The Medicines Patent Pool
Governance Board Meeting 25

October 14-15, 2019
Geneva, Switzerland

Attendees

Governance Board Members:
Dr Marie-Paule Kieny, Dr Charles Clift, Dr Claudia Chamas, Dr Patrizia Carlevaro and Mr. Mohammed Barry.

Non-voting members:
Mr. Maximiliano Santa Cruz, Dr Mariângela Batista Galvão Simão - WHO observer*, Phillipe Duneton – Unitaid Executive Team*, Jan Akko Eleveld – Unitaid Project Team*, Robert Matiru – Unitaid Executive Team* and Ademola Osigbesan – Unitaid Quality Division*

The Medicines Patent Pool Foundation Staff Members:

*These individuals attended part of the Board meeting only

Summary of Decisions

The Governance Board of the Medicines Patent Pool:

a. Approves a formal review of the functioning of the Board and its sub-committees to ensure effective governance of MPP.
b. Approves the agenda of the Governance Board Meeting #25.
c. Approves and adopts the minutes of Governance Board meeting #24 held on April 8-9, 2019.
d. Approves the 2019 financial semi-annual report and the cash disbursement request for July to December 2019 expenditures and 4 months rolling advance into 2020.
e. Approves the extension of Dr Anban Pillay’s mandate for one-year until December 2020 and requests that the Secretariat continues its efforts to identify a suitable replacement. Consulting with WHO and reviewing the attendance records of the World Health Assembly in past years was suggested.
f. Approves the call for applications to fill the vacant Board seat.

Governance Board meeting #25 did not have a quorum and decisions were approved electronically after the meeting.
g. Requests the Secretariat to move forward with the feasibility study to explore MPP’s potential role in biologics and presents available findings at the April 2020 Board meeting.

h. Requests the Secretariat to carry out an in-depth assessment of the existing gaps in quality assurance if any - through discussion with WHO, consulting with generic manufacturers and exploring traceability options – and present to the Board in April 2020 potential options for closing those gaps.