

## 107th Session of the TDR Standing Committee

23-24 April 2020, Via videoconference

### 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 and Dr John Reeder welcomed everybody to the videoconference</li> </ul>
<b>Follow-up to the 106th session of the Standing Committee (SC) and recommendations from JCB42</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All follow-ups from the previous session were addressed and some further discussed during this session.</li> </ul>
<b>Update on TDR activities and recommendations from STAC42</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcomed progress made by the Special Programme, including the high level of successful outputs.</li> <li>Welcomed the current approach to engage TDR in the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>Recommended that TDR continue to reiterate its contribution to overall research and capacity building in LMICs and advocate by showcasing the impact of TDR-supported activities which enhance countries' surveillance and response capabilities in response to current or future infectious disease outbreaks.</li> </ul>
<b>Financial update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Endorsed the 2018-2019 preliminary financial report and outlook 2020-2023.</li> <li>Agreed to use part of the funds saved on salary costs and WHO administrative charges in 2018-2019 to increase the working capital set aside for personnel liability as per WHO requirements. Recommended that the exact amount be determined once the forecast revenue has been confirmed.</li> <li>Endorsed the proposed 2020-2023 Programme Budget scenario levels (US\$ 40 million and US\$ 50 million).</li> </ul>
<b>Programme performance overview</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcomed the results achieved in 2019 and the appropriate modifications to the risk management report to ensure timely mitigation</li> <li>Endorsed the 2019 TDR Results and Risk Management reports.</li> </ul>
<b>TDR governance and partnerships</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed with the decision of JCB members to hold the June 2020 meeting virtually and to postpone the election of new members until 2021 by extending the term of current members whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2020.</li> <li>Recommended that the draft agenda of the June meeting be developed, ensuring inclusion of key decision-making items.</li> </ul>
<b>Any other business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed to hold the next session of the SC in November 2020. The exact location and mode of the meeting will be determined closer to the date.</li> </ul>

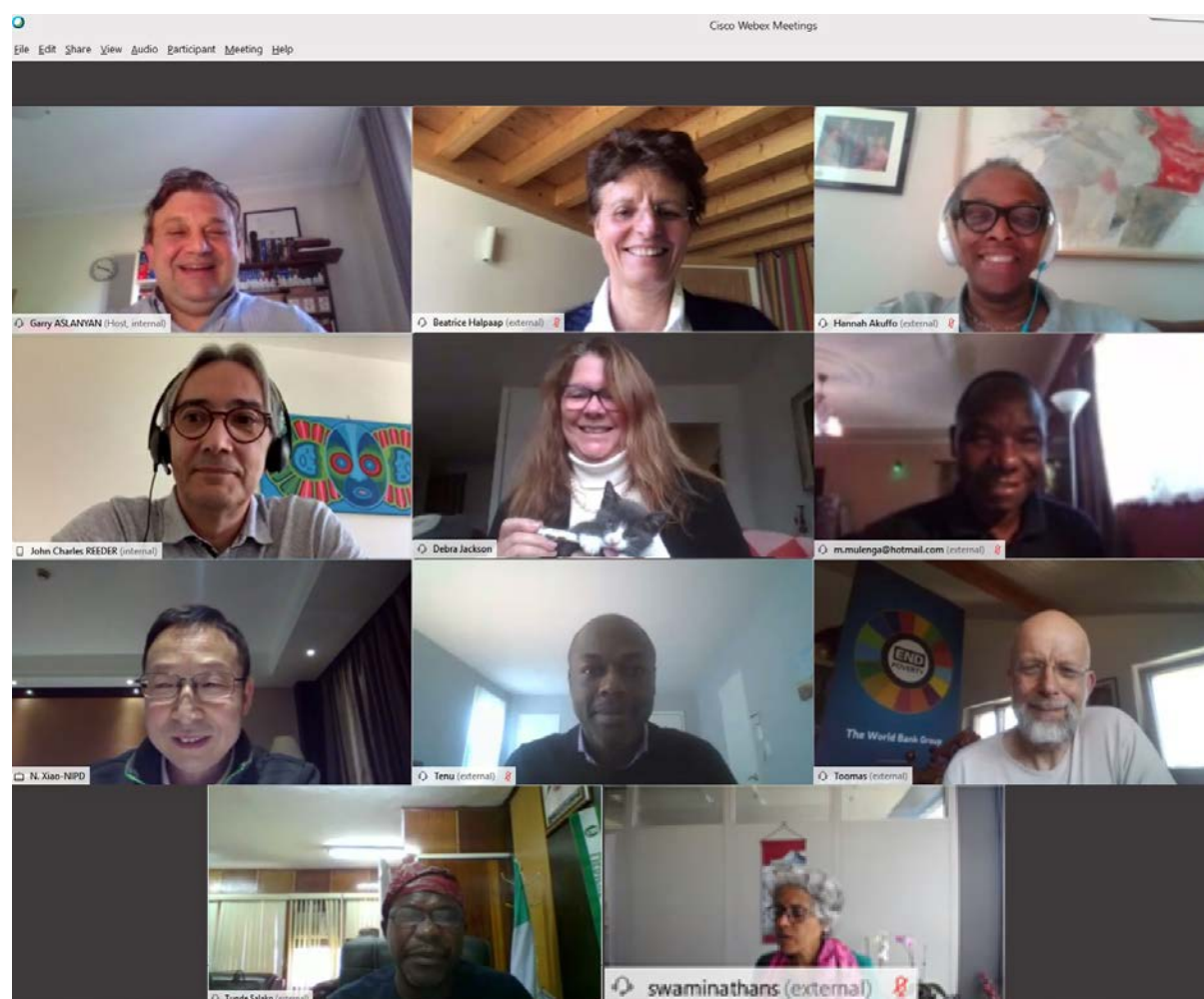
## Participants

### Members

Dr Tenu Avafia, UNDP (Chair)  
 Professor Debra Jackson, UNICEF  
 Dr Toomas Palu, World Bank  
 Dr Soumya Swaminathan, WHO  
 Professor Modest Mulenga, Chair JCB  
 Dr Xiao Ning, 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  
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 Dr Beatrice Halpaap, Portfolio and Programme  
 Manager



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