

104th Session of the TDR Standing Committee

8 November 2018, Via audio/teleconference

Summary of decisions and recommendations

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Decisions, Recommendations</i>
Welcome and opening remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcomed two new members, Toomas Palu and Tunde Salako as representatives of the World Bank and the JCB disease endemic country group respectively.
Follow-up to the 103rd session of the Standing Committee (SC) and recommendations from JCB41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commended TDR for following up with all recommendations at the 103rd session of the SC.
Update on TDR activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcomed substantial progress made by the Programme in the past six months. Noted with satisfaction progress made with resource mobilization and coordination efforts with research programmes/ partnerships at WHO, global health stakeholders and other key players. Requested that governments of countries where TDR works on post-graduate training or regional training programmes be kept informed and engaged to help advocate for support to TDR in those countries and regions. Recommended continuing to reiterate and communicate TDR's competitive advantage and unique role within the global health research landscape Congratulated TDR for the smooth completion of the external audit, conducted as part of the WHO audit processes, with no major observations. Requested that the audit report be shared with the SC and JCB when it becomes available.
Financial update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcomed the financial update and outlook for 2020-2021, particularly the efficiency in planning both a high and low budget scenario, which gives the flexibility needed at this stage.
JCB meeting timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed to recommend to JCB moving of the annual JCB meeting from June to March as of 2020. Requested that potential dates be explored in coordination with HRP to be presented to the JCB session in June 2019 for final decision.
Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed to meet on 9-10 April 2019 in New York, hosted by UNICEF as the Chair of the SC in 2019.

Participants***Members***

Dr Debra Jackson, UNICEF ¹

Dr Tenu Avafia, UNDP

Dr Toomas Palu, World Bank

Dr Ren Minghui, WHO (Chair)

Dr Modest Mulenga, Chair JCB

Dr Vic Arendt, Vice-Chair JCB

Dr Sue Kinn, representative of the JCB resource contributor group

Professor Babatunde Salako, representative of the JCB disease endemic country group ¹

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

¹ Not able to participate