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OPEN CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS OF THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR ACTION TO ELIMINATE ALL FORMS OF HIV-RELATED STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

The Global Partnership for Action to Eliminate All Forms of HIV-related Stigma and Discrimination (the Global Partnership) was launched in December 2018 to catalyze and accelerate the implementation of commitments made to end HIV-related stigma and discrimination by Member States, UN agencies, bilateral and international donors, NGOs and communities as part of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

The co-convenors group of the Global Partnership, comprised by UNDP, UN Women, GNP+ and UNAIDS, with the leadership and technical support of the NGO delegation to the UNAIDS PCB, is calling organisations, groups and/or individuals with demonstrated working experience on research, design and/or implementation of programmes to eliminate HIV-related stigma and discrimination in one or more of the six setting of focus (healthcare, education, workplace, justice, household and humanitarian and emergencies) to submit an expression of interest to become a member of its technical working groups.

This open call is an invitation to partners committed to addressing HIV and human rights to support countries translating commitments into measurable policy change and programmatic interventions that will result in the enjoyment of HIV-related rights by all and the implementation of commitments established in the 2016 Political Declaration.

Technical Working groups

Six (6) initial technical working groups co-led by a selected civil society organizational representative and a UNAIDS co-sponsor have been established, one for each setting.

Applicants are kindly asked to mark in the application to which of the following working groups they are applying.

These are:

1. Healthcare settings: is co-led by World Health Organisation (WHO) and Asia Catalyst
2. Workplace settings: is co-led by International Labour Organisation (ILO) and Asociación de Mujeres Meretrices de Argentina (AMMAR)
3. Educational settings: is co-led by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Athena Network
4. Justice settings and access to justice: is co-led by United Nations Development Programme and Asia-Pacific Network of People living with HIV (APN+)
5. Household settings - individuals, families and communities: is co-led by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and International Community of Women Living with HIV Eastern Africa Region (ICW-EA)

6. Humanitarian and emergencies settings: is co-led World Food Programme and International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO)

The role of the Technical Working groups will include, *but is not bound or limited to* - provide strategic direction and leadership to ensure national commitments are translated into measurable policy change and programmatic interventions in each setting, and to participating in regular meetings of the working group which may include teleconferences.

Main activities of the members of the working group are to:

1. Produce documentation (early workplan, fact sheets and reference/background papers, etc)
2. Monitor global and regional trends on HIV-related stigma and discrimination in their relevant settings,
3. Provide advice and support in the design, implementation and evaluation of programmes,
4. Share best practices and promote the alignment and synergies with other initiatives to avoid duplication of efforts and resources.

Composition of the working group

Membership of the working groups shall comprise a representative proportion of civil society members (at least 40%) including faith-based organizations, UNAIDS co-sponsors and Secretariat, representative of key and vulnerable populations, governments and private sector members of the Global Partnership for Action, academia, transnational networks of parliamentarians and national human rights institutions, among others (maximum 20 members).

Mandatory criteria

- Three persons openly living with HIV representing organizations or networks of people living with HIV (male, female and a young person).
- One representative from each of the key populations (people who use drugs, sex workers, transgender and men who have sex with men) and most affected communities as adolescents' girls and young women (AGYW).
- One member of the co-convenor group (UNDP, UN Women, GNP+ and UNAIDS).

Suggested criteria

- A representative from a women's organization, particularly working on sexual and reproductive health and rights
- A representative from the private sector
- A representative from a youth organization
- A representative from a faith-based organization
- A representative of trade unions
- A representative of indigenous people

Applicants SHOULD be able to demonstrate the following:

- Commitment to promote human rights principles and gender equality;
- Expertise in one or more of the six technical areas;
- Capacity to share information and to strengthen national capacities to address stigma and discrimination in key settings;
- A genuine interest in the initiatives of the working group;
- Commitment to be actively involved in pursuing the outcomes of the working group;

Final selection will be based on the information provided above and the overall balance of experience and representation, including:

- Representation of all key geographical regions,
- Ability to speak on behalf of an organization or constituency,
- Representation of stakeholders in all aspects of the response including care, treatment, prevention and stigma eradication,
- Inclusion of at least three people openly living with HIV (male, female and a young person),
- Are gender sensitive with a well 'gender balanced' group

Selection Process

The open call for expression of interest will be managed by the co-convenor's group comprised by UNAIDS, UN Women, UNDP and GNP+.

The final selection of the membership will be carried out by co-leads of each working group based on the standard terms of reference and criteria listed above.

Interested organizations, groups or individuals are requested to submit an expression of interest and include the following documents:

- a. A brief organizational profile;
- b. A brief summary of evidence of technical capacity and expertise in the chosen technical area (healthcare, education, workplace, justice, household and humanitarian and emergencies); (please, clarify in your application for which of six TWG you are applying)
- c. Contact information of a designated focal point person with proven experience working in English; and a
- d. Letter of support from another organization that has worked closely with the applicant;

Accountability

Chosen organization and focal points are accountable to their constituency.

Conflicts of Interest

Working group members are responsible for declaring any conflicts of interests related to their work with the Global Partnership and other related individual, organizational or familial fiduciary interests. Working group participants must also clarify how they will deal with potential situations of conflict of interests while they are engaged with the partnership

Deadline for applications

All applications should be submitted to avolgina@gnpplus.net with the subject line – *Global Partnership Civil Society- TWG Membership* before COB 30 May 2019.

Results

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and results will be announced by **7th June 2019** in GNP+ webpage.