

Appointment of the Rapporteur

Decision Point GF/B37/DP01:

Ambassador Deborah Birx from the United States constituency is designated as Rapporteur for the 37th Board Meeting.

Signed:

Deborah Birx
Rapporteur

Carole Presern
Secretariat

Approval of Agenda

Decision Point GF/B37/DP02:

The agenda for the 37th Board Meeting (GF/B37/01- Revision 4) is approved.

Signed:

Deborah Birx
Rapporteur

Carole Presern
Secretariat

Board Chair and Vice-Chair Terms of Reference**Decision Point GF/B37/DPO3:**

1. The Board approves the Terms of Reference of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, as revised and set forth in Annex 1 to GF/B37/22- Revision 1 (the “Terms of Reference”), which shall enter into force upon the conclusion of the 37th Board Meeting in May 2017.
2. The Terms of Reference shall supersede any and all prior versions of terms of reference of the Board Chair and Vice-Chair previously approved by the Board.

Signed:

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Carole Presern
Secretariat

Appointment of the Board Chair and Vice-Chair

Decision Point GF/B37/DP04:

The Board appoints Aida Kurtović as Chair of the Board and Ambassador John Simon as Vice-Chair of the Board to each serve two-year terms, or until the appointment of their respective successors, starting from the adjournment of the 37th Board Meeting.

Signed:

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Secretariat

2016 Annual Financial Report

Decision Point GF/B37/DP05:

The Board authorizes the issuance of, and therefore approves, the Global Fund's 2016 Annual Financial Report, which includes the 2016 Consolidated Financial Statements that have been audited by KPMG SA, as set forth in GF/B37/02 Annex 1.

Signed:

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Secretariat

2016 Statutory Financial Statements**Decision Point GF/B37/DP06:**

The Board authorizes the issuance of, and therefore approves, the Global Fund's 2016 Statutory Financial Statements, which have been audited by KPMG SA, as set forth in GF/B37/02 Annex 2.

Signed:

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Administration Agreement with the World Bank**Decision Point GF/B37/DP07:**

1. The Board:
 - a. Notes the proposed Administration Agreement between the World Bank and the Global Fund for the Performance Based Funding project in the Democratic Republic of Congo, as presented in GF/B37/03- Revision 1 (the “Administration Agreement”);
 - b. Acknowledges the Administration Agreement does not provide the Global Fund the right of access to books, records, personnel or sites relating to the Performance Based Funding project, including as required under the Board-approved Charter of the Office of the Inspector General; and
 - c. Acknowledges that, accordingly, the Office of the Inspector General will not be able to provide the Board with assurance, whether through audit or investigation work, on the funds disbursed under the Administration Agreement.
2. Based on the recommendation of the Audit and Finance Committee, the Board authorizes the Secretariat to enter into the Administration Agreement with the World Bank for the Performance Based Funding project in the Democratic Republic of Congo in accordance with the financial and programmatic terms presented in GF/B37/03-Revision 1.
3. However, the Board confirms that this decision does not set a precedent for future investments with development partners or for existing relationships with partners and requests the Secretariat develop a framework to guide future consideration of such investments for presentation to and review by the Audit and Finance Committee, in consultation with the Strategy Committee, for recommendation to the Board.

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**Approval of Revisions to the Amended and Restated Global Fund Policy for
Restricted Financial Contributions****Decision Point GF/B37/DP08:**

1. Based on the recommendations of the Audit and Finance Committee, the Board approves the Amended and Restated Global Fund Policy for Restricted Financial Contributions, as revised and set forth in Annex 1 to GF/B37/04 (the “Amended and Restated Policy”).
2. The Amended and Restated Policy shall supersede the prior version of the Policy as approved by the Board in November 2014 under decision point GF/B32/DP13.

Signed:

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Wambo.org: Progress Update and Steps for Advancement**Decision Point GF/B37/DP09:**

1. The Board acknowledges the progress update on wambo.org presented by the Secretariat and notes the proposal contained in the paper “Wambo.org: Progress Update and Steps for Advancement”, as set forth in GF/B37/07 – Revision 2, to pilot a limited number of transactions by current Principal Recipients (“PRs”) using domestic funding via wambo.org.
2. Based on the recommendation of the Strategy Committee, the Board approves the piloting of a limited number of transactions (at a maximum ten in total) by current PRs using domestic funding via wambo.org.
3. Accordingly, the Board:
 - i. requests that the Secretariat: (i) provide to the Strategy Committee, by its next meeting, clearly defined draft indicators of success for the pilot; and (ii) report regularly to the Strategy Committee on the operationalization of this pilot, including any lessons learned from such transactions in light of the long-term perspective for wambo.org; and
 - ii. delegates to the Strategy Committee the authority to approve further transactions with domestic funding through wambo.org on a pilot basis, with the objective to provide input into further strategic and operational planning for wambo.org.

Signed:

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**Appointment of the 2017 Executive Director Nomination Committee
Membership****Decision Point GF/B37/DP10:**

1. The Board acknowledges the nomination of members for the 2017 Executive Director Nomination Committee (the “Nomination Committee”).
2. Accordingly, the Board approves the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Nomination Committee as described below, in accordance with the terms of reference of the Nomination Committee approved under decision point GF/B36/EDP11 and set out in Annex 1 to GF/B36/ER10:
 - a. Michèle Boccoz, Chair of the Nomination Committee;
 - b. Vinand Nantulya, Vice- Chair of the Nomination Committee;
 - c. Ala Alwan, Member;
 - d. Sarah Boulton, Member, EGC Member;
 - e. Joanne Carter, Member;
 - f. Julie Essiam, Member;
 - g. William Steiger, Member;
 - h. Peter Felix, Independent Member
 - i. Reinhard Tittel-Gronefeld, Independent Member
3. The Board requests the Nomination Committee to start the 2017 recruitment process for the next Executive Director.

Signed:

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Health Situation in Venezuela**Decision Point GF/B37/DP11:**

1. The Board expresses:
 - a. Continued concern about the resurgence of malaria, shortages of critical commodities for HIV and TB, and broader health crisis in Venezuela and its impact on the region; and
 - b. Appreciation for the engagement of communities, civil society groups, PAHO, UNAIDS, WHO and others and their efforts to raise awareness and explore solutions for this situation.
2. The Board discussed the situation at length, noting Venezuela is currently not eligible for Global Fund financing, and calls for a coordinated regional response to the health crisis in Venezuela and that addresses the impact on the region incorporating relevant partners, donors and financiers.
3. Under such circumstances, in the context of a regional response, the Global Fund will continue to engage and, if possible, support the regional response.
4. The Board directs the Strategy Committee and the Secretariat to discuss exceptional circumstances in non-eligible countries as part of the ongoing review of the Eligibility Policy.

Signed:

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Amended and Restated Global Fund Quality Assurance Policy for Diagnostic Products**Decision Point GF/B37/DP12:**

Based on the recommendation of the Strategy Committee, the Board approves the amended and restated Global Fund Quality Assurance Policy for Diagnostic Products, as set forth in Annex 1 to GF/B37/06.

Signed:

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Recognition of Dr. Mark Dybul**Decision Point GF/B37/DP13:**

At the end of his term, the Board wishes to sincerely thank Mark Dybul for the exceptional leadership, vision, and passion he displayed throughout his tenure as Executive Director.

Through his tireless, humble, far-sighted efforts to expand and maximize the impact of the Global Fund partnership, Dr. Dybul has inspired all partners to go farther than many thought possible: two successful Replenishments; implementation of a new funding model; shifting operations and attitudes to embrace a strong focus on impact; strengthening partnerships to deliver our mission; supporting the Board in devising a new Strategy; and developing forward-looking initiatives to better promote sustainability and innovation.

The Board additionally recognizes Dr. Dybul's role in enhancing the relationship between the Board and the Secretariat. Through strengthening this relationship, he has helped the Global Fund remain targeted on achieving its mission and focused on best serving those affected by the three diseases.

The Board wishes Dr. Dybul every success in the future.

Signed:

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Appreciation of Outgoing Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board**Decision Point GF/B37/DP14:**

The Board expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Norbert Hauser for his leadership as Chair of the Board. Over his time working with the Global Fund, he has shown a high degree of personal commitment, willingness to devote his time and energy, and passion for the work of the Global Fund. During his tenure, Norbert has presided over significant and complex deliberations and decisions that will continue to shape the future of the Global Fund.

The Board also expresses sincere gratitude to Aida Kurtović for her leadership as Vice-Chair of the Board. She has served the Global Fund with dedication and continues to show her personal conviction for the mission of the Global Fund by focusing her efforts as the incoming Chair of the Board. During her tenure as Vice-Chair, Aida has been an active driver of relationship building and collaborations that will have a lasting impact on the Global Fund.

Their stewardship of the Board delivered the enhanced governance structure, strengthened ties across Global Fund stakeholders, and helped to guide and direct external relations.

The Board wishes Norbert every success in the future and bestows upon him the honorary title of Chair Emeritus. The Board welcomes Aida into her new role, and looks forward to her tenure, as Chair of the Board.

Signed:

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