



SEA CONSTITUENCY

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Updates on Board Matters

Decisions taken in April 2026

Electronic Board Decisions

No.	Title	Type	SEA Decision
GF/B54/EDP01	Appointment of Replacement Member on the Strategy Committee	Affirmative	Approve
GF/B54/EDP02	2025 Annual Financial Report	Affirmative	Approve
GF/B54/EDP03	2025 Statutory Financial Statements	Affirmative	Approve

Learn more about the decisions at:

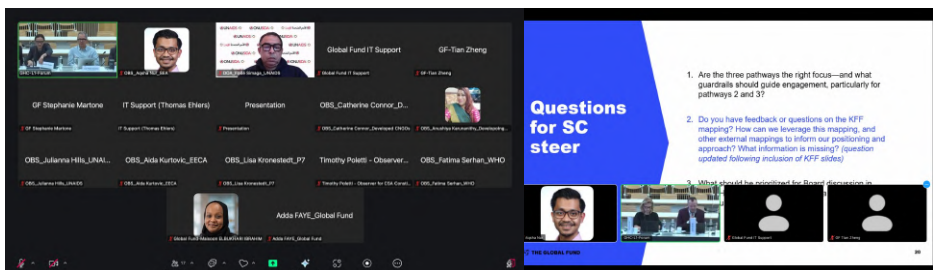
<https://www.theglobalfund.org/kb/board-decisions/>

30th Committee Meetings

Global Fund recently concluded its 30th committee meetings on 4-8 May 2026. The Ethics and Governance Committee (4-5 May 2026) focused on the Risk Office Annual Report and Opinion 2025, governance effectiveness, and ethics office updates. Discussions also covered Global Fund-Gavi collaboration, constituency funding matters, and progress on selection processes.

The Strategy Committee (5-6 May 2026) reviewed the implementation of GC8 strategic shifts, including prioritization and post-transition considerations. The agenda further explored next-generation market shaping, the future of the evaluation function, and the Global Health Ecosystem. Strategic performance reporting and collaboration on the TB vaccine were also highlighted. SEA Constituency maintained active engagement, with Aqsha Nur attending as an observer.

The Audit and Finance Committee (7-8 May 2026) addressed financial oversight, resource mobilization, and the 2027-2029 OPEX evolution. Key reports included the 2025 OIG Annual Report and opinions on internal controls, alongside sessions on procurement and financial sustainability. Representing SEA Constituency, Sunil Kumar Yadav attended the meeting in his capacity as a committee member.



Global Fund News

Global Fund and U.S. Expand Commitment to Long-Acting HIV Prevention as Country Rollout of Lenacapavir Accelerates



Global Fund and the United States have announced an expanded commitment to scale up access to long-acting lenacapavir (LEN) for HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), with a joint ambition to reach 3 million people by 2028.

[Figure source](#)

LEN is a twice-yearly injectable that has shown near 100% effectiveness in preventing new HIV infections in clinical trials, offering a user-friendly alternative to daily oral PrEP. Initial deliveries have reached nine African countries, with early program data showing strong uptake among priority populations including pregnant and breastfeeding women, adolescent girls, and first-time PrEP users.

Building on this momentum, the Global Fund has extended support for LEN PrEP introduction to 12 additional countries: Benin, Botswana, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Georgia, Haiti, Honduras, **Indonesia**, Morocco, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, and **Thailand**.

[Read more](#)

Board Leadership Nomination Committee (BLNC) and Executive Director Nomination Committee (EDNC) Update

For the BLNC update, the selection process for the Global Fund's next Board Chair and Vice-Chair is underway. Following its second meeting held in London on 16-17 March 2026, the BLNC has successfully shortlisted 8 highly qualified candidates representing diverse gender, geographic, and professional backgrounds. Candidate interviews took place on 19-21 April 2026, after which the Committee will deliberate to identify a final recommended pair. Subject to completion of final due diligence, the BLNC is expected to submit its recommendation to the Board by end of May 2026, with the Board's formal appointment to follow via electronic decision. The incoming Chair and Vice-Chair are set to assume office at the 56th Board Meeting in October 2026.

In terms of the EDNC update, applications for the next Executive Director position closed on 21 April 2026. The EDNC will now proceed with reviewing candidates. Further updates will be shared as the process progresses.

Upcoming 55th Board Meeting



[Figure source](#)

Global Fund has officially scheduled the 55th Board Meeting to take place in Geneva from 6 to 10 July 2026. In response to current resource constraints and rising travel costs, the Board Leadership has announced a streamlined participation model for this session. Each constituency is permitted to send up to five in-person delegates, including the Board Member and Alternate, while five additional members per delegation may follow the proceedings virtually through secure online access. This approach aims to maintain equity across constituencies while managing the overall cost and burden of governance.

Board Leadership currently finalizing the formal agenda following the conclusion of recent committee meetings. The finalized program will focus on ensuring the Board's work directly supports impact for the people the organization serves. The SEA Constituency Secretariat will prepare the composition of the delegation and announce the call for participation (in person or virtual) on 15 May 2026.

SEA Constituency

SEA Leadership Selection Committee Update



On 30 April 2026, the SEA Leadership Selection Committee met to review all candidates for the Board Member (BM) and Alternate Board Member (ABM) positions, including their competencies, track records, and potential conflicts of interest. Following this process, the Selection Committee recommended advancing all candidates to the voting stage.



VOTING OPEN

Board Member and Alternate Selection (2026-2028 Term)

Board Member Candidates



Aishath Samiya
(Maldives)



Dr. Ali Nazeem
(Maldives)

Alternate Board Member Candidates



Bikas Gurung
(Nepal)



Dr. Bhim Prasad Sapkota
(Nepal)



Prof. Dr. Prakash Ghimire
(Nepal)

HOW TO VOTE

Each CCM is requested to submit one vote for BM and one vote for ABM using [voting form](#)

VOTING DEADLINE

22 May 2026

SUBMIT TO

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cc: dante.harbuwono@kemkes.go.id

The outcome will be shared with all member countries by 31 May 2026

The voting process is now open to all CCMs within the constituency. Each CCM is requested to submit one vote per position by the deadline of **22 May 2026**. Supporting materials, including candidate summaries and the official voting form, have been distributed via email.

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Country Story: Congratulations to the New Chair of Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) Indonesia



SEA Constituency extends its warmest congratulations to Prof. Asnawi Abdullah, S.KM, MHSM, MSc, PhD, on his appointment as the new Chair of CCM Indonesia. Currently serving as the Director General for Health Policy at the Ministry of Health, Indonesia, Prof. Asnawi brings extensive expertise and leadership to this vital role.

We wish the new leadership every success in strengthening Indonesia's partnership with the Global Fund. This transition marks a significant moment for the constituency as we continue to accelerate progress in the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria.

Country Story: Timor-Leste's Historic Victory: A Nation Free of Malaria



[Figure source](#)

For generations, malaria was one of the most urgent health threats facing Timor-Leste. The nation's journey toward a malaria-free future officially began in 2003 when the Ministry of Health established the National Malaria Program. By implementing strategic initiatives such as the mass distribution of insecticide-treated nets and indoor residual spraying, the country began to see a dramatic decline in cases.

A major turning point occurred in 2011, when net coverage reached 80% of the population, eventually leading to zero recorded malaria deaths by 2015. Even when a small outbreak in 2020 threatened this progress, swift action ensured the last indigenous case was reported in September of that year. The nation's rigorous surveillance was further proven during Pope Francis's 2024 visit, which saw thousands of visitors enter the country without triggering new cases. Finally, in 2025, an independent WHO mission confirmed that Timor-Leste had officially eliminated malaria. This achievement is both a public health triumph and an economic victory, saving the country an estimated \$1.1 million annually in malaria-related costs.

Watch more: [A Small Nation's Giant Victory Over Malaria | Timor-Leste's Journey to Zero](#)

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.

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, TB, 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, TB, 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.

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