

REPORT OF THE CIS CONSULTATION ON THE GLOBAL FUND

1. Delegates from 10 CIS countries and 5 NGOs attended the consultation. Other participants included the UN Deputy Secretary General Ms. Frechette, multilateral organizations, Germany, Italy, Japan and UK.
2. The meeting recommended that the GFATM's purpose statement should not refer to "countries in need".

On Governance the meeting recommended:

3. In its activities the Fund should fully utilize expertise and potential of the agencies and programmes of the UN system, especially WHO and UNAIDS.
4. Supporting a compact Board of 15 – 20 members to ensure its efficiency, and non-discrimination, covering / embracing all parties and regional actors.
5. The governance of the Fund should be inclusive and establish appropriate links to the governing bodies of the relevant international organizations, including the World Bank, WHO and UNAIDS.

On Eligibility Criteria the meeting recommended:

6. Health and Public Health indicators related to HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria should serve as basic / primary / priority eligibility criteria.
7. Existence of country programmes, as well as relevant legislation and coordinating body, should also be applied as eligibility criteria.
8. The GDP indicator cannot be applied as a dominant eligibility criterion.
9. Universal access for countries to the Fund's resources, participation in its activities and governing bodies should be ensured.

On Country Processes the meeting recommended:

10. Proposal format should be unified and simple and avoid unnecessary details.
11. The Fund's support should focus on countries with a coordinated country proposal prepared by a country coalition of government, civil society and the private sector.
12. Expertise of competent international organisations (e.g. WHO and UNAIDS) should be utilized by the Fund to ensure unbiased technical review of proposals.
13. The Fund should disburse resources directly to the grantees through the most efficient and transparent mechanisms available, whether inside or outside of government channels.

On Fiduciary arrangements the meeting recommended:

14. Management of the GFATM's funds should be assigned to one of the existing structures that have necessary expertise and proven efficient, e.g. World Bank.
15. The Fund should allow the earmarking of resources by disease and country.
16. Programmes implemented in country, including UN programmes, should support and facilitate the efforts of the country coalition, and should be eligible for Fund financing for such activities included within the coordinated country proposal.