RBM/PMB06/2017/RP03 should be further elaborated to include details of the types of the RBM partners
- ensure appropriate balance in the messaging during consideration of sectors such as tourism
- ensure RBM Partnership's presence and leadership/partnership role is maintained in all major malaria events
- RBM Partnership to provide leadership in creating enabling environments for realising malaria elimination goals
- provide a clear vision of how RBM Partnership adds value and complements the role that others are already playing in malaria elimination geographic areas outside of Africa
- recognise the important role of the WHO in providing technical malaria leadership to support countries and other partners
- the Partnership recognises the importance of transparency and accountability in its actions and activities. The strategic plan needs to include performance measures which will be used to assess progress of the Partnership.

**The Chair** requested that the RBM board provide further input on the latest strategy plan in writing to improve the strategy draft. The RBM Board was encouraged to focus on the separate paper shared and consider the specific discussion points.

## V. DOMESTIC FINANCING

1. Overview of concept note and outline of the initial wave of work / engagement and the proposed target countries (RBM/PBM06/2017/RP03)

**The Vice Chair** encouraged board members to send their questions / comments in writing to the CEO regarding the draft document on domestic financing.

## VI. CLOSING REMARKS

On behalf of the RBM board and Secretariat, **the Chair** reiterated her heartfelt thanks to the IST team for their excellent support provided to date.

### 1. Confirmation of decision points

**The Chair** summarised the key points and decisions from the meeting.

### 2. Future board meeting dates

**The Chair** stated that Ms Boaron would contact the board members with date options to finalise the 2018 board meeting calendar as soon as possible.

### 3. AOB

**The Chair** closed the meeting and thanked the board for the fruitful discussions and important decisions made.

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BOARD MEMBERS:

MPANJU-SHUMBUSHO, Winnie (Chair)

DALY, Kieran (Vice Chair)

ALONSO, Pedro

LAL, Altaf

NCHABI KAMWI, Richard

NISHIMOTO, Ray

REDDY, David

TAYSIR BARAKAT, Maha

YUTHANVONG, Yongyuth

BIRHANE, Kesetebirhan (CEO)

KARIM, Moin (UNOPS)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT WITH APOLOGY:

AS SY, Elhadj

BLAND, Simon

COLL SECK, Awa

ROSES PERIAGO, Mirta

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

GOMES, Paulo

BOARD MEMBER ADVISERS:

GOLDMAN VAN NOSTRAND, Lisa

HORDILA, Roxana (UNOPS)

MATHIEU GOTCH, Clara (UNOPS)

SAARISTO, Panu

SMITH, Cecilia (UNOPS)

WALLACE, Julie

INVITEES:

COURT, Alan (UNSEO, Advocacy & Resource Mobilisation Partner Committee Co-Chair)  
DJIBO, Yacine (Speak Up Africa, Strategic Communications Partner Committee Co-Chair)  
FISHMAN, Michal (Malaria No More, Strategic Communications Partner Committee Co-Chair)  
OLUMESE, Peter (WHO, Country and Regional Support Partner Committee Co-Chair)  
RENSHAW, Melanie (ALMA, Country and Regional Support Partner Committee Co-Chair)  
ROLFE, Ben (APLMA, Advocacy & Resource Mobilisation Partner Committee Co-Chair)

RBM SECRETARIAT:

BOARON, Lilya (Assistant to the CEO and Board Chair)  
MEDANI, Amal (Strategic Policy Adviser)  
TALL, Yacine (Intern)

INTERIM SUPPORT TEAM:

GRUNSELL, Jonah (IST lead)  
MEYER, Annemarie (IST convenor)  
MILLER, Paul (IST operations)

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