

GF/B29/ER08

For Decision

**APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER
OF THE GLOBAL FUND'S AUDIT AND ETHICS COMMITTEE**

PURPOSE:

Purpose: For decision by the Board, this paper provides a recommendation to appoint one person to fill a mid-term vacancy on the Audit and Ethics Committee

Part 1: Background

For Information

1. In November 2011, the Global Fund Board approved the formation of its Audit and Ethics Committee (“AEC”) as part of a set of broad-ranging governance reforms. As set out in its Charter, five of the eight AEC members must be independent persons, serving in their own personal capacity. This decision was taken by the Board to strengthen oversight and assurance within the Global Fund’s governance framework.
2. An initial five independent members were appointed in April 2012, following a transparent, broad call for applications and review by a panel made up of both AEC members, and a number of independent experts to strengthen the selection process (the “Panel”). The Board Leadership requested, in July 2013, that this Panel be set-up again, following the need to fill an unexpected mid-term vacancy.

Review of Applications

3. The Board agreed, at its Twenty-Ninth Meeting, that the independent member seat vacancy should be filled from the original pool of relevant applicants, rather than launching a new worldwide call for interested parties.
4. Five individuals with a Legal/dispute resolution background – in line with the expertise brought by the previous member – were identified, as drawn from the screening list of applications initially submitted in January/February 2012.
5. Three candidates (one female, two males) reiterated their interest in the position, with their full application and CV being considered for desk review by the Panel.
6. Consensus was reached, electronically, between members of the Panel to exclude a candidate whose past experience was not sufficiently relevant to the role and required skills.
7. Conference call interviews were planned with the remaining two candidates, but one individual withdrew from the application process due to other responsibilities and conflicting agendas in the upcoming months.
8. A conference-call interview was held between the Panel and the remaining candidate on 20 August 2013, based on a set of questions proposed to the Panel Chair and AEC Vice-Chair, testing the candidate’s expertise and ability for the role.
9. The Panel unanimously agreed on Mr Mohamed Abdellatif’s suitability for the role, based on his extensive arbitration and litigation experience.
10. The Chair of the Panel highlighted the candidate’s balanced approach and insights.
11. The Panel agreed, on that basis, to recommend Mr Mohamed Abdellatif as new external independent member of the Audit and Ethics Committee.

Part 2: Coordinating Group Recommendation

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1. Pursuant to its Terms of Reference, the Coordinating Group reviewed the Panel Report, and the underlying materials presented in support of the proposed nomination of Mr Mohamed Abdellatif as a new external independent member of the AEC. These materials included an information note on the screening process and the resume of the short-listed candidates. The Coordinating Group believed that the process conducted by the Panel was robust, and that the consensus report of the Panel presented a clear and sound recommendation.
2. Consequently, the proposed candidate is recommended to the Board for approval as independent members of the Audit and Ethics Committee until the end of his predecessor's term.

Decision Point

GF/B29/EDP12: Appointment of Independent Member of the Audit and Ethics Committee:

- 1. The Board approves the appointment of Mr. Mohamed Abdellatif as an independent member of the Audit and Ethics Committee (the "AEC") to fill one current vacancy.***
- 2. Mr. Mohamed Abdellatif shall serve on the AEC until the end of his predecessor's term.***