

**Nomination of a Member State to the Joint Coordinating Board
of the Special Programme for Research and Training
in Tropical Disease**

1. Composition of the Joint Coordinating Board of the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases

1. The Joint Coordinating Board of the UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) consists of 28 members drawn from among the cooperating parties as follows:

- twelve government representatives selected by contributors to the resources of the Special Programme;
- six government representatives selected by WHO regional committees from among those countries directly affected by the diseases dealt with by the Special Programme, or from among those providing technical or scientific support to the Special Programme;
- six members designated by the Joint Coordinating Board itself from among the remaining cooperating parties;
- the four agencies that comprise the Standing Committee (UNICEF, UNDP, World Bank and WHO).

2. Members of the Joint Coordinating Board (JCB) serve for a period of four years and may be reappointed.

3. From the Eastern Mediterranean Region, Djibouti (under paragraph 2.2.2 of the Memorandum of Understanding: governments selected by WHO regional committees) and Egypt (under paragraph 2.2.3 of the Memorandum of Understanding: governments selected by the JCB itself) are currently members of the Board. The term of office of Egypt will expire on 31 December 2014.

4. The Regional Office invited Member States to apply to vacancies that exist under paragraph 2.2.3 of the Memorandum of Understanding (members selected by the JCB itself). From the Region, the Governments of Egypt and Islamic Republic of Iran applied for selection to the JCB membership from 2015. Neither Member State was selected under this paragraph.

2. Observer status on the Joint Coordinating Board

5. Other cooperating parties may, on request, be represented as observers, upon approval by the JCB. Member States of the Eastern Mediterranean Region who have observer status are: Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic and United Arab Emirates.

3. Member States selected by the Regional Committee

6. The following Member States were previously selected by the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean to the Joint Coordinating Board:

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| Egypt | 1978 – 1979 (2 years) |
| Pakistan | 1978 – 1980 (3 years) |
| Iraq | 1980 – 1982 (3 years) |
| Yemen Arab Republic | 1984 – 1985 (2 years) |
| Sudan | 1984 – 1986 (3 years) |
| Islamic Republic of Iran | 1986 – 1988 (3 years) |
| Morocco | 1987 – 1989 (3 years) |
| Somalia | 1989 – 1991 (3 years) |
| Republic of Yemen | 1990 – 1992 (3 years) |
| Egypt | 1992 – 1994 (3 years) |
| Saudi Arabia | 1993 – 1995 (3 years) |
| Tunisia | 1995 – 1997 (3 years) |
| Islamic Republic of Iran | 1996 – 1998 (3 years) |
| United Arab Emirates | 1998 – 2000 (3 years) |
| Oman | 1999 – 2001 (3 years) |
| Saudi Arabia | 2001 – 2003 (3 years) |
| Kuwait | 2002 – 2004 (3 years) |
| Bahrain | 2004 – 2006 (3 years) |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 2007 – 2009 (3 years) |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 2008 – 2010 (3 years) |
| Iraq | 2010 – 2013 (4 years) |
| Djibouti | 2011 – 2014 (4 years) |

7. As of 1 January 2015, there will be one vacancy from the Eastern Mediterranean Region to replace Djibouti, whose term of office will end on 31 December 2014. This vacancy exists under paragraph 2.2.2 of the Memorandum of Understanding (Members selected by the WHO regional committees). The Regional Office invited the Member States to apply for this vacancy. The following Member State applied:

- Afghanistan

8. The Regional Committee is requested to nominate one Member State to serve on the Joint Coordinating Board for a four-year period, 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2018.