Peter Sands
Executive Director

Peter Sands became Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in March 2018.

Sands joined the Global Fund after a distinguished career in banking, most notably as Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered PLC from 2006 to 2015. Under his direction, Standard Chartered focused its corporate responsibility initiatives on health issues, including avoidable blindness, AIDS and malaria. During this time, Sands served on the board of the Global Business Coalition on AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and was lead non-executive director on the board of the United Kingdom’s Department of Health.


Sands has served on numerous boards and commissions, including as a governor of the UK’s National Institute for Economic and Social Research, a member of the International Advisory Board of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, a board director of the Institute of International Finance, and a director of the World Economic Forum.

Sands was educated in the UK, Canada and the U.S. He graduated from Brasenose College, Oxford University with a First-Class degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. He also received a Master’s in Public Administration from Harvard University, where he was a Harkness Fellow.

Selected publications:


• “Assessing Economic Vulnerability to Infectious Disease Outbreaks,” The Lancet, May 2016

• “Beyond the Ebola Battle – Winning the War against Future Epidemics,” British Medical Journal, January 2017