

## 102nd Session of the TDR Standing Committee

DFID Headquarters, Kilbride, United Kingdom

20 – 21 November 2017

Room AH380 (Mon) and Room AH401 (Tue)

### Summary of decisions and recommendations

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Decisions, Recommendations</i>
<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Tenu Avafia, Policy Advisor, United Nations Development Programme, Chair of the meeting, welcomed everybody.</li> <li>• Dr Sue Kinn, Team Leader Human Development, Research and Evidence Division, DFID, host of the meeting, welcomed everybody to DFID's headquarters.</li> <li>• Dr Ren Minghui, Assistant Director-General for Communicable Diseases and TDR Special Programme Coordinator, welcomed all to the meeting on behalf of the executing agency.</li> </ul>
<b>Greetings and updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Modest Mulenga, Chair of the Joint Coordinating Board (JCB), Professor Charles Mgone, Chair of the TDR STAC and Dr John Reeder, Director, TDR, provided greetings and thanked DFID for hosting the meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Follow-up to the 101st session of the Standing Committee (SC) and recommendations from JCB40</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcomed the report on follow-ups to the recommendations of the 101<sup>st</sup> session of the SC which were fully implemented.</li> <li>• Recommended that TDR clearly articulate its added value to current global health research initiatives such as CEPI, AMR and others.</li> </ul>
<b>Update on TDR activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommended development of case studies to highlight contributions of TDR to key global and regional health challenges.</li> <li>• Recommended developing tailored communications and information sharing on TDR's activities/results to current donors and other key stakeholders for resources mobilization and awareness raising.</li> <li>• Requested TDR's Special Programme Coordinator to engage with WHO's senior leadership to discuss the impact of WHO's resource mobilization efforts, staff mobility and partnerships with other WHO wide initiatives.</li> <li>• Welcomed the increased interest in TDR demonstrated by many new requests to join the JCB as observers.</li> <li>• Requested that countries be encouraged to apply for JCB membership as part of a constituency.</li> <li>• Commended TDR's increased visibility at WHO regional research advisory committee meetings.</li> </ul>

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<b>Financial update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommended that the JCB resource contributor group be mobilized to improve contribution forecasting and identify key entry points that require enhanced advocacy.</li> <li>Recommended piloting the use of TDR Global for championing country level support of TDR and resource mobilization.</li> </ul>
<b>Implementation of TDR's Strategy 2018-2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcomed the contingency plan prepared to manage risks related to financial uncertainty and recommended that STAC and SWGs be engaged in the process of prioritization as resources are programmed.</li> <li>Supported the revised adjustments to the organigram in line with operationalizing the TDR Strategy 2018-2023, including aligning the leadership level (P5) of three teams to facilitate management and decision-making.</li> <li>Welcomed the development of the performance assessment framework and endorsed the revised version to be used to monitor and evaluate implementation of the 2018-2023 strategy.</li> <li>Requested that the Performance Assessment Framework (PAF) be linked to similar efforts under way in each of the co-sponsoring agencies.</li> <li>Recommended specific areas to be covered in the PAF indicators, such as inclusion of disability and defining vulnerable groups.</li> </ul>
<b>STAC Membership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcomed the open process used to identify candidates for STAC and other potential TDR committees. Endorsed the proposed membership of STAC as of January 2018 as presented.</li> </ul>
<b>Any other business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed gratitude to DFID for hosting the meeting at its headquarters in East Kilbride, Glasgow, UK.</li> <li>Agreed to meet on 11-12 April 2018. Requested TDR to identify a suitable location that can be combined with a field visit to a programme activity of TDR and/or one of the co-sponsors. If this is not possible, requested that the meeting take place in Geneva, hosted by WHO.</li> <li>Considered that the second meeting of 2018 will take place in New York, at WHO's office.</li> </ul>

**Participants*****Members***

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Dr Mandeep Dhaliwal, UNDP <sup>1</sup>  
Mr Tenu Avafia, UNDP (Chair)  
Dr David Wilson, World Bank <sup>2</sup>  
Dr Ren Minghui, WHO  
Dr Modest Mulenga, Chair JCB  
Dr Vic Arendt, Vice-Chair JCB  
Dr Sue Kinn, representative of the JCB resource contributor group  
Dr Brice Wilfried Bicaba, representative of the JCB DEC group  
Professor Charles Mgone, Chair STAC

***Special Programme (TDR)***

Dr John Reeder, Director  
Dr Garry Aslanyan, Manager of Partnerships and Governance  
Dr Beatrice Halpaap, Portfolio and Programme Manager

***Other participants from DFID***

Dr Dirk Mueller  
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<sup>1</sup> Not able to attend

<sup>2</sup> Called in