

ITEM #3: BOARD COMPOSITION AND LEADERSHIP- Chair and Vice-Chair TORs & Civil Society representative

Introduction

On 30 June 2022 the Governance Advisory Task Force of I-DAIR, under the chairmanship of Dr Steve Davis, approved the composition of I-DAIR's inaugural board and appointed Dr Christoph Benn as inaugural board chair to lead the process for establishing the international governance board of I-DAIR, the I-DAIR board.

At its first meeting on 1 September 2022, the I-DAIR board approved a Terms of Reference of the inaugural chair, for his tenure until 31 August 2023.

At its July 2023 meeting, the Board approved an extension of the Chair's tenure for a further two years, until 31 August 2025. It also requested the Chair to start a process of selecting a vice chair, from amongst the existing Board members, for its next board meeting based on a proposed TORs and with due attention to diversity. Dr Jeanette Vega Morales has agreed to take on the role of Vice-Chair.

The Board also agreed at its February 2023 meeting, to review its membership in relation to civil society organisations. The Chair identified Transform Health as a relevant stakeholder, as a leading global coalition of organisations that advocate for the equitable digital transformation of health systems. Transform Health was the only other non-Government or OI present at the last G20 meeting, and mandated by the Chair of the G20 Health Working Group to conduct the multi-stakeholder consultation on the Global Initiative on Digital Health. It is also a Fondation Botnar grantee, and I-DAIR Chair currently serves as President of Transform Health's Executive Committee.

Proposal

Based on the above, the Chair proposes to approve the attached TORs for the Board leadership, that replace the inaugural Chair TORs. At the beginning of their term, the Board Chair and the Vice-Chair shall clearly define which responsibilities shall be carried out by the Chair and which ones will be carried out by the Vice-Chair, and they will communicate this distribution to the Board and Secretariat. This division can be adjusted and any changes will be communicated to the Board.

The Chair also proposes to approve Dr Jeanette Vega Morales as the new Vice-Chair until 31 August 2025.

The Chair further proposes to approve Ms Mathilde Forslund, Executive Director of Transform Health, as the Civil Society Representative to the Board.

Decisions

- (1) The Board approves the Board leadership TORs and the selection of the new Vice-Chair and Civil society representative to the Board.