

SEA CONSTITUENCY

Newsletter

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What is the South East Asia (SEA) Constituency newsletter?

It is a monthly publication created to disseminate information from the Global Fund Board and Alternate Members of the SEA Constituency and the members. The first edition was published in August 2024.

Who are the recipients of this newsletter?

Primary recipients are Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) Chairs and Coordinators. It is also available to the broader public, including health providers, NGO members, and other interested individuals.

What will you find in the newsletter?

Updates on Global Fund Board-related matters, the latest Global Fund news, and country-specific initiatives for HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria.

Can this newsletter feature my organization's stories, activities, or opportunities (e.g. conferences or workshops)?

Absolutely! Please send your stories related to HIV, tuberculosis, or malaria by the 25th of each month to seaconstituency@gmail.com to be published in the following month's edition.

How can I or my colleagues get the newsletter?

Simply fill out [this form](#), and you will receive the newsletter every month directly in your email.

Updated on Board Matters

Decisions taken at the 51st Board Meeting

23-24 April 2024, Geneva, Switzerland

1. 51st Board Meeting Agenda
2. Appointment of the Rapporteur
3. Quality Assurance Policy for Vector Control Products and Related Equipment
4. Updated Procurement Policy
5. 2023 Annual Financial Report
6. 2023 Statutory Financial Statements



Figure 1. SEA Constituency delegates.

For details, visit [51st Board Meeting](#).

Decisions taken via electronic vote in July 2024

1. Decision on the Secretariat's Recommendation on Grant Extension ([link](#))
2. Appointment of Replacement Member on the Audit and Finance Committee ([link](#))
3. Extension of Executive Director Term ([link](#))

Board Retreat

The Global Fund Secretariat and Board Leadership held a Board Retreat on 8-9 July 2024 in Geneva to discuss funding sustainability for combating HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria. Representatives from the South East Asia Constituency attended. Key discussions included strategies for the 8th GF Replenishment, sustainable action plans, and policy options. Ms. Aishath Samiya, Alternate Member, emphasized the need for caution in reducing funds for high disease burden countries, prioritizing impactful policies, integrating disease programs into primary healthcare, and supporting regional manufacturing capacity. Decisions on these issues will be finalized at the 52nd Board Meeting in November 2024.



Figure 2. Board Retreat participants.

Global Fund Collaborates with Country Public Financial Management Experts to Maximize Impact and Sustain Donor Investments in Health

The Global Fund Secretariat convened Public Financial Management (PFM) meeting on 3-5 July 2024 in Geneva. PFM is part of the solution to enable integration and sustainable health systems strengthening. This approach ensures that resources are efficiently coordinated, managed and used to

achieve impact and improved health outcomes. Representatives from the South East Asia Constituency members, India and Indonesia, and other countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Guinea, Jamaica, Lesotho, Malawi, the Philippines, Rwanda, the United Republic of Tanzania and The Gambia) participated in the meeting – to bolster country engagement and spearhead acceleration in the PFM maturity journey.

For more details, visit [PFM news](#).

Global Fund Board Extends Term of Executive Director

The Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund) approved the extension of the term of the Executive Director, Peter Sands, until the end of 2026. The extension will provide continuity of leadership through the Eighth Replenishment and allow for a robust selection process for the next Executive Director. The selection of the next leader is expected in mid-2026, and they are projected to begin their term later that year.

The Executive Director of the Global Fund serves a four-year term, which can be renewed once. Mr. Sands' first term started in March 2018 and was subsequently renewed, with his current term originally scheduled to end in March 2026. Over the years the Board has repeatedly recognized the service and leadership of Mr. Sands to date, through periods of major changes and challenges in global health.

Meeting Audit and Finance Committee Member

Board Member Professor Dante Harbuwono met with Rai Mahimapat Ray, who has served as an AFC committee member since May 2022. Mr Ray shared about his duty in conducting financial oversight and the challenges of being a committee member. His term will end in 2024 and he emphasized that the constituency continues to have representation in the committee (AFC or Strategy Committee/SC) to have the ability to understand and follow the relevant issues prior to attending a board meeting.



Figure 3. Board and AFC member virtual meeting.

Global Fund News

Global Fund Data Explorer

The Global Fund has updated the design and features of the Data Explorer, which visualizes where Global Fund investments come from, where they are and what they achieve by providing pledge and contribution data, grant financial data, and results data at global, regional and country levels. To use the explorer, [follow this link](#).

Data Explorer

The Global Fund invests US\$5 billion a year to defeat HIV, TB and Malaria and ensure a healthier, safer, equitable future for all.

 **24.5 million**

People on antiretroviral therapy for HIV in 2022

 **6.67 million**

People with TB treated in 2022

 **220 million**

Mosquito nets distributed in 2022

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Figure 4. Global Fund data explorer platform.

UNAIDS Report 2024: AIDS at a Crossroads

UNAIDS launched a new report highlighting significant progress in HIV treatment, with 77% of people living with HIV accessing treatment and a record of 1.3 million new HIV infections and 630,000 AIDS-related deaths in 2023. This report also brings together new data and case studies which demonstrate that the decisions and policy choices taken by world leaders this year will decide the fate of millions of lives and whether the world's deadliest pandemic is overcome. To read the full report, visit [UNAIDS report](#).

Upcoming Events

August: Debrief Meeting South East Asia Constituency

The Board and Alternate Members are planning to invite country leaders of South East Asia Constituency to a de-brief meeting to discuss key takeaways from the Board Retreat and 25th Committee Meetings. An invitation will be shared on 5 August 2024 at the latest.

November: World Conference on Lung Health 2024

The Union World Conference on Lung Health 2024 will take place from November 12-16, 2024, at Bali International Convention Centre, Indonesia. This conference will gather experts in lung health, including researchers, health professionals, and community representatives, to discuss critical issues in the field and advocates working to end the suffering caused by lung disease. Focus areas include tuberculosis (TB), Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), pneumonia, and other lung health challenges.



Figure 5. World Conference on Lung Health.

For more info, visit [the Union Conference 2024](#).

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