# 101st Session of the TDR Standing Committee

UNDP HQ, New York, USA, Amartya Sen Room (10th floor)
11 - 12 April 2017

## Summary of decisions and recommendations

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| **Welcome and opening remarks** | • Dr Mandeep Dhaliwal, United Nations Development Programme, Chair of the meeting, welcomed everybody  
   • Dr Ren Minghui, TDR Special Programme Coordinator and Assistant Director-General of the WHO HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases Cluster, welcomed all to the meeting on behalf of the executing agency |
| **Greetings and updates** | • Chair of the Joint Coordinating Board (JCB), Chair of the TDR Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) and Director, TDR provided greetings and thanked UNDP for hosting the meeting |
| **Follow-up to the 100th session of the Standing Committee (SC) and JCB39** | • Welcomed the report on follow-ups to the recommendations of the 100th session of the SC which were all fully implemented |
| **Update on TDR activities and recommendations from STAC39** | • Welcomed the report on TDR’s activities and key achievements in 2016. Congratulated TDR on the results achieved and documented.  
   • Reiterated significant achievement in further joint activities of TDR with WHO departments/programmes as well as other TDR co-sponsors  
   • Thanked Chair STAC for the work carried out by the Committee in overseeing technical aspects of TDR and for providing direction in the process of development of the draft strategy |
| **Financial update and Programme performance overview** | • Welcomed the results of TDR’s performance and endorsed the financial update for 2016 and the outlook for 2017-2019, as well as the Results Report and Risk Management Report 2016  
   • Requested that key results be used as a tool for fundraising activities |
| **Draft TDR Strategy 2018-2023** | • Endorsed the draft strategy with suggested minor revisions  
   • Based on the 6th External Review and STAC recommendations, and in order to effectively implement the strategy, SC requested Director TDR to develop and present an adjusted organigram to JCB for approval, including:  
   - Integrating IIR and VES units under single leadership |
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<td>- Aligning the leadership level of the three teams (research capacity strengthening, research for implementation and portfolio and programme management) to facilitate management and decision-making</td>
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<td>- Ensuring that leadership of portfolio and programme management includes technical responsibilities to enhance effective integration of management in the programme</td>
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<td>- Bringing Global Engagement into the Director’s office</td>
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<td>- Welcomed the strategic approach to resource mobilization, including diversification of the donor base, and recommended using the opportunity of the new strategy to further engage current and potential donors</td>
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<td>Any other business</td>
<td>- Agreed to hold the 102nd session of the Standing Committee from 20-21 November 2017 at DFID Headquarters in East Kilbridge, Glasgow, UK, hosted by DFID.</td>
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**Participants**

**Members**
- Dr Mandeep Dhaliwal (Chair in 2017)
- Dr Kumanan Rasanathan, UNICEF
- Dr Tenu Avafia, UNDP
- Dr David Wilson, World Bank ¹
- Dr Ren Minghui, WHO
- Professor Hannah Akuffo, Chair JCB
- Dr Shahnaz Murad, Vice-Chair JCB ²
- Dr Sue Kinn, representative of the JCB resource contributor group
- Dr Brice Wilfried Bicaba, representative of the JCB DEC group ²
- Professor Charles Mgome, Chair STAC

**Special Programme (TDR)**
- Dr John Reeder, Director
- Dr Garry Aslanyan, Manager of Partnerships and Governance
- Dr Beatrice Halpaap, Portfolio and Programme Manager

¹ Called in
² Not able to attend