



## **Mission Report**

### **SEAMEO TROPMED Network 58<sup>th</sup> Governing Board Meeting**

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

Venue: Sheraton Imperial Hotel  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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#### **A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission**

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#### **B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity**

1. SEAMEO TROPMED Network organised its 58<sup>th</sup> Governing Board Meeting (GBM) from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
2. The SEAMEO TROPMED Network Governing Board is the principle policy making body of the Centre. It comprises of one representative from each SEAMEO Member Country. The Board is responsible for the overall operational policies, strategic planning, annual evaluation and review of the Centre's programmes and budget within the framework of its approved five-year development plan.
3. SEAMEO TROPMED Network is a regional cooperation network established in 1966 for education, training and research in tropical medicine and public health under the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education. The Network serves as a focal point in higher education and research in tropical medicine and public health.

#### **C. Participants**

1. SEAMEO TROPMED Network Secretary-General, TROPMED Thailand, Malaysia and Philippines representatives and staff.
2. Governing Board members from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Timor Lest and Thailand.
3. Partners and/or observers from WHO, ASEAN Secretariat, Teikyo University, Gifu University, British Council, LIFE for SEA-ED Programme, German Academic Exchange Service and Tsukuba University (via Skype).
4. DDAC, SEAMEO Secretariat

#### **D. Organizer/s**

1. SEAMEO TROPMED Network and SEAMEO TROPMED Malaysia.

#### **E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points**

1. The GB Member of Malaysia became the Chair of the meeting.
2. Dr Pratap Singhasivanon's contract was extended for the third term as endorsed by the GB members at the 58<sup>th</sup> GBM and earlier re-nominated by the Ministry of Education, Thailand from 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022.
3. The title of TROPMED Centres' Focal Persons has been changed and endorsed to Deputy Director by the GB members without any financial implications. The Enabling Instrument will be amended and proposed to the upcoming HOM accordingly.
4. TROPMED Network and TROPMED Malaysia, Thailand and Philippines would like work on SDG 3 in addition to SDG 4 because the former addresses many health related issues.

#### **F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO**

1. SEAMEO Secretariat is an ex-officio member of the SEAMEO TROPMED governing board. On behalf of the SEAMEO Director, DDAC presented the 2018-2019 key significant policies and programmes as well as operational matters taken from all the SEAMEO meetings in 2018/2019.
2. DDAC also delivered welcome remarks for the opening of SEAMEO TROPMED's 58<sup>th</sup> GBM.

#### **G. Follow-up Actions Needed**

**N.A.**

#### **H. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs**

SEAMEO TROPMED Working Papers consisting of:

- 1.1 Programme and Agenda
- 1.2 List of members and delegates
- 1.3 Various working papers
- 1.4 Audited Financial Report FY 2018/2019



GB members, representatives and staff from TROPMED network, partners and SEAMES for the 58th GBM of TROPMED Network