

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

Agenda item: 10.1

Action / Information: JCB is invited to designate JCB membership from 1 January 2024

Purpose: This document presents the applications received for JCB membership from 1 January 2024 under paragraph 2.2.3 of the TDR Memorandum of Understanding.

Selection for membership of the Joint Coordinating Board from 2024 is due under paragraph 2.2.3 of the TDR Memorandum of Understanding:

- paragraph 2.2.1 (government representatives selected by the contributors to the Special Programme resources) – no vacancies occurring in 2024.
- paragraph 2.2.2 (government representatives selected by the WHO Regional Committees) – no vacancies occurring in 2024¹.
- paragraph 2.2.3 (members designated by the JCB itself from among the remaining Cooperating Parties) – two vacancies occurring in 2024.

Applications received under paragraph 2.2.3:

Two applications were received by the applicable deadline, i.e. 15 April 2023, from the Governments of Cuba and Sri Lanka.

A third application was received from the Philippines as follows:

- The application from the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine, Department of Health of the Philippines, was received on 15 April 2023.
- The Department of Health of the Office of the Secretary of the Philippines submitted a letter of endorsement of such application on 9 May 2023, i.e. after the applicable deadline for submitting applications.

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 list of candidatures received under paragraph 2.2.3.

JCB46 will be invited to designate two new members under paragraph 2.2.3 from among the applications mentioned under section 3.3 below.

Special circumstances:

In light of the information provided above concerning the applications received under paragraph 2.2.3, the JCB is invited to consider and decide on the receivability of the application submitted by the Philippines.

¹ The Member State selected by the Regional Committee in 2022 to represent the WHO African Region for the period 2023–2026, has not yet been confirmed.

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)

No selection for membership of the JCB from 2024 is due under paragraph 2.2.1 of the TDR Memorandum of Understanding.

The current membership under paragraph 2.2.1 of the Memorandum of Understanding is as follows:

Belgium	to 31 December 2026
China	to 31 December 2026
Japan	to 31 December 2026
Malaysia	to 31 December 2025
Mexico	to 31 December 2025
Nigeria	to 31 December 2026
Sweden	to 31 December 2026
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

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

(government representatives selected by the WHO Regional Committees)

No selection for membership of the JCB from 2024 is due under paragraph 2.2.2 of the TDR Memorandum of Understanding.

The current membership under paragraph 2.2.2 of the Memorandum of Understanding is as follows:

Bangladesh	to 31 December 2026
Guatemala	to 31 December 2026
Kyrgyzstan	to 31 December 2026
Morocco	to 31 December 2026
Republic of Korea	to 31 December 2026

3. Members designated 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 2024 under paragraph 2.2.3 will be made by JCB46 under item 10.1 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 2023
* Sri Lanka	to 31 December 2023
Zambia	to 31 December 2025

3.3 List of written applications submitted for membership (or continuation of membership) under paragraph 2.2.3 by 15 April 2023 – 60 days before the forty-sixth Session of the JCB

- Cuba
- Philippines, subject to the JCB's determination of the receivability of the application
- Sri Lanka

* Membership expires on 31 December 2023.

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.

As mentioned above, the application from the Philippines was as follows:

- The application from the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine, Department of Health of the Philippines, was received on 15 April 2023.
- The Department of Health of the Office of the Secretary of the Philippines submitted a letter of endorsement of such application on 9 May 2023, i.e. after the applicable deadline for submitting applications.

The JCB is therefore invited to consider and decide on the receivability of the application submitted by the Philippines.