



Drugs for Neglected Diseases *initiative*

DNDi Board member: academic/industry specialist Terms of Reference

1 PLACE ON THE BOARD

DNDi is an independent, not for profit foundation registered under the Swiss Civil Code, administered by a Board of Directors (the Board). The Board has a minimum of seven and a maximum of thirteen members. Board members are experts in their field and are chosen for their commitment to the public interest, their technical competency and their support of the purpose of DNDi.

In accordance with DNDi's charter, the Board has powers over all matters pertaining to DNDi, notably, approving the overall policies and principles of DNDi, including those related to ethical considerations and fundraising strategies; approving project selection and adopting the annual work plan and budget.

Board members are selected from areas of expertise including (but not limited to) pharma/biotech research and development and related science, business development, clinical development, public health, fundraising, finance, legal, communications and advocacy. Board memberships are for a term of four years and a maximum of three consecutive terms (twelve years total). Board members serve in an honorary capacity and are allowed reimbursement for reasonable expenses related to their work with DNDi, including travel expenses.

This Board membership would suit someone with a high-level experience in pharmaceutical research and development and/or academia relating to scientific research (for example, currently or previously a director/chief in a pharmaceutical company/biotech and/or a head/senior management of a relevant academic institution).

2 ROLE OF BOARD MEMBER

Attending Board meetings

- Joining the Board meetings, which are held as often as required, usually three-day meetings twice a year, in person, usually held in Geneva.
- Participating in the active Board debates as the Board collectively exercises its authority over DNDi.
- Ensuring all aspects of DNDi's governance, including discussions, strategic decisions and orientations, are taken by the Board with knowledge of the current, relevant pharmaceutical research and development industry and/or scientific research academic institutions.

Board Committees and working groups

The Board member is invited to seek election to any of the Board committees as appropriate. The Board member may be invited to join Board working groups as needed.

Representation

- Representing DNDi at events, meetings and conferences and responding to issues related to DNDi's role and environment, as a general Board member and also as particularly relates to the scientific and research and development aspects of DNDi's work.
- When relevant, seeking input from the pharmaceutical industry and/or scientific academia to ensure the Board considers all relevant aspects of the matters it takes decisions upon. When appropriate, sharing DNDi's positions and views with the pharmaceutical industry and/or scientific academia and acting as a governance-level advocate for DNDi for external stakeholders.