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**Mandate**
UNITAID is an innovative financing initiative for global health, established to provide sustainable, predictable and additional funding to significantly impact market dynamics to reduce prices and improve access to high quality medicines, diagnostics and related commodities for the treatment of HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis, primarily for populations in low-income and lower-middle income countries.

**Founding document**
The governments of France, Chile, Brazil, Norway, and the United Kingdom signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the United Nations on September 19, 2006. The UNITAID Constitution was adopted 6 July 2011 by the Executive Board.

**Legal entity**
UNITAID is hosted by WHO.

**Membership (geographical coverage)**
Countries become UNITAID Members by adhering to the principles of international solidarity and innovative financing.

UNITAID currently has 29 members – 28 countries and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The countries that are members of UNITAID include Brazil, Chile, France, Norway, United Kingdom, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Spain, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Republic of Congo, Ivory Coast, Gabon, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Mauritius, Namibia, Niger, Central African Republic, Senegal, Sao-Tomé-e-Principe, Togo and Guinea.

**Governance**

The Executive Board is the decision-making body for UNITAID. It comprises 12 members: one representative nominated by each of the five founding countries (Brazil, Chile, France, Norway, and the United Kingdom); one representative of African countries designated by the African Union; one representative of Asian countries; one representative of Spain; two representatives of relevant civil society networks; one representative of the constituency of foundations and one representative of the WHO.

**Diseases and technologies covered**
Technologies: drugs, diagnostics

Disease areas: HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis

**Funding**
UNITAID is funded by innovative mechanisms such as the solidarity (air ticket) levy and carbon taxes. Together these account for 72% of its total funding. The remaining 28% of the funding comes from voluntary budgetary contributions from Member States and foundations.

Member countries decide what rate and for which ticket class the solidarity contributions apply. It is added to existing national airport taxes through law or decree.

France, the United Kingdom and Norway are the top three donors to UNITAID. As of June 2012, nine countries are implementing the solidarity levy to contribute to UNITAID. According to the information available to the Secretariat, at least five other countries are in an advanced stage of adopting it.

Since 2006, donors have contributed a total of US$1.6 billion to the UNITAID trust fund.

**Experience in funding and managing R&D**
Funding R&D: Grants supporting the development of paediatric formulations, including HIV protease inhibitors, HIV diagnostics, the development of appropriate medicines for TB in children and the development of rectalartesunate are currently being implemented.

Managing R&D: UNITAID does not manage R&D projects

**Criteria to distribute funding publicly available**
The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) technical evaluation scores proposals on a set of eight first and second-tier criteria established by the UNITAID Board. First-tier criteria reflect the specific strategic priorities determined by the Board and established during UNITAID’s first Strategic period (2010-2012). These are: (i) public health effects; (ii) market effects; (iii) value for money; and (iv) innovation. In addition, four second-tier criteria draw on principles embedded in the UNITAID Constitution, which are: (i) leverage; (ii) value added; (iii) equity; and (iv) ability to transition (if applicable).


**Minutes of governing body meetings publicly available**
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