

**Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Advisory Committee
of the UN Haiti Cholera Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund
Friday, 16 March 2018, 10 to 10:35 A.M., New York**

Chairpersons

Ms. Josette Sheeran, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Haiti
Ms. Michelle Gyles-McDonnough, Director, Sustainable Development Unit, EOSG

Advisory Committee Board Members

Canada: Mr. Pierre-David Jean, First Secretary

Chile: Ms. María Isabel Franco, Adviser

France: Mr. Thomas Da-costa, Attaché Strategic Affairs; and Ms. Chloé Boniface, First Secretary

Japan: Mr. Satoshi Ezoe, Counsellor

The Republic of Korea: Mr. Doyeon Won, Counsellor

Norway: Mr. Halvor Sætre, Minister Counsellor -Political Coordinator

United Kingdom: Ms. Caroline Vent, Second Secretary, Humanitarian Affairs (**Unable to attend**)

Board Member Observer-

Haiti: Mr. Jean Baptiste Reynold Leroy, Minister Counsellor, Deputy

Permanent Representative; and Mr. Willy Louis, Minister Counsellor

UN System

DSRSG of MINUJUSTH/RC/HC and

UNDP RR: Mr. Mamadou Diallo

UNDP: Ms. Yvonne Helle, Haiti

Representative

UN/DPKO: TBD

UNICEF: Mr. Marc Vincent, Haiti Representative

Ex-Officio Members:

Ms. Jennifer Topping, Executive Coordinator, MPTF Office

Ms. Cristina Bertarelli, Programme Analyst of the Cholera MPTF Secretariat

Office of the Special Envoy for Haiti

Ms. Elizabeth Jennings, Strategic Adviser

Mr. Ramsey C. Ben-Achour, Special Assistant and Humanitarian Adviser

Mr. Julián G. Hernández, Senior Staff Assistant

Agenda

1. Welcome and introduction of the Advisory Committee
2. Update on the New UN Approach to cholera in Haiti, Tracks 1 & 2
3. Presentation of the financial status of the UN Haiti Cholera Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF)
4. Proposed expansion of the MPTF Advisory Committee
5. Review of proposals and fund allocation decisions
6. Welcome to the expanded group of contributors to the UN Haiti Cholera MPTF
7. Adjournment

Opening of the 2nd Advisory Committee Meeting on the UN Haiti Cholera Response MPTF

Ms. Sheeran opened the 2nd Advisory Committee Meeting of the UN Haiti Cholera Response MPTF and welcomed the participants. Ms. Gyles-McDonnough took the floor, exchanged greetings, and conveyed the unavailability of the delegate of the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom to attend the Advisory Committee. Ms. Gyles-McDonnough then introduced the draft agenda and the Board supported its adoption.

Update on the current situation in Haiti and strategies for Tracks 1 and 2

The Special Envoy updated the participants about the outcomes of her trips to Haiti in November 2017, in which she accompanied the Deputy Secretary-General, followed by her own mission in February 2018. Ms. Sheeran underscored the need to keep supporting the new UN cholera approach in Haiti for the following three years, indicating that the cholera's transmission rates in Haiti had significantly dropped to 99 per cent since the peak of the cholera outbreak. The success had been due to a joint effort implemented by the Government of Haiti, UN agencies, and key partners. While thanking the Advisory Committee Board Members, the Special Envoy appealed to renew the engagement to close the cholera chapter with dignity and to target the last 1 per cent, often the hardest part of the battle, to avoid losing those hard-won gains.

Presentation of the financial status of the cholera response MPTF

Ms. Jennifer Topping updated on the financial status of the cholera MPTF, highlighting that at the time of the Advisory Meeting the fund had received a total of \$7.7 million in contributions. That included the reallocation of the unencumbered MINUSTAH balances from 31 Member States who voluntarily responded to the invitation from the Secretary-General in July 2017 to support the new UN approach to cholera in Haiti. Ms. Topping concluded that with the recent contribution from the Government of Japan for \$1 million, \$5.1 million was available for programming.

Discussion and review of the Advisory Committee membership

Ms. Gyles-McDonnough introduced the proposal for the expansion of the Advisory Committee Board's membership. Based on prior consultations among the existing members of the Advisory Committee (Chile, France, the Republic of Korea, and the United Kingdom) there was unanimous support for expanding the membership to include Canada, Japan and Norway as full members of the Advisory Committee Board due to their role, commitment, and work in supporting the new UN approach to cholera in Haiti. After the adoption of the motion in support of the new members, the Deputy Permanent Representative of Haiti took the floor and welcomed the three new members.

Review of proposals and MPTF funding decisions

Ms. Gyles-McDonnough presented a review of the proposals submitted by UNICEF, UNDP and the Office of the Special Envoy for Haiti. Ms. Gyles-McDonnough indicated that the United Kingdom had received the paperwork and would provide

its comments separately. Before proceeding to review each proposal, she reminded the Advisory Committee the options for the review of each proposal: (1) approve for funding; (2) approve with conditions, (3) defer; (4) return with comments for further consideration; and (5) reject.

Proposals for consideration

• **Project #4 (UNICEF) in support of Track 1a: “Preventing and cutting cholera transmission in the Ouest department”.** **Requested amount: \$1,010,900.** The proposal was introduced by Mr. Mark Vincent, Country Director UNICEF Haiti, who thanked Japan for its earmarked contribution to support the project. The proposal’s purpose was to address the urgent need to maintain the cholera alert-response mechanism in 2018, while strengthening DINEPA capacities. By consensus, the project was approved, pending the United Kingdom’s decision.

• **Project #2 (UNDP) in support of Track 2: “Community assistance to Mirebalais: new UN approach to cholera in Haiti”.** **Proposal called for a cost extension for \$672,640.** The proposal was presented by Ms. Yvonne Helle, Country Director UNDP Haiti, who indicated that the project’s purpose was to bring additional resources to the consultation process that UNDP had led with the cholera victims in Mirebalais. By consensus, the project was approved, pending the request to UNDP to revise and submit additional documentation for the disbursement of the funds and the United Kingdom’s decision.

• **Project #5 (OSE): Global Support to the mandate of the Special Envoy: “Operational activities for the work of the Office of the Special Envoy for Haiti”.** **Proposal requested \$70,000.** Mr. Ramsey Ben-Achour introduced the proposal and emphasized that supporting the operational costs in the office of the Special Envoy would facilitate the delivery of the mandate of the Special Envoy in support of the New Approach. By consensus, the project was approved, pending the United Kingdom’s decision¹.

Close

The Chair concluded the first part of the meeting by thanking the participants and by welcoming a larger group of Member States who supported the Trust Fund for a broader discussion on strategy. The meeting adjourned at 10.35 A.M.

¹The delegate of the United Kingdom communicated with the MPTF and OSE offices during the week of 19 March 2018 and conveyed UK’s approval for the funding of the three proposed projects.