Partnership Forums in brief

The Global Fund’s 6th Partnership Forums will be central to the development of the Global Fund’s post-2022 Strategy. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the 6th Partnership Forums will be convened virtually in the form of three regional meetings, preceded by a joint global opening and followed by a joint global closing. These meetings will convene representatives from across the Global Fund partnership to review input, evidence and guidance received on Strategy development to date, and to deliberate and distill potential emerging areas of future Strategy focus.

Who will attend?

Participants will represent the broad and diverse range of stakeholders that make up the Global Fund partnership and will be invited to the Partnership Forums based on criteria determined in conjunction with the Global Fund’s Strategy Committee, following a formal nomination process. The criteria aim to:

(i) ensure a balance between familiar voices and those stakeholders who have fewer opportunities to engage in strategic discussions and

(ii) bring a balance of perspectives, experiences, geographical backgrounds and areas of expertise to contribute to the discussions.

Timeline for 2021 Partnership Forums

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¹Regional representation based on the 8 Global Fund Grant Management regions.
²MENA I – Africa Partnership Forum includes Morocco, Egypt, Djibouti, Sudan, Somalia Tunisia, South Sudan, Algeria, Mauritania, Djibouti and Eritrea.
³MENA II – Asia Partnership Forum includes Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Yemen and Palestine.
What is expected of participants?

During the virtual Partnership Forums, participants are expected to actively contribute their expertise, perspectives and vision, for the future Strategy aims and key areas of focus needed to deliver this vision and the overarching direction of the Global Fund.

Participant engagement will be facilitated by the Global Fund by helping to secure internet access, providing IT support and translated materials in the relevant languages, as well as interpretation services during both the plenary sessions and the breakout groups.

Opportunities to feed into the Strategy development process

The Partnership Forums are one of many opportunities to contribute to the development of the next Global Fund Strategy. For example, stakeholders are encouraged to give their input into the Open Consultation on Strategy development. Details available here: https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/strategy-development/.

Input received by 1 December 2020 will inform the topics and background materials to be discussed at the Partnership Forums.

How the Partnership Forums fit into the wider Strategy Development process

The Call for Nominations for the 6th Partnership Forums has been launched, closing on Friday, 6 November 2020.

For any questions, please contact the Global Fund Secretariat at partnershipforum@theglobalfund.org.