

113th Session of the TDR Standing Committee

UNDP headquarters, New York, USA

18–19 April 2023

Summary of decisions and recommendations

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Decisions, Recommendations</i>
Welcome and opening remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Mandeep Dhaliwal welcomed the Standing Committee members to UNDP and appreciated the importance of meeting face-to-face.
Follow-up to the recommendations of the 112th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC) and the 45th session of the Joint Coordinating Board (JCB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested that a plan of engagement be developed for Chair JCB, the Director and other SC members to engage with the Global Fund, GAVI, CEPI and others to further explore linkages with TDR on implementation research and capacity strengthening. Consider offering JCB observer status to these initiatives.
Update on TDR activities and recommendations from STAC45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcomed the Director's report and update from Chair STAC. Reiterated that considerable progress continues to be made with all activities, despite disruptions during the pandemic, and success in the use of digital tools. Welcomed results at country level via training schemes and research funded to address local priorities. Commended TDR on continued collaboration with HRP¹, special programme at WHO, particularly on gender, IR capacity and migrant health.
Financial and Programme management update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcomed the prudent and strategic approach to managing resources and risks in a challenging environment and the approach taken in overall management of the Programme. Endorsed the Results report, Preliminary financial report 2022 and outlook 2023–2025 and the Risk management report.
Draft TDR Strategy 2024–2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcomed progress made on development of the new TDR strategy 2024–2029 and provided additional comments for its finalization to be presented to the JCB in June. Appreciated the broad and inclusive consultation that took place in the process of developing the current version and welcomed the feedback provided by STAC.

¹ UNDP/UNFPA/UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reiterated that development of the strategy comes during a critical year for global health in 2023, with several important meetings and milestones that will critically shape the development landscape up to 2030. • Recommended that a note be prepared outlining the process of the consultation and the broad scope of comments received and make it available as part of the JCB discussion on the strategy in June. • Requested that upon approval of the strategy, an investment case document (financing the strategy) be developed to complement results and other frameworks that will be developed for the implementation of the strategy. The investment case could highlight return on investment for health (attribution of TDR's work) from TDR's activities and be used as an advocacy tool in resource mobilization. • Requested that time be allocated at the next SC meeting for further brainstorming and actions for communication, promotion and resource mobilization of the new strategy. • Requested that time also be allocated at the next SC meeting to discuss TDR's interaction with the WHO research entities and the Science Division.
TDR draft Programme budget and workplan 2024–2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed the Programme budget and workplan for 2024–2025 and the contingency plan to address reductions in donor contributions. • Requested that an update be provided to the next SC meeting.
Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to hold the next session of the Standing Committee face-to-face 20–21 November 2023 in Geneva, chaired by UNDP.

Participants

Members

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