

Proposed membership of the STAC from 1 July 2026

2026

UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme
for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases

TDR  For research on
diseases of poverty
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Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee

STAC provides TDR with independent scientific and technical guidance, shaping its priorities and reviewing its work.

Review

Assesses the scientific and technical content, scope and direction of the Programme.

Set priorities

Recommends research priorities and which scientific working groups to run.

Evaluate

Provides the JCB and Secretariat with independent, ongoing evaluation of TDR's work.

Up to 15 multidisciplinary members · two-year renewable terms

STAC members from 1 July 2026 - term of office

Member	Affiliation	Country	Term of office
Professor Margaret Gyapong (Chair)	Institute of Health Research, University of Health and Allied Sciences	Ghana	2022–2027
Dr Luchuo Engelbert Bain	African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC)	Kenya	2025–2027
Professor David Soeiro Barbosa	Federal University of Minas Gerais	Brazil	2025–2027
Mr Wouter Mark S. Boesman	Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp	Belgium	2026–2028
Dr Bassirou Bonfoh	Afrique One, Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques	Côte d'Ivoire	2025–2027
Professor Aylene Moraes Bousquat	Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel	Brazil	2026–2028
Dr Alex Eapen	ICMR-National Institute of Malaria Research	India	2025–2027
Dr Delfina Fernandes Hlashwayo	Eduardo Mondlane University	Mozambique	2025–2027
Professor Yadlapalli Sriparvathi Kusuma	All India Institute of Medical Sciences	India	2025–2027
Dr Diogo Martins	Wellcome Trust	UK	2025–2027
Dr Kathrin Schuldt	Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine	Germany	2025–2027
Dr Abdhalah Kasiira Ziraba	African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC)	Kenya	2026–2028

Expertise aligned to TDR strategic priorities

First name	Last name	Functional areas					Cross-cutting areas	
		Expertise in at least one of the following: 1. Epidemics and outbreaks 2. Control and elimination of diseases of poverty 3. Climate's changes impact on health 4. Resistance to treatment and control agents 5. One Health	Implementation research and public health research; Epidemiology, entomology and vector-borne diseases	Innovative research capacity building/strengthening	Science, technology, innovation and global health policy and management	Health policy and health systems research, political economy as well as community engagement and social innovation research	Ethics, gender, equity, research management, regulatory affairs, health information and data governance, M&E, research policy and development research	Multiple sectors; diversity of gender, stakeholder, and geographical origin
Bassirou	Bonfoh	1, 5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wouter Mark	Boesman			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Alex	Eapen	2, 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Margaret	Gyapong	1, 2, 3, 4, 5		✓		✓		✓
Delfina	Fernandes Hlashwayo	3, 4, 5	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Yadlapalli S.	Kusuma	2	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Engelbert Bain	Luchuo	3, 4, 5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diogo	Martins	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Aylene Emilia	Moraes Bousquat	2	✓			✓	✓	✓
Kathrin	Schuldt	1	✓	✓	✓			
David	Soeiro Barbosa	1, 2, 3, 5	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Abdhalah Kasiira	Ziraba	1,2	✓	✓	✓		✓	

Composition and diversity

Gender balance

5 Women

7 Men

Country income level

7 Low- & middle-income

2 Upper-middle-income

3 High-income

WHO regions

5 African (AFR)

2 Americas (AMR)

0 Eastern Mediterranean (EMR)

3 European (EUR)

2 South-East Asia (SEAR)

0 Western Pacific (WPR)