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REPLENISHMENT ROUND-UP: “SAVE-THE-DATES” NOTICES HAVE GONE OUT FOR THE FIFTH REPLENISHMENT CONFERENCE IN MONTREAL

The Global Fund’s Head of Donor Relations, Jennifer Goosen, has sent out formal “save-the-date” notifications for the Fund’s Fifth Replenishment conference to be held on 16-17 September in Montreal, Canada.

The simple notification informs invited participants of the conference aim to “bring together global leaders and call upon governments, the private sector and civil society to unite behind this important cause and mobilize \$13 billion to end HIV, TB, and malaria as epidemics by 2030.” The save-the-date notifications also bears the replenishment’s slogan “AIDS, TB and Malaria. End It. For Good.”

Whilst it is not yet known precisely who will be attending the event, the Global Fund expects that high-level Ministerial delegates from both donor and recipient countries will be present. U.S. President Obama is expected to attend. It will probably be his last formal Global Fund engagement as President. The U.K.’s new Minister of State, Boris Johnson, may be another high-level delegate attending. Other high-profile private donors such as Bill and Melinda Gates, and (RED) co-founders Bono and Bobby Shriver are also likely to attend.

Pledges: Current and recent

With \$3.5 billion in pledges announced to date, the Fund is \$9.5 billion short of its target. Historically most donors make their pledges at the conference. See the table for details of the pledges for 2014-2016 and the pledges to date for 2017-2019.

Table: Global Fund Replenishment pledges 2017-2019 vs. 2014-2016 (\$million)

Donor	2017-2019 (to date)		2014-2016	
	In local currency	In U.S. dollars (at time of pledge)	In local currency	In U.S. dollars (at time of pledge)
COUNTRIES				
Australia	NYA	NYA	\$ 200.0 m	\$182.0 m
Belgium	NYA	NYA	38.0 m	51.6 m
Canada	785.0 m	596.6 m	650.0 m	612.3 m
China	NYA	NYA	n/a	15.0 m
Denmark	NYA	NYA	495.0 m	90.2 m
Euro. Comm.	470.0	526.4 m	370.0 m	502.9 m
France	1,080.0 m	1,370.0 m	1,080.0 m	1,467.8 m
Germany	NYA	NYA	600.0 m	815.0 m
India	NYA	NYA	n/a	13.5 m
Ireland	NYA	NYA	30.0 m	40.8 m
Italy	130.0 m	164.9 m	100.0	135.9 m
Japan	n/a	800.0 m	n/a	800.0
Kenya	NYA	NYA	n/a	2.0 m
Korea	NYA	NYA	n/a	12.0 m
Kuwait	NYA	NYA	n/a	1.5 m
Liechtenstein	NYA	NYA	0.2 m	0.2 m
Luxembourg	8.1 m	9.1 m	7.5 m	10.2 m
Malawi	NYA	NYA	n/a	0.5 m
Netherlands	NYA	NYA	185.0 m	251.4 m
Nigeria	NYA	NYA	n/a	30.0 m
Norway	NYA	NYA	1,700.0 m	277.4 m
New Zealand	1.0 m	0.7 m	NIL	NIL
Saudi Arabia	NYA	NYA	n/a	25.0 m
Sweden	NYA	NYA	2,500.0 m	380.8 m
Thailand	NYA	NYA	n/a	4.5m
United Kingdom	NYA	NYA	1,000.0 m	1,636.9 m
United States	NYA	NYA	4,002.3	4,002.3 m
PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS/FOUNDATIONS				
Gates Found.	NYA	NYA	n/a	500.0 m
Chevron	NYA	NYA	n/a	5.0 m
BHP Billiton	NYA	NYA	n/a	10.0 m
Ecobank	NYA	NYA	n/a	3.0 m
(RED)	NYA	NYA	n/a	40.0 m
Takeda Pharma.	NYA	NYA	n/a	3.0 m
Vale	NYA	NYA	n/a	3.0 m
U. M. Church	NYA	NYA	n/a	19.9 m

Tahir Found.	NYA	NYA	n/a	39.0 m
Other	NYA	NYA	n/a	5.0 m
TOTALS		\$3,467.7 m		\$12,006.9 m

NYA = not yet announced

n/a = not applicable (paid in US dollars)

Sources: Global Fund Advocates Network (2017-2019 figures); Global Fund website (2014-2016 figures)

Note: When we add the figures in the last column, we get \$12,030,100, a difference of \$23,200 compared to the \$12,006,900 shown in the table.

High hopes will again be placed on the U.S. and its pledge. When the U.S. hosted the Fourth Replenishment Conference in 2013, it pledged to match \$1 for every \$2 that other donors contributed to the Global Fund, ultimately pledging \$4.1 billion. The U.S. Ambassador to Canada, Bruce Heywood, [said](#) at the time of the announcement by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau concerning Canada's decision to host the replenishment conference that the U.S. was “again planning a robust contribution, and we urge all donors to increase their commitments to the Global Fund.”

The Fourth Replenishment in 2013 yielded pledges of \$12,006,900, almost \$1 million short of its \$13 billion goal.

Advocacy efforts

Meanwhile advocacy efforts continue. In the first week of August, the Global Fund Advocates Network (GFAN) Africa, the Africa Civil Society Platform on Health, and their partners, sent a letter to the Netherlands' Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, L. Ploumen, calling for a significant increase in the pledge for 2017-2019. The letter, which was signed by Rosemary Mburu, Executive Director of WACI Health, congratulated The Netherlands for their proven leadership in the fight against HIV, and sexual and reproductive health rights. The letter also outlined the progress made by the Global Fund in saving 17 million lives and preventing the spread of the three epidemics through its focused support to women and girls and key populations.

“As civil society representatives from Africa, we regard the Dutch government as one of our strongest supporters and allies in the fight against diseases on our continent and beyond,” Mburu said. Referring to the Netherlands as a long-time supporter of efforts in Africa and the efforts of the Global Fund, the letter called on the country to demonstrate its leadership by increasing its contribution to the Global Fund.

No official response to the letter has been received. However, confidence in the Global Fund is strong in the Netherlands given that the Fund received the highest score possible in five of the eight categories in the recent 2015 Multilateral Aid Report “[scorecard](#)” prepared by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Advocacy efforts will intensify over the coming weeks in the lead-up to the fifth replenishment conference.

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