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ON TB DRUG
PROCUREMENT.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE GLOBAL DRUG FACILITY Technical Review Committee

The Global Drug Facility (GDF) is currently seeking nominations of experts in tuberculosis (TB) control and drug management to join its Technical Review Committee (TRC). If you or someone you know would be a suitable candidate for the TRC, please submit your nomination to GDF.

Background

GDF was launched on World TB Day 2001 with a mandate to:

- ensure uninterrupted access by national TB control programmes to high-quality anti-TB drugs for implementation of the DOTS treatment strategy (DOTS is a core component of the Stop TB Strategy and WHO's recommended strategy for controlling TB);
- catalyse rapid expansion of the DOTS strategy to achieve WHO's global targets for TB control;
- stimulate political and public support in countries worldwide for public funding of anti-TB drug supplies; and
- secure sustainable global control and eventual elimination of the disease.

The GDF TRC is responsible for reviewing applications to GDF for grants of free anti-TB drugs. The TRC recommends (to the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board) which grant applications to accept and the level and nature of the grant to provide, and advises applicants on the necessary steps for programmes to meet conditions for GDF support. The TRC also informs WHO of any technical aspects of the programme which require assistance.

The TRC is comprised of 12 - 15 members nominated by GDF's key stakeholders.

Areas of expertise

TRC members have experience, skills and knowledge in one or more of the following areas:

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| ■ Clinical TB | ■ MDR/XDR TB |
| ■ Diagnostics | ■ Paediatric TB |
| ■ Drug management | ■ Procurement and Logistics |
| ■ Human Resource Management | ■ TB Epidemiology |
| ■ International Development | ■ TB Monitoring and Evaluation |
| ■ International Financing for anti-TB Drugs | ■ TB/HIV |

Length of term

- Committee members will serve a 2 year term.
- Renomination of members is possible for 2 further terms (i.e. to a maximum of 6 years).

Nomination procedure

Individual nominations should be accompanied by a CV and a cover letter explaining the individual's interest in and suitability for membership on the TRC. 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 30 July 2007 via email to: gdf@who.int with the subject heading: "NOMINATION FOR GDF TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE". Queries can be addressed to the same email.

Selection procedure

1. Nominations are reviewed by the GDF secretariat, and a short-list of candidates is prepared for review by a Selection Committee.
 - 1a. The Selection Committee will be composed of 5 to 6 members from the following constituents: Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board members, the Chair of the TRC, and members of the WHO DOTS Expansion Working Group.
2. The Selection Committee will recommend new TRC members to the Executive Board of the Stop TB Coordinating Board to fill current vacancies.
3. The Executive Board will vote on new membership of the TRC.