

**INDEPENDENT MONITORING BOARD  
GLOBAL POLIO ERADICATION INITIATIVE**

**TWENTY SECOND MEETING  
11,12 AND 13 JULY 2023  
(All session times are Central European Time, CET)**

**VENUE**

**Hilton Geneva Hotel and Conference Centre  
34, route François Peyrot, 1218 Le Grand Saconnex, Geneva, Switzerland**

**AGENDA**

**Day 1, Tuesday, 11 July 2023**

<b>TIME (CET)</b>	<b>SESSION DETAILS</b>	<b>FORMAT</b>
<b>08:30-09:00</b>	<b>Arrival and Refreshments</b>	
<b>09:00-09:10</b>	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b> <b>Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General</b>	<i>Short high-level statement on WHO's commitment.</i>
	<b>Sir Liam Donaldson Chair IMB and TIMB</b>	<i>Briefing on meeting arrangements.</i>
<b>09:10-10:15</b>	<b>Session Zero: Plenary</b>	<i>Presentation by the Polio Programme leadership on the detail of the request to the IMB for a mid-term review of the strategy plus the GPEI view of the feasibility and likelihood of the targets and milestones in the polio eradication strategy being achieved. The presentation to be followed by a panel discussion.</i>
	<b>Theme:</b> The prospects for meeting the requirements of <i>Polio eradication strategy 2022-2026: Delivering on a promise.</i>	
<b>09:10-09:35</b>	<b>Presentation:</b> GPEI leadership self-assessment of prospects. <b>Mr Aidan O'Leary, Director, Polio Eradication</b>	
<b>09:35-10:15</b>	<b>Panel discussion</b> <b>Led by Sir Liam Donaldson Chair IMB and TIMB</b>	
<b>10:15-10:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>10:45-12:30</b>	<b>Session One: Group Discussions</b>	<i>A "deep dive" and free-flowing discussion in four separate groups, each led by an IMB member.</i>  <i>Themes which are relevant to achieving the strategy's requirements will be explored.</i>  <i>Discussion will be preceded by a tightly timed presentation in the group room.</i>  <i>Group membership will be pre-specified to create balanced representation.</i>
	<b>Theme A:</b> Interrupting poliovirus transmission in Afghanistan	
	<b>Theme B:</b> Interrupting poliovirus transmission in Pakistan (with special focus on Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province)	
	<b>Theme C:</b> Roles, accountabilities and challenges in the pre-certification and post-certification periods	
	<b>Theme D:</b> Interrupting vaccine-derived poliovirus transmission in outbreak countries	
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>13:30-15:15</b>	<b>Session Two: Group Discussions</b>	<i>A "deep dive" and free-flowing discussion in four separate groups, each led by an IMB member.</i>
	<b>Theme E:</b> Maintaining polio resilience in Nigeria	

	<p><b>Theme F:</b> Making Democratic Republic of Congo polio-outbreak free</p> <p><b>Theme G:</b> Progress and prospects in building necessary synergies with the essential immunisation, health emergencies and primary health care programmes</p> <p><b>Theme H:</b> The prospects for achieving milestones and deadlines in <i>Polio eradication strategy 2022-2026: Delivering on a promise.</i></p>	<p>Themes which are relevant to achieving the strategy's requirements will be explored.</p> <p>Discussion will be preceded by a tightly timed presentation in the group room.</p> <p>Group membership will be pre-specified to create balanced representation.</p>
<b>15:15-15:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>15:45-16:45</b>	<p><b>Session Three: Plenary</b></p> <p>Reflections on discussions of the day</p>	An opportunity for all participants to express their thoughts on the key points that have emerged through the day.
<b>16:45-18:00</b>	<b>Meeting: IMB with Donors and wider/extended polio partners</b>	IMB members will listen to donors' and wider partners' views on the prospects for the requirements of the strategy for polio eradication being achieved, together their concerns and ideas.
<b>18:00</b>	<b>CLOSE OF DAY ONE</b>	

### Day 2, Wednesday, 12 July 2023

<b>TIME (CET)</b>	<b>SESSION DETAILS</b>	<b>FORMAT</b>
<b>08:30-09:00</b>	<b>Arrival and Refreshments</b>	
<b>09:00-10:30</b>	<b>Meeting: IMB with Afghanistan delegation</b> , to also include number-restricted attendance from regional and country offices and GPEI Strategy Committee	This will be a frank and open discussion led by the IMB chairman to identify and discuss the root causes of Afghanistan remaining a polio endemic country and how to definitively eliminate them.
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>11:00-13:00</b>	<b>Meeting: IMB with Pakistan delegation</b> , to also include number-restricted attendance from regional and country offices and GPEI Strategy Committee	This will be a frank and open discussion led by the IMB chairman to identify and discuss the root causes of Pakistan remaining a polio endemic country and how to definitively eliminate them.
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>14:00-15:30</b>	<b>Meeting: IMB with Democratic Republic of the Congo delegation</b> , to also include number-restricted attendance from regional and country offices and GPEI Strategy Committee	This will be a frank and open discussion led by the IMB chairman to identify and discuss the root causes of continuing polio outbreaks in Democratic Republic of Congo and how to definitively eliminate them.
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	

<b>16:00-17:30</b>	<b>Meeting: IMB with Nigeria delegation</b> , to also include number-restricted attendance from regional and country offices and GPEI Strategy Committee	<i>This will be a frank and open discussion led by the IMB chairman. It will explore the strength of resilience and sources of risk in Nigeria, given its history as a former endemic country and subsequently as the epicentre of an intercontinental outbreak of vaccine-derived polio.</i>
<b>17:30</b>	<b>CLOSE OF DAY TWO</b>	

### Day 3, Thursday, 13 July 2023

<b>TIME (CET)</b>	<b>SESSION DETAILS</b>	<b>FORMAT</b>
<b>09:00-10:30</b>	<b>Meeting IMB and Strategy Committee</b>	<i>A discussion to take stock of the polio programme's prospects in the light of what emerged during the meeting.</i>
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>11:00-12:00</b>	<b>Private Meeting: IMB members only</b>	<i>A discussion to wrap-up and agree next steps.</i>
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>LUNCH &amp; DEPART</b>	