



Position Description WGNV Core Group

OVERVIEW OF WGNV

The mission of the Working Group on New TB Vaccines is to facilitate research and development of new vaccines to prevent TB by providing an inclusive forum for stakeholders to engage in scientific exchange, build consensus, and advocate for greater support and investment in TB vaccine R&D.

The Working Group on New TB Vaccines (WGNV) was established in 2001. It is one of the nine Working Groups of the [Stop TB Partnership](#). Its purpose is to facilitate the development of new, more effective TB vaccines through collaboration, cooperation, and consensus; and to support the objectives for TB vaccine R&D in the [Global Plan to End TB](#).

The WGNV is an informal network of stakeholders engaged in all aspects of TB vaccine R&D and from all constituencies, including academics, product developers, clinicians, advocates, and affected communities. Membership is open to anyone who is interested in being engaged and involved in TB vaccine R&D.

OVERVIEW OF WGNV CORE GROUP

The WGNV Core Group (CG) is responsible for ensuring the effectiveness of the WGNV through setting strategic direction, accelerating decision making and identifying priority areas of work. CG members are the foundation of the WGNV and must be willing/able to devote time to WGNV activities.

The CG is expected to:

- Oversee and engage in the activities of WGNV
- Monitor progress of WGNV activities
- Assist WGNV Chair/Co-Chairs in addressing strategic and operational issues
- Actively participate in at least one WGNV sub-group or task force
- Meet regularly as required, by telephone or in person
- Collaborate with and consult other Stop TB WGs, Partnership Secretariat, and partners on cross-cutting issues
- Serve as an independent, technical, expert advisory group where required by the Stop TB Partnership and partners
- Ability to work in written and spoken English
- Regular access to internet, email, and phone service

WGNV CG members are expected to contribute a minimum of two (2) hours per month, although actual time per month will vary based on activities. This time is not compensated.

WGNV Core Group Constituency Categories

In order to bring diverse perspectives to the discussions and work of the WGNV, seats on the Core Group are based on constituency groups, with four standing members. Constituency groups include:

- Academic/research institutions
- Industry/private sector
- Clinical trial sites
- Public sector funders
- Philanthropic funders
- Developed country advocates
- Affected communities
- Early career researchers
- IAVI (standing member, co-chair)
- TBVI (standing member, co-chair)
- IVR/WHO (standing member)
- Global TB Vaccine Partnership (GTBVP) (standing member)

Each representative should demonstrate the following:

- Experience working in partnerships
- Ability to be an effective representative of their constituency group in WGNV discussions, activities, and planning
- Commitment to increasing the visibility of TB vaccine R&D in the overall TB and public health agenda
- Willingness and ability to play a leadership role in developing and advancing the activities strategies of the WGNV that fall within their area(s) of expertise

Private Sector Representative

The private sector representative to the WGNV Core Group brings the perspective of the private sector to Core Group discussions and helps the WGNV engage private sector entities in its activities and programs.

In addition to the expectations of all Core Group members as noted above, the private sector representative should meet the following additional criteria:

- Affiliated with a company that is engaged in TB vaccine research and development
- Position responsibilities within the company that are focused on or support TB vaccine research
- Willingness and ability to assist WGNV in engaging with private sector companies to share information and resources, and to expand private sector membership in the WGNV and its activities.

Members of the private sector who are interested in being considered for this position on the Core Group should submit a CV and letter of interest by **31 January 2021** to wgnv@newtbvaccines.org