

105th Session of the TDR Standing Committee

9-10 April 2019, UNICEF headquarters, New York

Summary of decisions and recommendations

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Decisions, Recommendations</i>
Welcome and opening remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Willibald Zeck, Chief of Maternal, Newborn and Adolescent Health Unit, welcomed participants to UNICEF and reiterated the productive relationship with TDR through the co-sponsorship.
Follow-up to the 104th session of the Standing Committee (SC) and recommendations from JCB41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcomed the follow-ups from the last meeting which were all covered and further discussed at this meeting.
Update on TDR activities and recommendations from STAC41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcomed the update from the Director on TDR's activities and acknowledged the key achievements of the past year. Acknowledged the work done by STAC members in reviewing the technical progress of TDR and the recommendations made at their last meeting. Recommended engaging with Global Action Plan for SDG 3's Accelerator 5 and agreed that co-sponsors should jointly engage in the process. Recommended exploring use of the TDR Gateway and TDR Global by other research entities as well as by all co-sponsors. Welcomed the recent structural changes at WHO as the executing agency and agreed to monitor developments to ensure TDR's unique place as a co-sponsored special programme is maintained.
Financial update and outlook 2019-2021 and performance overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endorsed the, Preliminary 2018 Financial Report and Outlook 2019 2021, the draft 2018 TDR Results Report and the Risk Management Report, 2018.
Programme budget and workplan 2020 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endorsed the proposed Programme budget and workplan 2020-2021. Recommended identifying some innovative areas in the workplan that could potentially be expanded with additional funding to assist with resource mobilization.
Discussion on opportunities for co-sponsors work on implementation research to support SDG agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcomed the opportunity to engage in current efforts of various partners to include implementation research in global health initiatives, including the Global Financing Facility. Requested that TDR join the coalition for implementation research that already includes TDR co-sponsors and other partners and become actively engaged in its activities.

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TDR Governance and partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to recommend to the Joint Coordinating Board that the next meeting of the Board take place in March 2020. Requested the Secretariat to coordinate with HRP to ensure that JCB and PCC meeting dates do not conflict. • Welcomed the efforts made to identify best approaches to improved communication efforts to promote TDR's impact. Requested that the work continue and that the report of the consultants be shared with the Standing Committee at their next meeting. • Requested that options for the recognition of TDR funders and co-sponsors be discussed by the resource contributors at their meeting during the JCB in June.
Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to follow up after the JCB in June 2019 to identify the best mode of the next SC meeting – teleconference or face-to-face, with the aim of having the meeting in October or November 2019.

Participants

Members

Professor Debra Jackson, UNICEF (Chair)

Dr Willibald Zeck, UNICEF

Dr Tenu Avafia, UNDP

Dr Toomas Palu, World Bank ¹

Dr Robert Scherpbier, World Bank

Dr Soumya Swaminathan, WHO ¹

Dr Modest Mulenga, Chair JCB

Dr Vic Arendt, Vice-Chair JCB

Professor Hannah Akuffo, representative of the JCB resource contributor group

Professor Babatunde Salako, representative of the JCB disease endemic country 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

¹ Not able to attend