



A NEW
PERSPECTIVE
ON TB DRUG
PROCUREMENT.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR GLOBAL DRUG FACILITY (GDF) BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Background

The Global Drug Facility (GDF) has established a unique model providing a package of services that include: Grant and Direct Procurement services to increase access to 1st line anti-TB drugs; technical assistance for drug management in-country programmes; and support for quality assurance through the WHO TB Prequalification Project.

Recently, the GDF has taken on additional challenges, such as the supply of diagnostic kits, paediatric formulations, and, in coordination with the Green Light Committee, second line anti-TB drugs for treatment of multi-drug resistant TB.

To execute such broad ranging operations, the GDF requires significant expertise and relationships in the fields of raw material manufacturing, pharmacy, product formulation for drugs and diagnostics, quality assurance, regulatory law, contract law, business development, competitive procurement processes, pricing and distribution.

Business Advisory Committee

In order to ensure that the GDF continues to operate effectively in the complex TB drug market as it takes on new challenges, the Coordinating Board (CB) of the Stop TB Partnership agreed to establish a Business Advisory Committee (BAC) at its last board meeting in Abuja, Nigeria (April 2006). The Committee's role is to consider the complex set of business issues specifically relevant to GDF procurement operations and strategy implementation and make recommendations to GDF and the CB.

Proposed structure, practice and composition of GDF Business Advisory Committee

- Committee composed of approximately 5 to 8 members with a strong background in pharmaceutical and diagnostic business operations. Due consideration given to appropriate geographic representation and expertise.
- Committee meets physically once or twice a year, with at least four video or telephone conference calls per year. For meetings, GDF will offer to cover travel and accommodation expenses for all committee members.
- Committee will provide ongoing advice to the GDF secretariat and also report directly to the CB by submitting recommendations for consideration through the Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership. (Chair of the BAC will be responsible for this submission).
- The Chair or alternate Board member of the Private Sector Delegation of the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board will have one seat on the Committee.

➤ Areas of expertise sought:

- Product formulation and manufacturing, quality assurance, regulatory expertise.
- Raw material (API) manufacturing, quality assurance, regulatory expertise.
- Diagnostics manufacturing, quality assurance, regulatory expertise.
- Procurement, supply chain management and distribution expertise in relevant countries.
- Legal and international trade and contract expertise.
- Business development expertise.

Length of Term

- Committee members will serve a 2 year term.
- Renomination of committee members will be possible for one further 2 year term.

Selection procedure

1. Nominations reviewed by GDF secretariat and Private Sector Delegation to the CB for relevant expertise and experience.
 - 1A. All committee nominees and members should have joined the Stop TB Partnership and signed onto the declaration of support and declare all relevant interests.
2. Short list provided to selection committee for vote.
 - 2A. Selection committee: Chair of Stop TB Partnership CB; Chair of GDF TRC; 3 CB members (Chair or alternate Board member of the Private Sector Delegation; the WHO Board member; and another nominated by the CB Chair); GDF Manager; and Executive Secretary of Stop TB Partnership.

Apply for membership in the BAC:

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on the GDF Business Advisory Committee. Nominations should be accompanied by a CV and a cover letter explaining the candidate's interest in and suitability for membership on the BAC. In the case where an institution is nominating a candidate, the nomination should be accompanied by a letter of institutional support for the individual. All nominations and materials must be sent to the GDF by 15 August 2005.

All nominations should be sent via email to: karahasanovice@who.int with the following subject heading:

NOMINATION FOR GDF BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Queries can be addressed to the same email or by telephone to Robert Matiru, GDF Manager, at: +41-22-791-3971.