

Note on the Membership of the Joint Coordinating Board (JCB)

Agenda item:	7.3 and 7.4
Action / Information:	JCB is invited to review and confirm JCB membership from 1 January 2023
Purpose:	This document presents the applications received for JCB membership from 1 January 2023 under paragraphs 2.2.1 and 2.2.3.

Selections for membership of the Joint Coordinating Board from 2023 are due under all three paragraphs of the TDR Memorandum of Understanding:

- paragraph 2.2.1 (government representatives selected by the contributors to the Special Programme resources) – five vacancies occurring in 2023.
- paragraph 2.2.2 (government representatives selected by the WHO Regional Committees) – one vacancy in each Region occurring in 2023.
- paragraph 2.2.3 (members designated by the JCB itself from among the remaining Cooperating Parties) – two vacancies occurring in 2023.

Applications received under paragraph 2.2.1:

Five applications have been received for the five vacancies for membership under paragraph 2.2.1, i.e. from the Governments of:

- Belgium, China, Japan, Nigeria and Sweden.

As only five applications have been received for the five vacancies under paragraph 2.2.1, there will be no need for an election at the 45th meeting of the resource contributors. The Standing Committee therefore recommends that the JCB agrees to exceptionally depart from the secret ballot vote and that the resource contributors agree to confirm the membership of the above-mentioned five applicants under paragraph 2.2.1 from 1 January 2023 until 31 December 2026.

Applications received under paragraph 2.2.3:

Four applications have been received for the two vacancies for membership under paragraph 2.2.3, i.e. from the Governments of:

- Cuba, Nigeria, Peru and Sri Lanka.

As the Government of Nigeria has already become a member by acclamation under paragraph 2.2.1 of the Memorandum of Understanding, it should therefore be removed from this list.

As three applications have been received for the two vacancies under paragraph 2.2.3, and as WHO's rules do not allow for a secret ballot to take place virtually, the Standing Committee therefore recommends that the JCB agrees to exceptionally extend the two members ending for one year until 31 December 2023. The three Member States who submitted applications will be encouraged to resubmit next year, when it is expected that face-to-face meetings will resume.

Next steps:

Details of the procedures and current membership for all three membership categories under the TDR Memorandum of Understanding are shown in this document, together with the lists of candidatures received under paragraphs 2.2.1 and 2.2.3.

The resource contributors will be invited to confirm the membership of the above-mentioned five applications received under paragraph 2.2.1. In addition, JCB45 will be invited to confirm their agreement to extend the two members ending under paragraph 2.2.3 by one year.

Special circumstances:

Except for the points mentioned above, there are no late applications or special circumstances to consider.

1. Members selected according to paragraph 2.2.1 of the TDR Memorandum of Understanding

(government representatives selected by the contributors to the Special Programme resources)

The 45th meeting of TDR resource contributors is scheduled to take place virtually one day prior to the start of the 45th session of the Board.

At their meeting, the resource contributors will be invited to confirm the membership of the five applications listed in section 1.3 below for four years from 1 January 2023.

The current rules of procedure, current membership of the JCB under paragraph 2.2.1 and the list of those governments which are eligible for membership from 2023 under paragraph 2.2.1 and whose applications for selection/re-selection have been submitted in writing within the 60-day deadline before the start of JCB45, are shown below:

1.1 Rules of procedure

Applications for membership under paragraph 2.2.1 must be submitted in writing by eligible governments to the Special Programme Coordinator at least 60 days before the next scheduled session of the JCB. Applications are valid for consideration by the resource contributors at one meeting only and cannot be carried over to subsequent meetings.

Governments which have made financial contributions to the Special Programme resources during the last calendar year and/or the current year up to 60 days before the next scheduled session of the JCB are eligible for JCB membership and/or to participate in JCB member constituencies according to paragraph 2.2.1. Governments which have only indicated either verbally or in writing that they will make a financial contribution during the current year are not eligible for JCB membership and/or to participate in JCB member constituencies under paragraph 2.2.1.

Any government submitting its application as a representative of a constituency shall indicate this in its application, provide information on the constituency members and ensure that all such constituency members have met the eligibility criteria indicated above.

Invitations to the meetings of the resource contributors are issued to Cooperating Parties which have made financial contributions to the Special Programme resources during the last calendar year and/or the current year up to 60 days before the next scheduled session of the JCB. Invitations are not sent to Cooperating Parties which have only indicated either verbally or in writing that they will make a financial contribution during the current year.

Voting rights are extended to those Cooperating Parties which are invited to and attend the resource contributors meeting.

The Procedures for the Selection of Members of the Joint Coordinating Board according to Paragraph 2.2.1 of the Memorandum of Understanding are contained in document TDR/JCB/SELECT.PROC/83.1/Rev.2008.

1.2 Current membership under paragraph 2.2.1 of the Memorandum of Understanding

* Belgium	to 31 December 2022
* China	to 31 December 2022
* Japan	to 31 December 2022
Malaysia	to 31 December 2025
Mexico	to 31 December 2025
* Sweden	to 31 December 2022
Switzerland	to 31 December 2025
Germany and Luxembourg Constituency	to 31 December 2025
India and Thailand Constituency	to 31 December 2025
Panama and Spain Constituency	to 31 December 2025
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America Constituency	to 31 December 2025

1.3 List of those governments which are eligible for membership from 1 January 2023 according to paragraph 2.2.1 and whose applications for selection/re-selection have been submitted in writing by 16 April 2022 – 60 days before the Forty-fifth Session of the JCB

- Belgium
- China
- Japan
- Nigeria
- Sweden

2. Members selected according to paragraph 2.2.2 of the Memorandum of Understanding

(government representatives selected by the WHO Regional Committees)

2.1 Rules of procedure

Applications for membership from 1 January 2023 under paragraph 2.2.2 should be made to the respective WHO Regional Office (Regional Director) before the meetings of the Regional Committees where the selections will be made.

2.1 Current membership under paragraph 2.2.2 of the Memorandum of Understanding

* Democratic Republic of the Congo	to 31 December 2022
* Ecuador	to 31 December 2022
* Egypt	to 31 December 2022
* Georgia	to 31 December 2022
* Myanmar	to 31 December 2022
* Philippines	to 31 December 2022

* Membership expires on 31 December 2022.

3. Members selected according to paragraph 2.2.3 of the Memorandum of Understanding

(members designated by the JCB itself from among the remaining Cooperating Parties)

3.1 Rules of procedure

Applications for membership under paragraph 2.2.3 should be submitted by Cooperating Parties to the Special Programme Coordinator in writing at least 60 days before the next scheduled session of the JCB. Applications are valid for consideration by the JCB at one session only and cannot be carried over to subsequent sessions.

Voting rights are extended to JCB members.

The rules of procedure under paragraph 2.2.3 of the Memorandum of Understanding are contained in the Reports of the First and Fourth Sessions of the JCB.

The selection of the Cooperating Parties to fill the two vacancies which will occur in January 2023 under paragraph 2.2.3 will be made by JCB45 under item 7.4 of its Agenda.

3.2 Current membership under paragraph 2.2.3 of the Memorandum of Understanding

Burkina Faso	to 31 December 2025
Drugs for Neglected Diseases <i>initiative</i> (DNDi)	to 31 December 2025
FIOCRUZ	to 31 December 2025
* Peru	to 31 December 2022
* Sri Lanka	to 31 December 2022
Zambia	to 31 December 2025

3.3 List of written applications submitted for membership (or continuation of membership) under paragraph 2.2.3 by 16 April 2022 – 60 days before the Forty-fifth Session of the JCB

- Cuba
- Nigeria
- Peru
- Sri Lanka

3.4 Adherence to the 60-day deadline

In the past, with the exception of special circumstances, the JCB has adhered to the 60-day deadline and has not considered applications received after the deadline.

No applications were received after the deadline.

* Membership expires on 31 December 2022.