

## 97<sup>th</sup> Session of the TDR Standing Committee

UNICEF HQ, New York, USA 15th floor, room 1550

21 - 22 April 2015

### 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 Theresa Diaz, Chair, Standing Committee, Chief, Knowledge Management Implementation Research, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) opened the meeting and welcomed the participants</li> </ul>
<b>Greetings and updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Christian Salazar, Deputy Director of the Program Division, UNICEF, welcomed the members of the SC to UNICEF as the host of 2015 meetings and reiterated the opportune timing as UNICEF is strengthening its capacity and strategy for research.</li> <li>• Professor Hannah Akuffo, Chair, JCB, Dr Charles Mgone, Chair, STAC and Dr John Reeder, Director, TDR also welcomed the participants.</li> </ul>
<b>Follow-up to the 96th session of the Standing Committee (SC) and JCB37</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcomed the progress made on the recommendations made at SC96.</li> <li>• Requested that corresponding documents be referenced in future follow-up to recommendation reports.</li> <li>• Requested the continuation of work on EVD related activities and requested that the report from the WHO review on EVD response be included as part of JCB38 documents.</li> </ul>
<b>Update on TDR activities and recommendations from STAC37</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commended the Director on good progress made by the Programme.</li> <li>• Welcomed the new post-graduate programme administered by the universities and requested the development of a risk management approach to avoid potential or perceived conflicts of interest.</li> <li>• Requested expansion and integration of the work on implementation research ethics with other global and regional efforts and with WHO.</li> <li>• Welcomed the move of ANDI to UNOPS in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and continued partnership between TDR and ANDI in the near future. Suggested exploring an option of inviting ANDI to present to JCB on results and challenges.</li> <li>• Welcomed the update from STAC37 and their review of the scientific and technical aspects of TDR's activities.</li> </ul>
<b>Financial update for 2014-2015 and outlook for 2015-2017</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endorses the financial update as presented.</li> <li>• Requested continued monitoring of developments with WHO's Staff Mobility Policy to ensure it has positive effects on TDR, acknowledging its Special Programme nature.</li> </ul>
<b>TDR draft Programme Portfolio and Budget 2016-2017 and preliminary plans for the TDR external review</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endorsed TDR's draft programme portfolio and budget 2016-2017.</li> <li>• Requested the external review to focus on the strategy of TDR for 2018-2023.</li> <li>• Requested that TDR partnerships with various stakeholders are relevant to the future SDGs and are included in the ToRs.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed to provide additional comments on the areas of review and to provide feedback on the draft ToRs by 10 May 2015.</li> <li>Suggested that the SC provide oversight of the external review. This to be confirmed by Chair JCB by the end of April 2015.</li> </ul>
<b>Strengthening TDR's co-sponsorship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcomed progress made by co-sponsors in identifying ways to strengthen collaboration.</li> <li>Requested that concrete timelines be provided for implementation of each potential area of collaboration as a result of the retreat and to present these to the JCB in June 2015.</li> </ul>
<b>Update on the Pooled Health R&amp;D Fund and demonstration projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcomed the update on the progress on the R&amp;D funding mechanism and demonstration projects.</li> <li>Requested continuation of the work in developing plans for the funding mechanism and interaction with WHO.</li> </ul>
<b>Update on TDR and Ebola outbreak</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcomed the update on TDR's engagement with Ebola outbreak response.</li> <li>Congratulated on rapid development of the joint call for applications with EDCTP, MRC UK and in partnership with Canada's CIHR.</li> <li>Agreed that this work should contribute to particular gaps in research and capacity building for tackling future EVD and other outbreaks.</li> </ul>
<b>Preparations for JCB38 in June 2015 and other governance updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requested an item be added to the JCB agenda on the external review.</li> <li>Requested that the meetings of resource contributors and disease endemic countries not be concurrent.</li> </ul>
<b>Any other business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed to hold the 98th session of the SC on Thu-Fri, 22-23 October 2015 in New York, USA, hosted by UNICEF.</li> <li>Acknowledged the contributions made by Dr Hiro Nakatani as the Special Programme Coordinator of TDR and past Chair of the SC and wished him all the best in his endeavors upon his retirement from WHO at the end of May 2015.</li> </ul>

## **Participants**

### **Members**

Dr Theresa Diaz, UNICEF (Chair in 2015)  
 Mr Christian Salazar, UNICEF  
 Mr Tenu Avafia, UNDP  
 Dr David Wilson, World Bank (*by phone*)  
 Dr Hiroki Nakatani, WHO  
 Professor Hannah Akuffo, Chair JCB  
 Dr Bocar Amadou Kouyate, Vice-Chair JCB  
 Dr Sue Kinn, representative of the JCB resource contributor group (*by phone*)  
 Dr Modest Mulenga, 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