

*Candidate Statement***Section A. Contact Information**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Nigeria</b>
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**Section B. Statement of intent (max. 300 words)**

*In no more than 300 words, please describe how your professional background makes you a suitable candidate for this post and also describe what you would like to achieve if you were elected to this post.*

To ensure TB free communities worldwide by 2006 – 2015, experience gained from the fight against HIV&AIDS in the past few decades must be harnessed to achieve the global stop TB target. However, global targets can never be achieved without addressing issues at the community and grassroot levels – the home for the most at risk populations, hard to reach population and the vulnerable groups. The ACSM strategies have been effectively used by civil society organisations to tackle the public health challenges of HIV&AIDS infection and disease.

Having been actively involved in civil society activities on HIV&AIDS in the last ten years as the Chief Executive Officer in The Good Neighbour, I have considerable experience and expertise in policy and advocacy, community mobilisation, behaviour change communication, information education and communication, resource mobilisation, accountability and poverty reduction. In these past years I have worked in two resource poor, high burden TB countries of Liberia and Nigeria.

I am currently a State coordinator of Civil Society on HIV/AIDS in Nigeria. (CiSHAN) Lagos chapter, coordinating and working with one hundred (100) NGOs, CBOs, HIV Support groups and FBOs in Lagos State. As a state coordinator I advocate for civil society representation in HIV/AIDS programme planning, conduct advocacy visits to stakeholders and spearhead accountability campaign and lead consultation visits to key stakeholders.

My achievement first would be to ensure that ACSM framework for Action is implemented at the community and grassroot levels through advocating that local CSOs be funded to implement ACSM activities for TB. Community TB care is still a mirage at country level; I would work with my colleagues to ensure that it becomes a reality. With this statement of intent I make a commitment to serve the community through working with the core group to contribute towards achieving the global stop TB target.

**Section C. Short biography (max. 300 words)**

*In this section, please provide a short biography outlining your academic background, professional experience, and any major project/initiative that highlight your knowledge of advocacy, communication and social mobilization at country level.*

Chibuike Amaechi born on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1963, married with three children and living in Lagos ,Nigeria. I have B.Sc (Hons degree) in Biochemistry from University of Benin, Benin City. Edo State and Post Graduate Diploma in Social Works (Medical) from Lagos state University.

A WHO Headquarter Consultant on TB/HIV. Trained at the Second Global WHO HQ training for consultants held at Sondalo, Italy in 2006.

The Chief Executive Officer in The Good Neighbour Inc. non governmental, not for profit organisation.

State Coordinator in Civil Society for HIV&AIDS in Nigeria (CiSHAN), Lagos Chapter

Chairperson Community Mobilisation Committee in Nigeria HIV Vaccine and Microbicides Advocacy Group (NHVMAG)

Member Advocacy Communication Social Mobilisation (ACSM) Working Group. (Country level Sub Group) Stop TB Partnership WHO Geneva

Founding Member, Stop TB Partnership Nigeria.

I have led several advocacies and consultative visits to several key stakeholders among which is an advocacy visit to the Archbishop of Cosmopolitan Lagos, His Eminence. Anthony Cardinal Okogie, the purpose of the advocacy was to solicit for support against stigma and discrimination of people living positively and to mobilise voice to demand for accountability of AIDS funds from government and AIDS fund mangers. This event was published in a daily Newspaper in Nigeria.