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Partnership Forum Will Be a Venue for Obtaining Input for Global Fund's Five-Year Strategic Plan

The Global Fund is using its Partnership Forum to obtain input from people for its five-year strategic plan. The Forum, which the Fund organises once every two years, is already underway in electronic form, and will run until June 2011, ending with a large Forum meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil on 28-30 June. The meeting is an invitation-only event.

The Global Fund has established a [consultation page](#) on the website of AIDSPortal, a site for HIV and health-related information. Visitors to the site can provide input into the strategic plan via an online survey. The survey will run until 30 April. As of 11 April, 217 people had completed the survey.

In addition to providing an opportunity to influence the strategic plan, both the survey and the Partnership Forum allow people to comment on all aspects of the Global Fund. People wishing to provide input can also participate in an eForum discussion group in English, French, Spanish and Russian. They can sign up for the eForum on the consultation page. People wishing to participate in the English-language eForum can also send an email to join-globalfundconsult@eforums.healthdev.org.

An initial “high-level” draft of the strategic plan was discussed at a meeting of the Global Fund Board’s Policy and Strategy Committee in March 2011. The draft will be reviewed by the board at its meeting on 11-12 May 2011. Following the board meeting, the Global Fund Secretariat will coordinate the development of a detailed strategic plan, incorporating feedback from the consultations described above. There may be additional consultations after the Partnership Forum meeting. The strategy will be finalised by the board at its end-2011 meeting.

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