

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

Agenda item: 9.

Action / Information: JCB is invited to review and confirm JCB membership from 1 January 2026

Purpose: This document presents the applications received for JCB membership from 1 January 2026 under paragraphs 2.2.1 and 2.2.3.

Selections for membership of the Joint Coordinating Board from 2026 are due under paragraphs 2.2.1 and 2.2.3 of the TDR Memorandum of Understanding:

- paragraph 2.2.1 (government representatives selected by the contributors to the Special Programme resources) - seven vacancies occurring in 2026.
- paragraph 2.2.2 (government representatives selected by the WHO Regional Committees) - no vacancies will occur on 1 January 2026.
- paragraph 2.2.3 (members designated by the JCB itself from among the remaining Cooperating Parties) - four vacancies occurring in 2026.

Applications received under paragraph 2.2.1:

Only five applications have been received for the seven vacancies for membership under paragraph 2.2.1, i.e. from:

- the Governments of Mexico and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the constituency of the Governments of Germany and Luxembourg, the constituency of the Governments of India and Thailand and the constituency of the Governments of Panama and Spain.

As only five applications have been received for the seven vacancies under paragraph 2.2.1, there will be no need for an election at the 48th meeting of the resource contributors, and it is assumed that the resource contributors will agree to confirm the membership of the above-mentioned five applications under paragraph 2.2.1 from 1 January 2026 until 31 December 2029.

Applications received under paragraph 2.2.3:

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

- the Governments of Burkina Faso and Zambia, the Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative and Fundação Oswaldo Cruz (Fiocruz).

As only four applications have been received for the four vacancies under paragraph 2.2.3, there will be no need for an election at JCB48, and it is assumed that the JCB will agree to confirm the membership of the above-mentioned four applications under paragraph 2.2.3 from 1 January 2026 until 31 December 2029.

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, JCB48 will be invited to confirm the membership of the above-mentioned four applications received under paragraph 2.2.3.

Special circumstances:

Several current members requested an extension of the deadline. An extension was exceptionally granted only to those countries who specifically requested one.

The Standing Committee at its meeting on 6-7 May 2025 has recommended maintaining existing constituencies to allow new contributors to apply next year. It has also recommended that resource contributors group allows the Government of Switzerland to apply for JCB later in 2025 and recommended a decision by JCB to be made to that effect.

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 48th meeting of TDR resource contributors is scheduled to take place during the 48th session of the JCB, immediately preceding the selection of new members under paragraph 2.2.3 by the JCB.

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 2026.

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 2026 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 JCB48, 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

| | |
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| 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 |

1.3 List of those governments which are eligible for membership from 1 January 2026 according to paragraph 2.2.1 and whose applications for selection/re-selection have been submitted in writing by 19 April 2025 – 60 days before the forty-eight session of the JCB

- Mexico
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- Germany and Luxembourg Constituency
- India and Thailand Constituency
- Panama and Spain Constituency

1.4 Adherence to the 60-day deadline

Several current members requested an extension of the deadline. An extension was exceptionally granted only to those countries who specifically requested one.

* Membership expires on 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 2026 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:

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| Bangladesh | to 31 December 2026 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 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 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 four vacancies which will occur in January 2026 under paragraph 2.2.3 will be made by JCB48 under item 9 of its Agenda.

3.2 Current membership under paragraph 2.2.3 of the Memorandum of Understanding

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| * Burkina Faso | to 31 December 2025 |
| Cuba | to 31 December 2027 |
| * Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative | to 31 December 2025 |
| * Fundação Oswaldo Cruz (Fiocruz) | to 31 December 2025 |
| Sri Lanka | to 31 December 2027 |
| * Zambia | to 31 December 2025 |

3.3 List of written applications submitted for membership (or continuation of membership) under paragraph 2.2.3 by 19 April 2025 – 60 days before the forty-eighth session of the JCB

- Burkina Faso
- Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative
- Fiocruz Fundação Oswaldo Cruz (Fiocruz)
- Zambia

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 2025