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AIDSPAN HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Aidspan has announced the appointment of Ida Hazinka as Executive Director of Aidspan, effective immediately. Ms Hakizinka is from Rwanda.

Ms Hakizinka recently resigned her position as Chair of the Aidspan Board so that she could be considered for the E.D. position. The position was advertised publicly; 73 applications were received, of which seven made the shortlist.

[Ms. Ida Hakizinka](#) known Ms Hakizinka also recently resigned as Permanent Secretary of the Rwandan country coordinating mechanism, a position she held for 13 years. In that position, Ms Hazinka oversaw programming and implementation of HIV, TB, malaria and health systems strengthening grants.

From November 2013 to April 2016, Ms. Hakizinka served as the communication focal point for the Eastern and Southern African delegation to the Global Fund Board. Ms Hazinka has also had extensive experience working and interacting with the Rwandan government and civil society on Global Fund matters.

Ms Hakizinka also served as task force coordinator for the Global Fund West and Central Africa, and Eastern and Southern Africa, constituencies bureau, also known as the “Africa Bureau.” The bureau has played a role in strengthening the African constituencies voice in Board decisions.

“We are fortunate to have attracted someone to the E.D. position who has such an excellent understanding of The Global Fund,” said James Deutsch, Chair of the Aidspan Board. “Ida is the ideal person to lead us through the current restructuring of Aidspan.”

Ms Hakizinka is fluent in French, English, Kinyarwanda, and Swahili. She can be reached at Ida.hakizinka@aidspan.org.

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