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Global Fund's Board will hold its Eight Meeting

Geneva , Switzerland . - The Board of the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria will meet for the eighth time on June 28 & 30, to decide on the funding of proposals received for the Fourth Round.

Here it will receive a report from the outgoing Chair of the Technical Review Panel, Professor Michel Kazatchkine, regarding their recommendations of proposals for funding The Board will also, review policy proposals related to voting rights for the 'Communities' delegation,

Country Coordinating Mechanisms, grant renewals, in-kind donations, the replenishment mechanism, the logo, and the legal status of the Fund in Switzerland.

The Board will also receive an update on the preparations for the Partnership Forum, which takes

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Michel Kazatchkine

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Helene Gayle

The Partnership Forum one of the four governing, administrative and advisory bodies for the Global Fund. The other three are the Board of Directors, Secretariat and the Technical Review Panel. The Forum provides a channel for feedback from stakeholders who are not formally represented elsewhere in the governance structure of the foundation.

On July 7-8 this year the Global Fund will also organize a physical meeting of the Partnership Forum in Bangkok , Thailand just before the XV International AIDS Conference.

What is RedLa+?

RedLa+ is made up of national networks and associations of people living with HIV/AIDS from Argentina , Chile , Uruguay , Bolivia , Peru , Brazil , Colombia , Venezuela , Ecuador , Costa Rica , Panama , Nicaragua , Dominican Republic , Belize , Honduras , El Salvador , Guatemala , Cuba and Mexico .

In its role as the focal point, the RedLa+ is aware of the importance of assuring a significant participation from the community, in particular from those started and that



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work in Latin America and the Caribbean, whose official language is Spanish.

"We encourage all stakeholders to add their voices to the Partnership Forum and to give us an honest assessment of how the Global Fund is working in your countries and communities," said Helene Gayle, Global Fund Board Member and Director, HIV, Tuberculosis, and Reproductive Health, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, "as well as your guidance on how to maximize its impact."

RedLa+ seeks solutions

.Because of the difficulties faced by Spanish-speaking people when expressing their opinions at the Partnership Forum, RedLa+ sought answers for this communication need, and through its e-Mail network ESVIHSAID asked about the countries' CCMs and received information that is to be presented at the Partnership Forum.

This initiative was supported by other regional networks. Questions and expectations by Latin American partners will be heard during the Bangkok meetin. / [Back to top](#)

The Global Fund welcomes news of combination drugs

Geneva , Switzerland .- The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria welcomes U.S. Secretary for Health and Human Services, Tommy Thompson's announcement of an expedited process for reviewing applications for new fixed-dose and co-packaged HIV/AIDS drugs.

The Global Fund also welcomed the announcement by U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator Randall Tobias that drug patent issues should not impede purchase under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief of fixed-dose combination drugs.

"Recipients of Global Fund grants already have the opportunity to buy generic fixed-dose combinations, but clearly FDA approval of these drugs would lead many more countries to choose them," says Richard Feachem, Executive Director of the Global Fund.

The prospects of a wider selection of fixed-dose combination drugs were improved when three pharmaceutical companies, Bristol-Meyers Squibb, Gilead Sciences and Merck & Co, announced plans to develop a fixed-dose combination of three HIV medicines. The three companies also said they were looking into co-packaging separate HIV drugs to facilitate use.



Tommy Thompson



Randall Tobias

to: info@redla.org with the word "remove" on the subject line

"Fixed-dose combinations and co-packaging are the way of the future for AIDS drugs in developing countries," says Professor Feachem. "We are very pleased that more companies are taking up the challenge by collaborating to create new solutions./ [Back to top](#)



Richard Feachem



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