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**51ST GLOBAL FUND
BOARD MEETING**

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Board Games Begin - Debates, consensus, conscientious objections, challenges, strategies, decisions?

After scoring one more than a half century, the Global Fund Board's April meet is done and dusted. Presided over by Rapporteur Susan Mochache from the Eastern and Southern Africa constituency, the Board approved of the following:

Global Fund Board Decisions

Quality Assurance Policy for Vector Control Products and Related Equipment.

- Secretariat to work with the World Health Organization (WHO) to establish an Expert Review Panel (ERP) for Vector Control Products, funded through the NextGen Market Shaping Strategic Initiative.
- Secretariat to conclude the necessary arrangements with WHO for the ERP. The Global Fund to work closely with WHO to prioritize products for assessment using the ERP.
- Secretariat is delegated to make non-material adjustments to the Policy, in consultation with the Strategy Committee Chair and Vice-Chair. Report back to the Strategy Committee and Board on all such changes.
- Secretariat is authorized by the Board to allow for a transition period when needed for the policy's implementation.

The Procurement Policy, 2008 is replaced.

- Operationalization of the new policy is delegated from the Board to the Executive Director.
- Secretariat, in consultation with the Audit and Finance Committee Chair and Vice-Chair, can make non-material adjustments under the policy. To be reported back to the same Committee and Board.
- Secretariat, in conjunction with the Audit and Finance Committee, will provide annual updates on policy operationalization to the Board.

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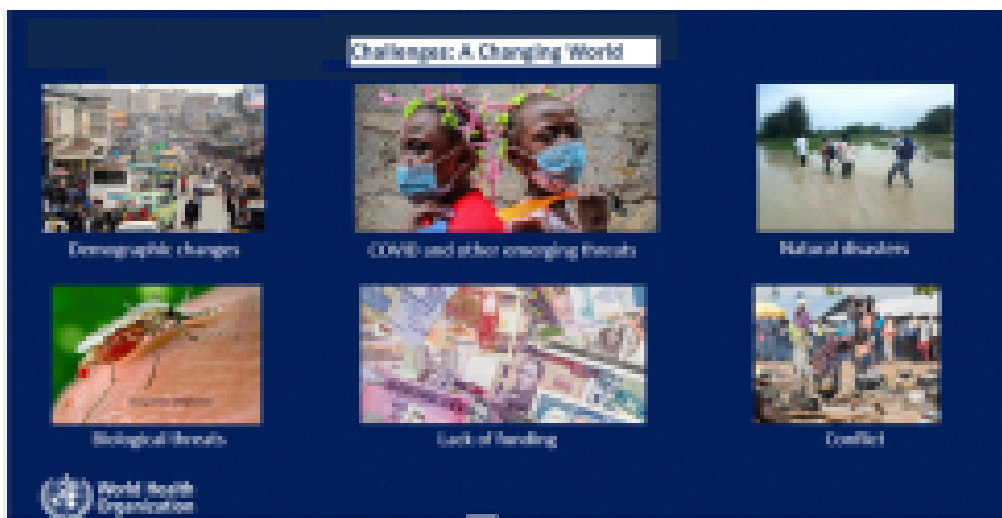
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Okay, so those were the decision points that were marked as such among the listed [Agenda](#) items.

Beyond all the decisiveness, there were discussions, points and counter-points, side events such as the release of the RISE study on Country Coordinating Mechanisms (which we'd featured [earlier](#)); gripes about the lack of time given to look at the revised policies like that for procurement, lack of engagement with civil society and communities and political engagement with human rights and gender equality. Then there were also debates and negotiations, hard and long over alphabet soups like [PFM](#) (Public Financial Management) and 3Ones (of plan, budget and report), GDS (Global Disease Split) in the [Allocation Methodology](#), and non-alphabet (till now) agendas like [Lusaka](#); and Global Fund, [Gavi and the Global Financing Facility](#) (how come the partnership isn't known as 3G?, #just asking), and all things [strategic](#), from [2023](#), till [2028](#).

And in between all of that, there were highlights of achievements, by the Global Fund's [Executive Director](#) and the [Office of the Inspector General](#). And ever present was the pressure of [resource mobilization](#) in the context of the ticking timeline towards the Eighth Replenishment of the Global Fund and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 2030 as challenges loom.....

REPLENISHMENT IN THE SHADOW OF.....



More haste, less speed; more collaboration less jostling for main lead; more strengthening less prescriptive; more expertise less siloing; more human rights less restrictive policies, more country ownership less barriers for accessthat's the message that comes to the Global Fund and to other global health institutions as well. Are they listening? We'll keep you updated on that in the issues to come....

And any thoughts about which aspect in the global health initiative sector you'd like to see covered in our newsletter are always welcome and we'd really appreciate suggestions on who can pen an article on it! Anyone who wishes to voluntarily contribute as a guest columnist and provide an incisive analysis or first-person account of what is happening at micro or macro levels in the field of global health interventions is also welcome. Any feedback and suggestions in French, Spanish, English can be sent to Ida Hakizinka ida.hakizinka@aidspan.org and/or in English to madhuri@aidspan.org

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