

**MINUTES OF THE 9th ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
COUNTRY COORDINATING MECHANISM – CCM**

Date: 26/03/2009

Venue: Hotel Windsor Guanabara

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cristina Boaretto	Coordinator of the Global Fund Project
Draurio Barreira	Coordinator of the National Tuberculosis Control Programme
Germano Gerhardt	President of the Ataulpho de Paiva Foundation
Eduardo Barbosa	National STD and HIV/AIDS Programme
José Ladislau	Coordinator of the National Malaria Control Programme
Rodolfo Rodriguez	Pan American Health Organization
Mônica Kramer	Brazilian Tuberculosis Research Network
João Marcos Romain	Representative of the Brazilian Partnership against Tuberculosis
Celina Cadena	Representative of those Affected by Malaria
Janice Pizão	Representative of those Affected by AIDS
Hélio Bacha	Brazilian Society of Infectious Diseases
José Julio Rodrigues	Manaus Metropolitan Committee
Margareth Portela	Oswaldo Cruz Foundation
Maria Paula Mourão	Amazonas Tropical Medicine Foundation
Patrícia Paine	USAID
Patrícia Werlang	Metropolitan Committee – South
Rita Smith	Representative of those Affected by Tuberculosis
Vera Galesi	Metropolitan Committee of São Paulo and Belo Horizonte
Telma Martins	North-East Metropolitan Committee
Manfred Gobel	German Association for the Care of People Living with Hansen's Disease and Tuberculosis (DAHW)
Nadja Faraone	São Paulo TB Social Watch Network
Jair Brandão	National Articulation of the Fight against AIDS

INVITED PARTICIPANTS:

Liandro Lindner	National Tuberculosis Control Programme
Rosália Maia	Global Fund Project/ Ataulpho de Paiva Foundation
Francisco Thompson	Ataulpho de Paiva Foundation
Silvia Greche	Ataulpho de Paiva Foundation
Stefano Codenotti	National Tuberculosis Control Programme
Verônica Machado	Global Fund Project/Fiotec

AGENDA:

1. Announcements
2. Discussion on the Round 9 proposals
3. AIDS, Tuberculosis, Redtrasex, Monitoring and Evaluation Network/Fiotec, COPRECOS, Alexandra Sanchez.

1 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

2 **Draurio Barreira – CCM Executive Secretary** opened the meeting greeting those
3 present, thanking everyone for coming and asking the participants to introduce
4 themselves. In particular he greeted Janice Pezão who with effect from this meeting will
5 be representing the movement of people affected by HIV/AIDS. After everyone had
6 presented themselves they were informed that in the event of it being necessary to vote,
7 the full members would have the right to vote, or the substitutes of absent members. The
8 participants read the minutes of the previous meeting which were the approved. Moving
9 on to the announcements, **Draurio Barreira** informed the meeting that the III STOP
10 TB Partners Forum had ended the day before, having brought together two thousand
11 participants, including 18 ministers and the former president of Portugal. He said that
12 the Brazilian efforts and commitment had been recognized and that the results had been
13 positive for the Ministry of Health and for the country in general. He also informed the
14 meeting about the new therapeutic regime for the treatment of tuberculosis (4 in 1), and
15 that negotiations regarding its importation from an Indian laboratory were already
16 underway, as well as the incorporation of technology for the national production of TB
17 medication. He highlighted that the BRIC bloc countries, Brazil, India and China, had
18 played an important role in the event, as protagonists in the fight against tuberculosis.
19 With regard to the global report, Brazil has dropped from 16th to 18th place in the
20 ranking of countries with the highest levels of TB. **Draurio Barreira** also informed the
21 meeting about the reply to the “Letter of Fortaleza” following the pronouncement made
22 by CCM member Jair Brandão in the previous meeting. With regard to the Malaria
23 project, approved in Round 8, a favourable appraisal report on the indicated recipients
24 had been received, namely, the University of São Paulo Faculty of Medicine Foundation
25 and the Amazonas Tropical Medicine Foundation. **Draurio Barreira** requested
26 information regarding specific resources for the CCM, as discussed previously.
27 **Germano Gerhardt – President of the Ataufo de Paiva Foundation (FAP) –**
28 replied that negotiations are underway. It was requested that a document be written
29 endorsing the request for the resources, to be sent to the Global Fund in Geneva. **José**
30 **Ladislau de Brito**, of the Ministry of Health’s Malaria Programme, informed the
31 meeting that the letter relating to the Malaria project approved in Round 8 in Geneva
32 had been received, and that a review had been made by auditors who had made some
33 recommendations. **Jair Brandão**, civil society representative, requested that all the
34 members have access to these recommendations. **Rodolfo Rodrigues – PAHO**
35 **representative**, requested that this meeting evaluate the recommendations made in
36 relation to the approved Malaria project and the indicated recipients. It was agreed that
37 these evaluations will be sent to the CCM members for posterior pronouncements.
38 **Patrícia Werlang, of the Porto Alegre Committee**, informed the meeting that the day
39 before a meeting had been held between civil society members of the CCM and that the
40 new members had been presented and accepted, namely: AIDS Movement: Jair Brandão
41 (full member) and Antonio Ernandes Marques da Costa (substitute), Malaria
42 Movement: Celina Bare (the name of her substitute was not indicated), Tuberculosis
43 Movement: Nadja Faraone and Marcos Sampaio who will serve one year each as
44 members. Representatives of affected people: HIV/AIDS Jenice Pizão (full member)
45 and Elifrank Moris (substitute). **Jenice Pizão** stated that she had been indicated by the
46 National Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, the Network of Young People
47 Living with HIV/AIDS and the organization called Positive Women Citizens. The
48 incorporation of the AIDS and Malaria movement representatives will take place
49 regardless of the projects being approved. **Cristina Boaretto (Foundation for**
50 **Technical Health Development – FIOTEC)** requested that the new composition and

51 the names of the new members be recorded in the minutes to be part of the CCM
52 official documents. Following this, the Tuberculosis movement representative, Nadja
53 Faraone, was indicated to be the CCM's vice-president representing civil society, and
54 this was approved by the members. **Nadja Faraone** stated that she was pleased to
55 accept and congratulated the work done by Carlos Basilia, who had been vice-president
56 until this moment. Carlos was also thanked by Draurio Barreira, Eduardo Barbosa
57 (National STD and AIDS Programme - NAP) among other members. **Carlos Basilia**
58 thanked the members and said he was available to collaborate with other activities
59 relating to the AIDS and tuberculosis social movement. Following this **Draurio**
60 **Barreira** emphasized the need to discuss and make clearer the attributions of the
61 metropolitan committees, preparing them for a new format following the approval of the
62 malaria project and the probable AIDS and tuberculosis projects. **Vera Galesi** seconded
63 the need to discuss this issue. **Eduardo Barbosa** stated that the central discussion is
64 about how the committees function, their attributions and the role of the CCM and its
65 relationship with the committees. **Patrícia Werlang** highlighted the need for the
66 recipients to accompany this discussion process. **Draurio Barreira** proposed that a
67 working group be set up, with no more than eight members, to deal with this issue. The
68 team will be comprised of four members representing the committees, the two principal
69 recipients, the National Tuberculosis Control Programme and the CCM's vice-
70 president. **Cristina Boaretto** commented that existing communication channels should
71 be used to facilitate the process. It was suggested that a meeting be held in the second
72 fortnight of April with the committee representatives, the National Tuberculosis Control
73 Programme and the recipients, and this group will define the place and the date. Moving
74 on to the next item on the agenda, **Cristina Boaretto** made a presentation of the
75 background and the evaluation of the project currently being executed, highlighting the
76 decentralization process underway and the workshop held on February 12th and 13th
77 which resulted in an agreement being reached between the metropolitan regions. She
78 stressed the need to recover the calculations that had resulted from the process.
79 **Germano Gerhardt** spoke about the Ataulpho de Paiva Foundation's (FAP)
80 participation in this process and said that he believed that there had been initial
81 difficulty in understanding what had been proposed, and the great emphasis placed on
82 the training courses. According to him, the resources presented were not viable and the
83 recipients would have the role of helping them, as a foremost priority. **Cristina**
84 **Boaretto** asked for a report to be projected on the screen showing the gap between
85 available resources and the amounts requested by the committees, highlighting the
86 important points of the project. **Germano Gerhardt** provided information on the
87 project's contents and format, its attributions and other points. **Mônica Kramer** –
88 **representative of the TB Network**, stressed the need to reflect on the project's real
89 objectives and what is intended to be done. She emphasized the importance of what the
90 previous speakers had said, especially the FAP representative, that in relation to the
91 work undertaken in partnership there had been a 10% decrease in primary abandonment.
92 **Cristina Boaretto** refuted what Mônica Kramer said and stated that there should be
93 respect for the professionals who had elaborated the activities. Mônica Kramer replied
94 that at no time had she belittled the professionals who elaborated the activities.
95 **Draurio Barreira** stated yet again that each body should have as part of its attributions
96 the holding of discussions on its own level, whereas the CCM meeting is responsible for
97 carrying forward political decisions. **Julio Rodrigues**, of the Manaus Committee,
98 seconded what Mônica Kramer said with regard to the need to invest in training courses
99 for health professionals. **Tereza Cravo**, FIOTEC technical staff member, stated that
100 several metropolitan committees have exceeded the budget. **Draurio Barreira**

101 emphasized yet again the need to take a political decision in the light of this reality.
102 **Germano Gerhardt** commented that so far the project's results have been satisfactory.
103 He added that with regard to the third objective, the big issue is the payment of
104 personnel. **Regiane de Paula** commented that the São Paulo Metropolitan Committee
105 adjusted its budget in keeping with the activities. **Mônica Kramer** stated that there is
106 no possibility of transferring resources from one objective to another, and that there are
107 only two alternatives: either the resources continue as they are or they are cut.
108 **Germano Gerhardt** stated that a linear cut can be made if resources are not used. With
109 regard to the issue of the laboratories, **Rosália Maia**, FAP technical staff member,
110 informed the meeting that she had detected through a report that the laboratories are
111 having difficulties principally with training, lack of human resources and problems with
112 diagnosis. She spoke about the quality control (QC) of the laboratories and stated that
113 66% of test results are incorrect. QC was intended for 308 laboratories but an additional
114 35% of laboratories had been found. **Telma Alves Martins**, of the Ceará Metropolitan
115 Committee, asked for information about the amounts paid to laboratory monitors,
116 highlighting the need for those hired to have greater professional commitment. **Rodolfo**
117 **Rodrigues** seconded what had been said about the difficulty in solving the problems of
118 the laboratories and the need to seek solutions. **Rosália Maia** explained the role of the
119 monitors and stated that they had all been hired by means of a public selection process.
120 The state of Ceará is considered to be one of the best in terms of laboratory monitor
121 performance. **Rodolfo Rodrigues** said he believed that an analysis should be made of
122 the problems diagnosed. **Draurio Barreira** stated that a better solution to this issue
123 should have been given earlier, principally with regard to what should be prioritized,
124 given the impossibility of in-depth discussion at this time. **Hélio Bacha**, representative
125 of the Brazilian Society of Infectious Diseases, requested that the decisions taken be put
126 into practice in a more expeditious manner. **Mônica Kramer** questioned once more the
127 presentation that had been made, principally because of the lack of indication of
128 priorities. **Draurio Barreira** agreed with the previous statement, stressing the need to
129 define what is viable at this moment. **Germano Gerhardt** said that there was not
130 sufficient time at this moment to discuss this proposal. **Mônica Kramer** suggested that
131 greater support be given to the laboratories. It was decided that the Round 9 proposals
132 will be finalized at the next CCM meeting, to be held on May 14th. **Rosália Maia**
133 insisted that her position on the need for greater investment in the laboratories be
134 recorded in the minutes. The second part of the meeting was dedicated to the
135 presentation of projects to be submitted to Global Fund Round 9. The first presentation
136 was made by doctor **Alexandra Sanchez**, of the Rio de Janeiro State Health
137 Department, regarding the prison population. She emphasized the lack of infrastructure
138 in relation to healthcare in the prison system, especially the lack of guarantees as to the
139 continuity of the treatment of tuberculosis patients in this scenario. The questions
140 principally revolved around the state's responsibility with regard to this population and
141 the arguments to convince Global Fund technical staff to approve the proposal. With
142 regard to the operational details of the project, Dr. Sanchez stated that its coverage area
143 had not been defined yet, nor its budget, although it was expected to be around five
144 million dollars. Next in line was admiral **Carlos Edson** who made a presentation of the
145 project to be submitted by COPRECOS/LAC – the Latin American and Caribbean
146 Armed Forces and Police Forces STD and AIDS Control body, the objective of which is
147 to contribute to the reduction of HIV/AIDS vulnerability among the military and the
148 police in 18 Latin American and Caribbean countries. Questions were asked as to civil
149 society participation in the execution of the project, and the need to invest in
150 HIV/AIDS-related issues in this population, such as sexuality, vulnerabilities, drugs and

151 human rights. The admiral informed the meeting that Brazil's Armed Forces are
152 encouraging the formation of a network of people living with HIV/AIDS in the
153 corporation and that financial support for civil society has been included in the
154 proposal. **Eduardo Barbosa** alerted as to the need to ensure there was no overlapping
155 of actions, although the NAP has quite a close relationship with COPRECOS. He also
156 expressed his concern about the small amount of resources allocated to Brazil in the
157 proposal. Following this, **Stefano Codenotti**, of the National Tuberculosis Control
158 Programme, informed the meeting that the Monitoring and Evaluation Group, after
159 several discussions, had opted not to submit a proposal to the 9th Round. **Draurio**
160 **Barreira** lamented this situation and stated that he had accompanied the enthusiasm and
161 dedication of the technical staff involved in preparing the proposal which had been
162 finalized. **Jair Brandão** suggested that it be incorporated into the tuberculosis project.
163 **Gabriela Silva Leite** member of the NGO DaVida and representative of RETRASEX –
164 the Latin American and Caribbean Sex Workers Network – spoke briefly about the
165 organization and the work it does in several Latin American countries. She also
166 presented an outline of the project to be submitted. Copies of the AIDS project were
167 distributed containing the alterations proposed. A brief discussion was also held on the
168 new tuberculosis project. **Draurio Barreira** requested that the finalized projects be sent
169 to him at least 72 hours before the next meeting so that the CCM members could
170 analyse them beforehand. He also informed the meeting that the PAHO technical staff
171 member, Mathias Reyes, is due to make a visit on April 20th and that he will take part
172 in the meeting with the group that is working on the alterations to the Brazilian
173 tuberculosis proposal, and that he will be in Brazil for two weeks. **Draurio Barreira**
174 thanked everyone for participating and brought the meeting to a close at 5.15 p.m.