FUNDERS

**Unitaids**

Unitaids founded the Medicines Patent Pool in 2010 and serves as its sole funder for its HIV, hepatitis C and tuberculosis activities.

Unitaids is an international organisation that invests in innovations to prevent, diagnose and treat HIV, tuberculosis and malaria more quickly, affordably and effectively. They also work to improve access to diagnostics and treatments for HIV co-infections such as hepatitis C. MPP is an important implementer of Unitaids’s objectives through its voluntary licensing model as it increases the speed and scale of access to the most innovative medicines by making them more affordable.

Since 2010, Unitaids’s investments in MPP have yielded 44.7 times the value of its funding from the expansion of generic access in countries and subsequent price reductions of licensed products. Savings are projected to reach USD 4.3 billion by 2028 for HIV medicines alone, with an 83% average price reduction between originator product and MPP licensed generics.10

**The Swiss Government – Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)**

The SDC’s engagement in health revolves around three issues: the strengthening of health systems, the fight against communicable and non-communicable diseases, and the improvement of sexual, reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health. The SDC is active in low- and middle-income countries.

From October 2018 until December 2019, the SDC co-funded MPP to implement the initial phase of its mandate expansion into patented essential medicines on the WHO EML – and those with strong potential for future inclusion. In December 2019, based on MPP’s initial achievements, the SDC signed a new three-year grant to co-fund MPP’s activities outside its initial mandate of HIV, TB and hepatitis C.

10 Medicines Patent Pool’s Economic Justification paper
GOVERNANCE BOARD

The Governance Board is the supreme governing body of MPP that possesses the highest and most extensive authority concerning decision making and administration of the Foundation. The Board’s key duties include setting policies and strategies, overseeing workplans, financial and business planning, and monitoring and evaluating performance.

HIGHLIGHTS 2020

New Board members

Jinliang Li (since September 2020); Mojisola Christianah Adeyeye (since December 2020); John-Arne Røttingen (since December 2020); Amy Dietterich, WIPO – non-voting participant (since December 2020)

Outgoing Board members

Charles Clift (Vice-Chair, until June 2020); Mo Barry (until October 2020); Anban Pillay (until December 2020)

MPP Governance Board meetings

The 26th and 27th MPP Governance Board meetings were held on 27-28 April and 13-14 October 2020 respectively

Renewed membership

In October 2020, the Board voted unanimously to renew the membership of Manica Balasegaram
EXPERT ADVISORY GROUP (EAG) & SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY PANEL (SAP)

The EAG advises the Governance Board and the Executive Director on licence negotiations and assesses whether the terms and conditions of the proposed licence agreements meet the key requirements as set out by MPP’s Statutes. Individual members of the EAG are also consulted by the Executive Director in their particular area of expertise that is relevant to the work of MPP. MPP’s EAG convened its annual meeting in November 2020.

The Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) is composed of a pool of subject-matter experts who provide guidance and critical insights to the EAG and the Executive Director.

EAG members

CHAIR
Peter Beyer – World Health Organization, Switzerland (since November 2020)

EX CHAIR
Maximiliano Santa Cruz – Santa Cruz IP, Chile (until November, 2020)

MEMBERS
Zeba Aziz – Hameed Latif Hospital, Pakistan
Alexandra Calmy – Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève, Switzerland
Emer Cook – World Health Organization, Switzerland (until November, 2020)
Manuel Gonçalves – Co-Chair of Advisory Board of Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Portugal
Martha Gyansa-Lutterodt – Ministry of Health, Ghana
Jan Gheuens – Former Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USA
Akthem Fourati – UNICEF, Denmark
Manuel Gonçalves – Co-Chair of Advisory Board of Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Portugal
Martha Gyansa-Lutterodt – Ministry of Health, Ghana
Jordan Jarvis – London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom
Giten Khwairakpam – AmfAR’s TREAT Asia Programme, Thailand
Gugu Nolwandle Mahlangu – The Medicines Control Authority, Zimbabwe
Deus Mubangizi – Medicines for Europe (since December, 2020)
Valérie Paris – Haute Autorité de Santé (HAS), France
Ellen ’t Hoen – Global Health Law Unit of the University Medical Centre Groningen, The Netherlands

SAP members

MEMBERS
Helle Aagaard – ReAct – Action on Antibiotic Resistance
Labeeb Abboud – International AIDS Vaccine Initiative
Isabelle Andrieux-Meyer – Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiatives (DNDI)
David Benas – Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève
Mark Blockman – Stellenbosch University
Granja Brigid – TB Union
Jennifer Cohn – Resolve to Save Lives
Prabhakaran Doraizar – Director Centre for Control of Chronic Conditions, PHFI
Philippa Easterbrook – World Health Organization
James Elliot – Trustee + International
Nathan Ford – World Health Organization
Gavin Giovannoni – Blizard Institute of Cell and Molecular Medicine
Sergey Golovin – Treatment Preparedness Coalition in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (until December, 2020)
Rajeev Gupta – Eternal Hospital Jaipur
Juzar Hooker – Aga Khan University Hospital
André Izbawi – World Health Organization
Kees de Joncheere – Pharmaceutical Policy Consultant
Sylvia Kehlenbrink – Brigham and Women’s Hospital
N. Kumarasamy – Chennai Antiviral Research and Treatment (CART) Clinical Research Site
Karine Lacombe – Saint-Antoine Hospital (AP-HP)
Joanna Laurson-Doube – Multiple Sclerosis International Federation
Gilberto Lopes – Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center
Nicola Magrini – World Health Organization
Yehuda Marty – UPENN Oncology/Pereiman School of Medicine
Salome Meyer – Cancer Alliance
Francesco Negro – Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève (since December, 2020)
Iheanyi Okpala – University of Nigeria
Craig Ouma – National Empowerment Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (NEPHAK)
Anthony Oyebunle – University of Botswana
Pablo Perel – London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
Roberto Reis – Center for Technological Development in Health at Oswaldo Cruz Foundation
Gojka Roglic – World Health Organization
Gracia Violeta Ross Quiroga – Bolivian Network of Positive People
Lawrence Shulman – UPENN Abramson Cancer Centre
Ursula Theuretzbacher – Center for Anti-Infective Agents
François Ventier – University of the Witwatersrand
Matteo Zigoli – World Health Organization
**MPP’s STAFF IN 2020**

### Staff members

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