

99th Session of the TDR Standing Committee

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19 - 20 April 2016

Summary of decisions and recommendations

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Decisions, Recommendations</i>
Welcome and opening remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr David Wilson, Global Lead, Decision & Delivery Science, Health, Nutrition & Population, World Bank and Chair of the Standing Committee (SC) and host of the meeting, welcomed everybody to the meeting • Dr Ren Minghui, new TDR Special Programme Coordinator and Assistant Director-General of the HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases Cluster WHO, reiterated the significance of TDR as an important contributor to the new development agenda
Greetings and updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair of the Joint Coordinating Board (JCB), Chair of the TDR Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) and Director, TDR provided greetings and thanked The World Bank for hosting the meeting
Follow-up to the 98th session of the Standing Committee (SC) and JCB38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed the report on the follow-ups to the recommendations of the 98th session of the SC which were all fully implemented • Recommended continuing to engage in collaboration with high-level regional initiatives to promote the work of TDR (e.g. WAHO, ECSA-HC, SADC and the planned African CDC)
Update on TDR activities and implementation and recommendations from STAC38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed the update on TDR's activities and key achievements and congratulated Programme staff on the progress made with implementation of activities • Requested that the process of prioritisation and choice of partners/activities be clearly articulated • Welcomed the comprehensive overview of the 2015 Scientific Working Group meetings and 2016 STAC, including their input on the programme portfolio and 2016-2017 budget
Preliminary financial report 2014-2015 and 2016-2019 outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed the financial update and noted the resilience of the Programme in times of fluctuating financial resources • Endorsed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – preliminary 2014-15 financial report and revised plans for 2016-2017 – TDR risk management report 2015 – TDR results report 2015 – the proposed options of budget scenario levels for 2018-2019 (at the level of US\$ 40 and US\$ 50 million)

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Presentation of the TDR Sixth External Review findings: Q&A and proposed next steps for TDR strategy development process based on external review findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed the presentation of the TDR Sixth External Review findings • Requested that the recommendations be revised based on the feedback provided and finalized for presentation at the JCB • Requested that the review recommendations be grouped into themes and that the secretariat develop an initial response to each recommendation • Agreed to provide feedback on the review report and the secretariat's initial response by 20 May • Requested that the review report and secretariat's initial response be shared with STAC for input by 27 May and that STAC's input be brought to JCB by Chair of STAC • Enclosed a revised timeline of the new strategy development
News from the TDR co-sponsors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed progress made by individual co-sponsors to enhance collaboration with TDR
Update on the Pooled Health R&D Fund and demonstration projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed and commended the work and progress achieved by TDR in developing the health R&D fund report and business case • Requested that the communication on various aspects of the roles of WHO, TDR, demonstration projects and the R&D fund be strengthened and done in collaboration with WHO • Requested that the JCB Chair be briefed upon completion of the Open-ended meeting and WHA in May to assess the extent of the discussion on the Health R&D Fund at the June meeting
Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Standing Committee agreed to hold its 100th session on 21 and 22 November 2016 in Geneva, Switzerland

Participants

Members

Dr David Wilson, World Bank (Chair in 2016)
 Dr Kumanan Rasanathan, UNICEF
 Dr Tenu Avafia, UNDP ¹
 Dr Ren Minghui, WHO
 Professor Hannah Akuffo, Chair JCB
 Dr Shahnaz Murad, Vice-Chair JCB ²
 Dr Sue Kinn, representative of the JCB resource contributors ²
 Dr Modest Mulenga, representative of the JCB disease endemic countries
 Professor Charles Mgone, Chair STAC

Special Programme (TDR)

Professor John Reeder, Director
 Dr Garry Aslanyan, Manager of Partnerships and Governance
 Dr Beatrice Halpaap, Portfolio and Programme Manager

Other participants

Ms Liz Ollier, team leader of the external review team

¹ Via teleconference

² Not able to attend