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Appointments to Global Fund Board committees announced

The Board has announced the appointment of 33 members on its three standing committees for two-year terms that started on 11 May 2018. The announcement was made at the in-person Board meeting on 9–10 May. The terms of the current members of the committees expired at the Board meeting.

The Board also tasked the Ethics and Governance Committee (EGC) with reviewing the process for selecting the leadership and members of the committees.

See Tables 1–3 for lists of the new members of the Strategy Committee (SC), Audit and Finance Committee (AFC) and the EGC.

Table 1: Appointments to the Strategy Committee

Name	Constituency
Timothy Poletti	Canada, Switzerland and Australia
Jean-François Pactet	France
Heiko Warnken	Germany
Sarah Boulton	United Kingdom
Mamadi Yilla	United States
Mike Podmore	Developed Country NGOs
Nduku Kilonzo	Eastern and Southern Africa
Violeta Teutu	Eastern Europe and Central Asia
Abdoulaye Ciré Anne	West and Central Africa

Ingrid Glastonbury	Western Pacific Region
Lucica Ditiu *	Partners (Stop TB)
Mubashar Sheikh *	World Health Organization

* Non-voting. (All other members are voting.)

The call for nominations was launched on 29 January of this year. The long lead time was necessary to allow for a thorough nominations and review processes. Constituencies were invited to submit a prioritized list of the names of individuals they wish to nominate and to identify the specific committees they preferred their nominees to be appointed to. Constituencies were encouraged to run a consultative and competency-based nominations process. Board leadership reviewed all nominations, factoring in advice from the ECG, the Coordinating Group and the incoming committee leadership.

Table 2: Appointments to the Audit and Finance Committee

Name	Constituency
Pasqualino Procacci	European Commission, Belgium, Italy, Portugal, Spain
Greg Ferrante	Private Foundations
Michael Ruffner	United States
Chris Taylor	United Kingdom
Gilles Angles	France
Maurine Murenga	Communities
Allan Maleche	Developing Country NGOs
Naveed Kamran Baloch	Eastern Mediterranean Region
Guillermo Birmingham	Latin America and the Caribbean
Sukhbir Singh	South East Asia
Iris Semini *	UNAIDS
Alexandru Cebotari *	World Bank
Jean-Michel Ferat *	Ind. member with forensic investigation expertise
Peter Maertens *	Independent member with financial audit expertise

* Non-voting. (All other members are voting.)

A total of 60 nominations were received (for “first choice” committees) including 36 from implementer constituencies and 19 from donor constituencies. According to the Board and Committee Operating Procedures, each constituency was entitled to at least one committee seat and could receive a maximum of two.

The Ethics Office conducted due diligence in two phases — first, when the nominations were made and, second, when the final list of proposed candidates was drawn up.

The three independent members who were appointed also served on the current committees. Board leadership decided that renewal of the independent members’ terms allowed for continuity and was preferable given the transaction costs of a selection process and onboarding.

Table 3: Appointments to the Ethics and Governance Committee

Name	Constituency
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Suomi Sakai	Japan
Anders Nordström	Point Seven
Renuka Gadde	Private Sector
David Kihumuro Apuuli	Eastern and Southern Africa
Anna Filipovska	Eastern Europe and Central Asia
Mohamed Chakroun	Eastern Mediterranean Region
Joan Elise Dubinsky *	Independent member with ethics expertise

* Non-voting. (All other members are voting.)

Earlier this year, the Board had appointed the leadership of the three committees. Kieran Daly and Abdalla Osman, respectively, were appointed chair and vice-chair of the SC. Beatrijs Stickers-Muller and Anthony Garnett, respectively, were appointed chair and vice-chair of the AFC. And Sandra Thurman and Grace Rwakarema, respectively, were appointed chair and vice-chair of the EGC.

Review of the selection process

The Board directed the EGC to undertake a review of the existing processes for selection of committee leadership and members; and to prepare a recommendation to the Board in time for the Board's next in-person meeting in November 2018.

The Board asked the EGC to “put forward principles and concrete actions to underpin and guide the selection processes, including transparency, rotation of constituency representation, relevant experience, institutional memory, and gender equality”; to develop standards and processes for due diligence undertaken as part of the selection processes; and to review the size and composition of the EGC.

The Board asked that, in conducting its review, the EGC seek feedback broadly from across Board constituencies, including through inviting a representative of civil society to be a participant in EGC deliberations on this review.

Information for this article was taken from the decision points of the Board meeting on 9–10 May; and Board Document GF-B38-ER14 (Appointment of the Members of Standing Committees). The decision points are available now at www.theglobalfund.org/en/board/meetings/35. Board Document GF-B38-ER14 is unlikely to be posted on the Global Fund website.

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