

## New Diagnostics Working Group

### Call for Applications

#### New Diagnostics Working Group (NDWG)

#### NDWG Core Group Member – NGO constituency

##### **Background:**

The [NDWG](#), which is housed at FIND, was established in 2001 as a platform for increased focus on promoting development and adoption of new and modified diagnostic tools. As one of the [Stop TB Partnership's](#) working groups, the NDWG contributes in a major way to the achievement of the Partnership's goals and targets set out in the Global Plan to End TB 2018-2022.

All [working groups](#) are critical to delivering on the Partnership's mission, which they actively support by developing strategic frameworks and work plans, implementing work plan activities, reporting on progress to the Coordinating Board and identifying strategic issues for the Board.

##### **Your mission/Position objective:**

The NDWG provides a neutral and overarching forum for effective coordination at the global level towards delivery of much needed new diagnostic tools for tuberculosis (TB). Its mission is to foster development and evaluation of new diagnostics by providing strategic direction and serving as a coordination, communication and advocacy platform for all stakeholders in TB diagnostics research and development in line with the following operating principles:

1. Setting strategic direction and providing guidance
2. Assuring coordination between partners
3. Establishing mechanisms for strategic information and knowledge sharing
4. Identifying and promoting promising innovation
5. Developing technical resources to support TB diagnostic researchers and developers
6. Advocating for new TB diagnostics, for increased funding for TB diagnostic R&D and for evidence-based decision making to drive WHO policy making

##### **Your responsibilities/Job description:**

The NDWG is accepting applications for the NDWG Core Group Member – NGO constituency. The NDWG Core Group comprises the Co-Chairs and individual members who are nominated as representatives of the following constituencies:

- Academia
- **NGOs**
- United Nations (UN) organization
- High TB-burden countries
- Diagnostics manufacturers
- WHO Global TB Programme

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The composition of the Core Group in terms of represented constituencies may be reviewed on a regular basis. Task Force Coordinators participate in Core Group meetings and teleconferences and have voting right.

The primary responsibility of the Core Group is to form the coordinating body of the NDWG and to ensure that NDWG functions are fulfilled in an effective and efficient manner. The functions of Core Group members are defined as follows:

- Assist Co-Chairs in determining and addressing strategic and operational issues
- Provide input for, review and approve the annual NDWG work plan
- Oversee the activities of the NDWG and its Task Forces
- Work with Task Force Coordinators on defining appropriate health service levels for new tests and likely applications of new tests
- Work with Task Force Coordinators to facilitate tool development and implementation
- Assist with preparatory work for the NDWG annual meetings
- Participate in and prepare for telephone conferences and meetings
- Closely collaborate with and consult the other Stop TB Partnership Working Groups on cross-cutting issues

### Qualifications:

Eligibility criteria to become a Core Group member include the following:

- Willingness to fulfill the commitments of the Core Group, including its representative role, and to devote time and effort to enhance the Core Group and the NDWG
- Good oral and written communication skills
- A willingness to provide support and access to the NDWG Secretariat

### To apply

Please send your application to [NDWG@finddx.org](mailto:NDWG@finddx.org) by **18 June, 2021**.

The application must include:

- a complete *curriculum vitae*
- a motivation letter

Applicants will receive a confirmation from the Secretariat stating that their application is under review.

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