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Partnerships are critical to ensuring ACB maximizes collaboration, coordination and alignment of its efforts with other organizations in the global health arena. The Bureau collaborates with The Global Fund, WHO/AFRO, the African Union Commission, Regional Economic Communities, UN Agencies, AIDSPAN, Policy Think Tanks, and Civil Society.

## FUNDERS

Our current funders include The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), Expertise France (L'Initiative), Foreign & Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO), The Global Fund, and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

## AMBITION

To streamline Africa's engagements in global health governance platforms by ensuring cohesion of African voices and maximize synergies, harmonization, alignment and efficient use of resources towards attainment of Sustainable Development Goals and Universal Health Coverage.



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## MAKING GLOBAL HEALTH FUNDS WORK FOR AFRICA



## BACKGROUND

**THE ACB BRINGS TOGETHER THE TWO AFRICAN CONSTITUENCIES, WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA (WCA) AND EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA (ESA), REPRESENTED AT THE GLOBAL FUND TO FIGHT HIV/AIDS, TB, MALARIA (GLOBAL FUND). THE TWO CONSTITUENCIES REPRESENT 46 AFRICAN COUNTRIES THAT ARE RECIPIENTS OF GLOBAL FUND SUPPORT.**

Africa bears the bulk of disease burden across the three diseases with constituent countries accounting for 60% of new HIV infections, a quarter of new TB cases worldwide and 95% of malaria cases. Consequently, the Global Fund invests over two-thirds of its resources in sub-Saharan Africa to address the associated burden while pursuing the sustainable development goals.

Despite these sets of reality, Africa's representation in Global Fund governance discourses was sub-optimal. To address this, the African Health Ministers and other representatives of African Global Fund implementer governments met in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 2012, and resolved to form the ACB.

The organization was officially launched in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in March 2017, with the mandate of facilitating engagement, participation, representation and consensus building among WCA and ESA constituent countries in Global Fund governance engagements. Additionally, ACB was formed to support enhancement and strengthening of the African Constituencies' capacity to shape Global Fund policies and processes.

Operationally, the ACB comprises of a secretariat that is led by an Executive Director, under the oversight of a Board whose members are drawn from ESA and WCA countries, the African Union (AU) and technical partners. The Bureau convenes an Annual Consultative Meeting (ACM) and is the ultimate decision-making body for the organization.

## VISION

An Africa free of the burden of HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

## MISSION

To influence global health policies towards increasing investment to end the three epidemics and support the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Africa; coordinate countries to improve resource utilization and accelerate for sustainable impact against the three diseases.

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

**SO1:** To ensure that African priorities and interests are reflected in the Global Fund governance decisions

**SO2:** To develop innovative strategic partnerships that support the amplification of African Governments' policy positions in global health platforms, and enhance sustainability

**SO3:** To purposefully structure a sustainable Bureau with capacity to adequately support Africa's delegations to achieve their Global Health policies and priorities.

## CORE ACTIVITIES

- Adequately prepare and strategize with African representatives in the Global Fund board and committees to enable them effectively represent the continent;
- Engage with African stakeholders, including implementers such as the Ministries of Health, Country Coordinating Mechanisms, and other relevant African leaders and experts to ensure consensus on African priorities and positions;
- Advocacy and engagements with other stakeholders to ensure buy-in of African priorities and positions in global health platforms;
- Undertake policy research and package evidence (policy briefs, newsletter publications, brochures, summaries of board and committee papers, constituency statements, talking points, etc.) and arguments to fit diverse audiences.

## VALUE PROPOSITION

The organization is the only constituency-based policy dialogue platform with governmental support that can authentically and confidently speak on behalf WCA and ESA member countries. These countries carry the burden of the three diseases and are the largest consumers of resources

from the Global Fund. Furthermore, there exists no competing platforms or institutions of this magnitude and, as such, the ACB has a unique lever for driving global health policy.

## PRIORITY POLICY ISSUES

- Supporting development of people-centered and integrated Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health (RSSH)
- Sustainable financing
- Improving Grants performance in Western and Central Africa
- Challenging Operating Environments related policies
- Supporting embedment of gender equality, human rights and equity
- Ensuring Country Ownership & Accountability of partnerships

