

COMMUNITIES DELEGATION

to the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Communities Delegation Welcomes the Appointment of Mr Peter Sands as Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

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The Communities Delegation living with HIV and affected by TB and malaria Delegation (Communities Delegation) welcomes the appointment of Mr Peter Sands as the new Executive Director, a decision made by the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and malaria (Global Fund) at its 38th Board Meeting¹.

Our Delegation placed the highest premium on an Executive Director candidate who espouses, and subscribes to, principles of human rights, gender equality, and non-discrimination against individuals and communities on any grounds including their gender identity, sexual orientation and expression.

“The vision, plans, and ambition that Mr Sands communicated during the Executive Director process – specifically around our core issues of concern was appreciated,” said Mr Rico Gustav, Board Member of the Communities Delegation. “This included his responses on community systems strengthening, innovative financing, key populations, human rights, and gender equality.”

The Global Fund is committed to the values and principles of the inclusiveness of a multi-stakeholder approach. The Global Fund Board was one of the first global health institutions to accord voting rights to communities living with and affected by the three diseases on its Board. This underscores the important role that communities play – not only as recipients of the Global Fund, but bringing the voices from communities to influence the Global Fund for the Global Fund to work for the people it is meant to serve.

The Communities Delegation looks forward to Mr. Sand’s leadership, and will hold him accountable in keeping “*Promote and Protect Human Rights and Gender Quality*” a high priority as one of the fundamental objectives in the Global Fund Strategy 2017 – 2022 – both in the external work of the Global Fund as well as in the internal culture of the Secretariat.

“In addition, we took note of his ideas around resource mobilisation for the Global Fund and are hopeful that under the leadership of Mr Sands, the Global Fund will effectively mobilise the resources needed to effectively achieve the Global Fund Strategy, and continue to save and improve the lives of people living with and affected by the three diseases,” said Ms Maurine Murenga, Alternate Board Member of the Communities Delegation.

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The role of the Communities living with HIV, Tuberculosis (TB) and affected by malaria Delegation (Communities Delegation) is to advocate, influence and shape the decisions on the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tb and Malaria (Global Fund). This is so that communities living with HIV, TB and malaria can gain equitable access to quality services and support needed to prevent, treat and/or live with these infections within a conducive environment that respects human rights.

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¹ The 38th Global Fund Board Meeting was held in Geneva, Switzerland on the 14th and 15th November 2017.