***Strengthening Women’s Engagement with the Global Fund to Champion Gender Equality through the New Funding Model and Beyond***

**Global Fund Secretariat, Chemin de Blandonnet 8**

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**Overall Retreat Objectives:**

* To build the capacity of women’s rights advocates, especially women living with HIV, to engage at country, regional and global (ie Board) levels with the Global Fund and its new funding model (NFM) from a gender equality perspective;
* To learn from experience to date and begin to strengthen the capacity of partners in NFM focal countries to bring a gender perspective, and to engage women in all their diversity, in particular women living with HIV in the Country Dialogue process, the development of concept notes, as well as in the implementation monitoring and evaluation, and revision of forthcoming Global Fund grants;
* To strengthen partnerships and engagement between women’s rights advocates, women living with HIV and stakeholders already strongly involved in NFM and the Global Fund, including the Civil Society Board delegations, building mutual capacity in gender and Global Fund processes and securing high level engagement with the Global Fund from a gender equality perspective;
* To develop advocacy and action plans to sustain community-led efforts on gender equality with the Global Fund and to support the implementation of the Gender Equality Strategy (GES).

**Day 1, Wednesday, July 10, 2013**

Goal:

* To orient participants to the purpose of the initiative
* To exchange information and build common levels of understanding about the Global Fund and its processes at local and global levels
* To build awareness of the New Funding Model (NFM) and its importance for women

| **Time** | **Item** | **Presenters/ Resource** | **Guiding Documents** |
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| 8:30-9:00 | Registration  Housekeeping | Robin Gorna, ASAP; Rachel Ong, Global Fund Communities Delegation, ASAP  (Meeting co-facilitators) |  |
| 9:00-9:20 | Welcome and Introductions | Osamu Kunii, Head, Strategy Investment and Impact Division, Global Fund |  |
| 9:20-10:00 | Clarifying Objectives of the Meeting  -How individuals are involved in the Global Fund  -Hopes for change | Luisa Orza, ATHENA | -ATHENA and ASAP background paper to the initiative |
| 10:00-10:30 | BREAK | | |
| 10:30-12:30 | Global Fund 101 - How the Global Fund works in practice:  -What is the New Funding Model (NFM)?  -Country structures and processes  -Global structures and processes, including the Technical Review Panel and the Grants Approvals Committee  Presentations and Q & A  Small group discussions | Abigail Moreland, Head of New Funding Model Transition, Global Fund;  Rachel Ong, Global Fund Communities Delegation | -Global Fund Communities Delegation Induction Power Points  - Global Fund Strategy  -New Funding Model Explained (Global Fund Observer) |
| 12:30-13:30 | LUNCH | | |
| 13:30-15:15 | How the Global Fund ensures funding reaches quality programs:  -Global Fund advice on the 3 diseases & cross-cutting issues  -Engagement with civil society, including women’s advocates and networks of women living with HIV  -Role of Human Rights Reference Group, cross-Secretariat Hubs, and related entities  -Role of technical partners  -National Strategic Planning processes  Presentations and Q & A  Small group discussions | Meg (Sara) Davis, Senior Adviser, Human Rights, Global Fund;  Mauro Guarinieri, Senior Advisor, Community Systems Strengthening and Key Populations, Global Fund;  UNAIDS *(TBD);*  Mmpaseka Steve Letsike, SANAC, ATHENA | -Strategic Information guidance notes  -Global Fund Strategy  -Community Systems Strengthening Framework |
| 15:15-15:45 | BREAK | | |
| 15:45-16:30 | How the New Funding Model is working in practice – examples from Zimbabwe, Myanmar  Presentations and Q & A | Angeline Chiwetani and Tendai Mhaka, Zimbabwe; Kay Thi Win, Myanmar | -New Funding Model Rapid Assessment (Open Society Foundation)  -Engendering New Funding Model (Global Fund)  -UNAIDS support to countries on New Funding Model |
| 16:30-17:30 | Gender in practice at the Global Fund – exploring how the current structures work in reality:  -Participants will join a “mock Board” and “mock Country Dialogue” to explore how women’s agendas and gender perspectives can be advanced through existing structures and processes | *Small groups* |  |
| 18:30 | ***WELCOME DINNER FOR ALL***  ***La Giaconda: Avenue Louis-Casai 81, 1216 Cointrin*** | | |

**Day 2, Thursday, July 11, 2013**

Goal:

* To understand the Global Fund’s “Gender Equality Strategy” (GES)
* To build awareness of gender equality, including the distinctions between gender sensitive, gender neutral, gender blind and gender transformative programming
* To think strategically about priorities on gender, where gender sits in the Global Fund and entry points on gender

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| 9:00-9:30 | Review of Day 1  Outstanding questions  Overview of key gender issues to be addressed (from Day 1) | Robin Gorna and Rachel Ong, with volunteer participants | - Agenda |
| 9:30-10:45 | What is Gender and why does it matter for the Global Fund:  -Gender-sensitive programming: neutral, blind, transformative  -Gender Equality Strategy  -Engaging women living with HIV in Global Fund processes  Presentations and Q & A | Susana Fried, Senior Gender/HIV Advisor, UNDP;  Motoko Seko, Gender Advisor, Global Fund;  Maureen Murenga, Kenya, Global Fund Communities Delegation *(TBD);* Daria Ocheret, Eurasian Harm Reduction Network | -Global Fund Gender Equality Strategy  -FEIM/GCWA Review  -PANGAEA Formative Evaluation  -ASAP (unpublished) reports of Global Fund gender programming |
| 10:45-11:15 | BREAK | | |
| 11:15-12:30 | Future plans:  -Rolling out the New Funding Model – where and when?  -Actions from Joint Civil Society Delegations Consultation on New Funding Model  Presentations and Q & A | Abigail Moreland, Head of New Funding Model Transition, Global Fund;  Peter van Rooijen, International Civil Society Support | -Global Fund Power Points on New Funding Model next steps  -Action Plan from Global Fund Joint Civil Society Delegations Consultation on New Funding Model |
| 12:30-13:30 | LUNCH  ***Fund Portfolio Managers to meet women from their countries, small group discussions over lunch*** | | |
| 13:30-14:15 | De-brief and discussions on small group sessions: How do we link what we know about gender with Global Fund processes? | Robin Gorna; Rachel Ong |  |
| 14:15-15:15 | Gender in practice at the Global Fund:  -How are technical partners supporting concrete programme decisions?  Presentations and Q & A | Jantine Jacobi, UNAIDS; Milena Prvulovic, UNDP | * UNAIDS *draft* Gender Assessment Tool |
| 15:15-15:45 | BREAK | | |
| 15:45-16:45 | Gender in practice at the Global Fund:  -What programmes are currently being supported by the Global Fund?  -What do Strategic Investment guidance and the M&E structure promote?  -Resource mobilisation and gender programs – what are the links?  Presentations and Q & A | Ade Fakoya, Senior Adviser, HIV, Global Fund;  Linda Mafu,  Head of Political and Civil Society Advocacy, Global Fund | -Global Fund Strategic Investment Information Note  -Global Fund HIV Modules |
| 16:45-17:15 | What do the current gender priorities and processes mean for women living with HIV, women in all diversity and the women’s rights movement? Clarifying top issues and developing positions  What are the “Known Unkowns”?  Identify outstanding issues where participants need to know more and to discuss further in order to plan for the future | *Small groups* |  |
| 17:15-17:30 | Planning for Day 3 | Robin Gorna and Rachel Ong |  |
| 17:30 | ***CLOSE***  ***Free evening*** | | |

**Day 3, Friday, July 12, 2013**

Goal:

* To plan next steps on gender and implementation of the Global Fund Gender Equality Strategy
* To engage in dialogue with Global Fund Secretariat and UN Partners about women’s priorities

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| 9:00-9:15 | Review of Day 2 | Robin Gorna and Rachel Ong, with volunteer participants | -Agenda |
| 9:15-10:45 | The Known Unknowns  -An open session, with small groups as needed, to allow participants to dive deeper into areas where there are outstanding questions and discussion needed | *TBD* |  |
| 10:45-11:15 | BREAK | | |
| 11:15-13:00 | Small group Action planning for:  -Networks of women living with HIV and women’s rights groups  -Priority New Funding Model countries  -Global processes | *Small groups* |  |
| 13:00-14:00 | LUNCH  ***Fund Portfolio Managers to meet women from their countries, small group discussions over lunch*** | | |
| 14:00-14:30 | Full group discussion on next steps:  -Agreeing priorities  -Ways of working  -Roles and responsibilities moving forward | Robin Gorna; Rachel Ong; and Luisa Orza |  |
| 14:30-16:00 | Feedback to Global Fund Secretariat, UN Partners and SIIC representatives:  -How the women’s movement, and networks of women living with HIV, want to work differently with the Global Fund Secretariat and the UN  -Immediate priorities  -Support needed  Presentation by participants on behalf of the meeting  Panel discussion | Bernhard Schwartländer SIIC representative,  UNAIDS;  SIIC representatives from Civil Society *(By Skype - TBD)*;  Hakan Bjorkman, Global Fund partnership Cluster Leader, UNDP;  Jantine Jacobi, UNAIDS;  Kate Thomson, incoming Global Fund Head of CSS, Gender, Human Rights Cluster |  |
| 16:00-17:00 | Conclusions and next steps | Robin Gorna and Luisa Orza |  |
| 17:00 | ***MEETING ENDS*** | | |