

Follow-up on JCB44 recommendations

Recommendations / Decisions		Follow-up action
1.	To assure visibility, TDR to provide relevant facts/insights for partners to explore sharing in their communications and vice versa so that contributors are also given visibility by TDR in specific circumstances.	<p>TDR continues to strengthen communications in collaboration with partners and key stakeholders, including coordination of social media promotion with partners' communications teams. Some recent examples are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A story highlighting the collaboration between TDR and GSK on the Clinical Research and Development Fellowship that has supported 19 scientists working on the RTS,S malaria vaccine. • A story and video on Hannah Akuffo of Sida championing the Social Innovation in Health Initiative. • A story on collaboration between TDR and Fiocruz. <p>News from partners is also regularly shared in the TDR eNewsletter.</p>
2.	TDR should continue to promote and advocate for governments to recruit more entomologists or technicians in the areas of vector control and vector-borne diseases.	TDR activities in related areas all include components of advocacy to raise awareness of the need for medical entomologists, on medical entomology training and on providing information sheets and communication materials for governments to encourage them to invest in medical entomology staff and competencies. For example, in a recent policy brief on malaria in Western Africa, the need for improved capacity for entomology is mentioned.
3.	A specific item on demographic evaluation of the TDR Secretariat, e.g. staff diversity, gender balance, etc. should be included in the 7th External Review of the Programme.	A demographic evaluation of the TDR secretariat was added to the Terms of Reference for the Seventh External Review of the Programme, and a detailed analysis is part of the report of the Review.